

# EUROPEAN JUNOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



# WELCOME TO FINLAND

Dear Badminton Friends,

On behalf of Badminton Europe, I would like to welcome you all in Lahti, Finland for the 2020 European Junior Championships. This tournament is the first Badminton Europe Major Event organized following the Covid-19 pandemic and I am glad that Badminton Finland arranged a safety protocol which allowed all teams to enter Finland and which will enable the tournament to take place in a safe environment.

Two years ago in Tallinn, France successfully defended its title in the team event by beating Denmark 3-2 in the final while Germany and Russia shared the bronze medals. In the individual event, France went home with 3 titles while the other two were won by Denmark and Turkey. I am looking forward to seeing which countries will step on the podium this year and if playing on home ground will give Finnish players some extra motivation.

The 2020 European Junior Championships will be broadcasted worldwide on BadmintonEurope.tv, so fans from all around the world can enjoy watching Europe's future stars competing on court.

I would like to thank Badminton Finland for organizing this event for the third time after 1983 and 2011. My sincere thanks also to YONEX, our equipment partner, and all the volunteers and technical officials coming to Lahti, to be part of the 2020 European Junior Championships.

To all the players and all the teams, best of luck! I hope you will find some time to enjoy the beautiful Pajulahti Sports Center besides playing some high-level badminton matches.



Peter Tarcala President

Badminton Europe







Dear Badminton Friends,

After multiple twists & turns and ups & downs while finding and securing a way to carry out the European Junior Championships we are very pleased to soon start the games in Pajulahti, Finland. After so many other tournaments having been cancelled this year, we are extremely happy to be able to host you and enable also this age group to compete for these most prestigious European trophies.

We are thankful for the Finnish authorities for enabling special arrangements necessary for being able to go ahead with this tournament. I also want to thank Badminton Europe for their trust in us and for their contribution for the tournament, and the staff of Badminton Finland and Pajulahti Sports Institute for going the extra mile when managing all the practical arrangements with a very tight schedule.

We firmly believe that we can provide a safe and nice environment for all athletes and team members and even if the Covid-19 situation requires everyone to follow the safety protocols and keeping social distances, we sincerely hope that everyone will have a great time in Pajulahti, both on and off the courts. Please enjoy the Pajulahti Sports Institute's great hospitality and clean and beautiful ambience. Once you try sauna and dip in the lake you will know the true meaning of the word 'relax'.

Ville Valorinta
CEO and Tournament Director
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# **COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

The following pages open the event protocol. These guidelines must be followed so that we can guarantee safe participation for everyone in the tournament. Remember to follow normal hand, coughing and sneezing hygiene and keep a safety distance of at least 1 to 2 metres from other people.

### GOOD HAND HYGIENE AND COUGHING ETIQUETTE

Wash your hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds. You should wash your hands especially when you come in from outside, after going to the toilet and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

If water and soap are not available, use alcohol-based or other hand rinse approved by the chemical authority.

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth unless you have just washed your hands.

Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing. Immediately put the used tissue in the rubbish bin.

If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve not into your hands.

### **REDUCING CLOSE CONTACTS**

Reducing close contact is now also important for healthy people, as this slows down the spread of the epidemic.

When you are indoors or outdoors, stay at least 1 - 2 metres away from others.

Avoid shaking hands.

Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving your hotel room. Teams have to provide their own masks. Limited amount of masks can be purchased in Pajulahti reception. Only team managers are allowed to visit the reception upon arrival. Card payment only.



# **72H QUARANTINE**

### **DURING THE 72H QUARANTINE:**

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other teams or organizers and officials Teams are not allowed to visit the Pajulahti reception (only team manager visit the reception upon arrival)

Teams need to stay in their rooms except when going to the restaurant or practice Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving from hotel room

Team meals in designated restaurant with their own team

Team practice at the practice hall and competition venue with their own team (Please note that players arriving later for the individual event can not enter the competition venue before the negative test result)

### **AFTER THE 72H QUARANTINE:**

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with anyone who is still in quarantine Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other customer groups in Pajulahti Teams are not allowed use any other Pajulahti indoor venues

Teams are not allowed to visit the Pajulahti reception (only team manager visit the reception upon arrival). In case of trouble please contact competition office or Pajulahti 24h service

Teams are allowed to be in contact with other persons within the badminton bubble who are tested negative

Teams are allowed to use the lakeside saunas: (Thursday 29th of October, Tuesday 3rd of November and Thursday 5th of November at 18.00-22.00. Please contact competition office if you want to go to the Sauna. Max 10 person at the same time. Swimsuit needed, bring your own towel.)

Teams are allowed to use the gym in the competition venue Pajulahti Hall (No booking needed, one team at the time to the gym area)

Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving from hotel room Teams are allowed to use Pajulahti outdoor venues. If equipment is needed ask from Pajulahti 24h service or competition office.



# **ACCREDITATION**

Team managers, Technical Officials are asked to collect the accreditation passes on arriving day at Pajulahti reception. Only 1 Team manager at the time can enter the Pajulahti reception upon arrival while other wait outside.

You will need to scan the QR-code from the accreditation when entering in or exiting from restaurant, competition hall and practice hall.

After receiving the negative test results all participants will receive the green sticker to their accreditation. The sticker shows that you are tested negative and you can take part in the competition and you are cleared from quarantine. You can pick up the green sticker from the competition office by showing the negative test result.

Please note that there will be 25 EUR fee to replace a lost or stolen accreditation.

We will be using Sportity app to share information during the tournament. Please download the app.





# ARRIVAL TO FINLAND & TRANSPORTATION

Every member of a team (player, official, etc.) travelling from countries that do not fall under the green category (=no travel restrictions:

https://www.raja.fi/current\_issues/guidelines\_for\_border\_traffic) on the day of arrival, MUST present a negative Covid-19 test from their home country done within the last 72 hours, including a certified validation of the tests done by the doctor of the national team of your association/Olympic Committee.

Teams on the green list do not need to present a negative test upon arrival. However, the list changes on a weekly base and therefore we recommend all teams to take the same precautions and already plan this Covid-19 test in advance anyway.

Transports to and from the airport will be organised by buses. A member of the organising committee is waiting for your team at the airport. Please look for volunteers who will be holding a sign showing the logo for the competition. If you don't see anyone like this, please go to our meeting point, which is nearby R-kioski (Arrivals hall 2A) in terminal 2. The volunteers guide you to right buses. Teams will be brought from the airport straight to Pajulahti in buses which will not be loaded to full capacity and distances will be guaranteed between teams.

In Pajulahti you don't need any transportation. Venues and all other facilities are in the same area.

Masks MUST be worn at all times from arrival at the airport until entering the hotel room.





# **ACCOMMODATION**

We have built the Badminton Bubble in Pajulahti so we could offer everyone a safe stay in Pajulahti. Because of the Covid-19 everyone must stay in quarantine for 72 hours after entering to Finland. When arriving to Pajulahti only the Team Manager is allowed to enter at Pajulahti reception while players needs to wait outside or in the bus. During the quarantine teams are allowed to go to the restaurant and training hall. Please note that meals and training take place according to separate schedule for each team. Teams cannot interact with other teams or other Pajulahti customers during the quarantine. After check-in teams will take care of all matters related to accommodation and meals at the competition office. No entering to Pajulahti reception. Before 29th of October the teams are not allowed to enter the competition office. You can contact competition office by phone or email. After receiving the negative test results you are welcome to enter the competition office.

### COMPETITON OFFICE LOCATED IN PAJULAHTI-HALL

# Opening hours:

1 hour before the start of the first match until the end of play every day

Check all the contact information from page 4.

# Pajulahti 24 h service

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# **COVID-19 TEST**

Everyone must be tested again 72 hours after arrival in Finland. Test will be made on Wednesday 28 October 2020 on site at Pajulahti Sports Center. Individual tests will have to be paid for by teams/federations. The cost per test is €100.

The results will be available within 6 hours and only if everyone within the team is tested negative on Wednesday, the team can participate in the tournament from Thursday onwards.

After getting your negative test results, you are also allowed to interact with other teams, of course with the necessary precautions but please note that after the negative test results teams are still not allowed to communicate with other Pajulahti guest groups.

In case of even one positive test within the team (player or official), the whole team will be excluded from the competition (both team and individual) and will have to remain in their rooms until all are tested negative.

All participants will receive the results by sms to their phone

Test will be made in Pajulahti Hall (see picture on next page). Teams will receive the time schedule for testing separetaly. The test is an antigen test and it detects the virus's surface protein. Test is made by Mehiläinen a well-known and highly valued private provider of health care and social services in Finland. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR ID OR PASSPORT TO BE TESTED.** 

Finnish badminton federation will send the invoices of tests after the event to each federation.

AFTER RECEIVING THE NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS THE ORGANIZERS WILL ADD A GREEN STICKER TO EACH ACCREDITATION CARD. YOU WILL GET THE STICKERS FROM ENTRANCE OF THE PAJULAHTI HALL (COMPETITION VENUE)

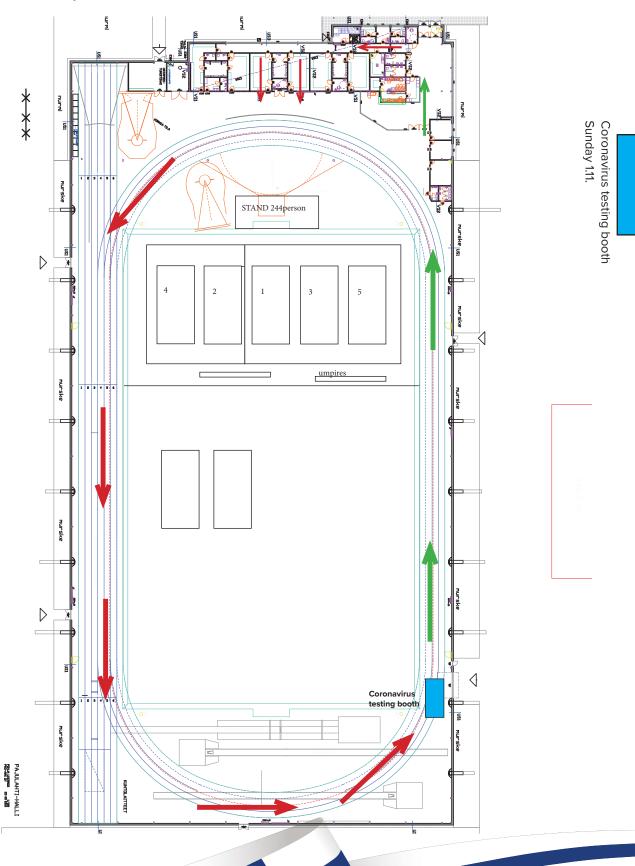
Should you receive a positive test result, please stay in your room and contact the competition office by phone immediately. A second test will be scheduled to confirm the test result as soon as possible.

If you have any symptmons (Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose.) please stay in your room and contact competition office.





Red arrows shows where you enter to the test booth and the green arrows shows how you walk out from the Pajulahti Hall after the test. On 28th of October tests are made inside the Pajulahti Hall. Sunday 1.11. test are made outside of the Pajulahti Hall







# INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Players and coaches who arrive only for the individual event, MUST go through the same protocol described earlier. This means that they need to arrive 72 hours in advance (latest on Thursday 29 October 2020) with a negative test result if needed and get tested again on Sunday 1 November 2020, test is made in Pajulahti (outside of Pajulahti Hall which is the competition venue, building H on the map below page 17). If the test is negative, they can start in the tournament on Monday 2 November.

During these 72 hours, they cannot interact with any of the other players/teams and can only train with the people they travelled with to Finland. They will not be allowed in the competition venue.





# **EJC20 SIGNS**

In order to guarantee a safe stay for everyone in Pajulahti, please follow these signs during the tournament.





# **TRAINING**

A practice hall with 7 badminton courts will be available from Monday 26 October. Practice hall is open everyday 9.00-22.00

In addition, the competition venue with 5 competition courts and 2 warm-up courts will be ready for practice from Tuesday at 14.00 onwards.

All teams will be getting sufficient practice time and the schedule will be made in a way that no interaction is needed between the different teams.

### Guidelines:

- Where: the practice hall is located in the main building
- Shuttles: you must bring your own shuttles
- Cleaning: you MUST clean and leave nothing on the floor when leaving your practice session
- Time:

Start: this is the time when you are allowed to enter the venue, no entrance will be allowed before or after this time

End: at this time, all your team must be out of the practice/main hall

- Changing rooms: no changing rooms are available in the practice/main hall, please use your hotel room to change/shower
- Water: please make sure to fill your bottles in your room
- It is mandatory to sanitize your hands when entering the practice/main hall

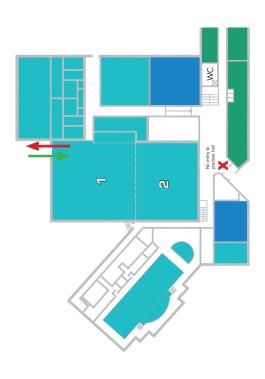




# **TRAINING**

Please note that entering in and exiting from the practice hall is through the "back door". Please follow the practice hall signs









# **FOOD SERVICE**

All meals are served from buffet in the dining room.

 Breakfast
 7.00-10.00

 Lunch
 11.00-15.00

 Dinner
 16.00-21.00

During the 72h quarantine teams will receive a separate schedule for meals. Meals are served from the buffet. Serving spoons will be changed after each group/team. Also disposable gloves available.

Small cafe/kiosk will serve in the Pajulahti-Hall during the games. (Card payment only!)

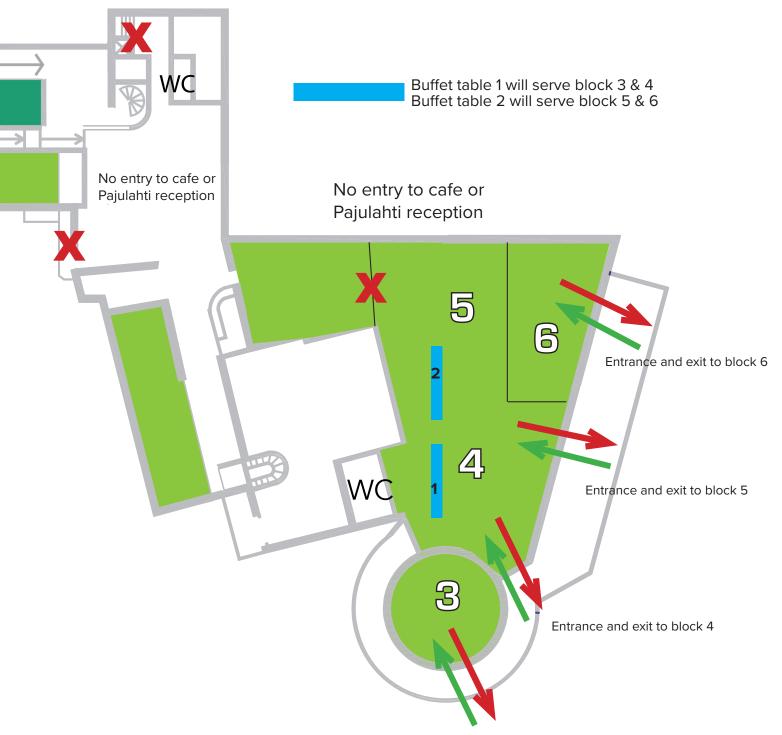
### Note:

For your convenience, we have extended the allocated length of time for each of the meal times (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner), to make sure everyone can comfortably eat according to their own schedules.

However, we kindly ask that each person only takes one meal during each of the meal times, to ensure there is enough food for everyone taking part in the tournament.







Entrance and exit to block 3

These 4 blocks will work during 25th - 29th October. After receiving the negative test result on 29th of October blocks 3-5 will be open and people with green sticker can eat in these block during the meal hours. Block 6 will remain the quarantine restaurant for those people who are still in quarantine. After 2nd of October the whole restaurant will be open.



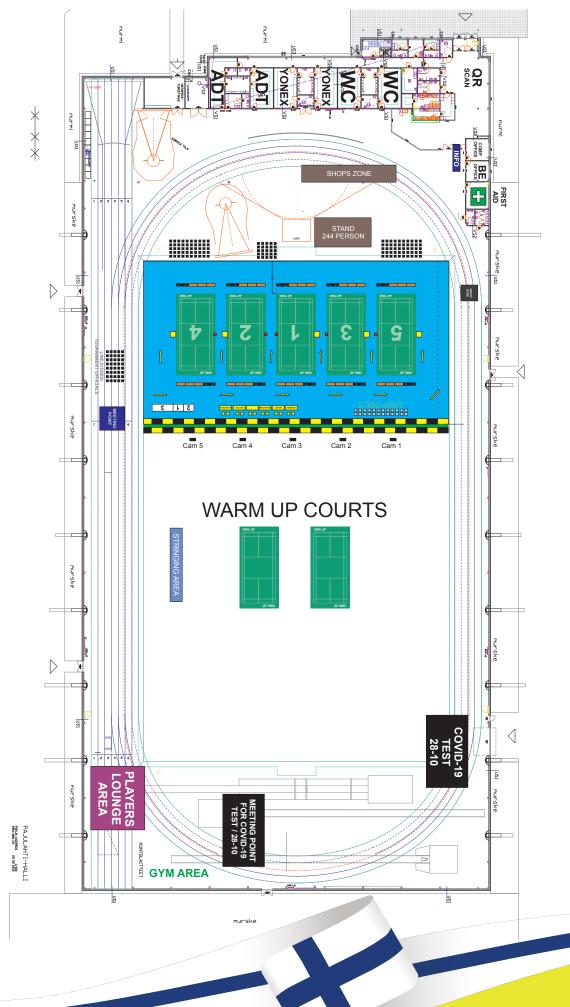


















# **TECHNICAL MEETINGS**

### **UMPIRES' BRIEFING**

For team event Wednesday 28th of October at 21.00

For individual event Sunday 1st of November at 21.00

### **TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING**

For team event Wednesday 28th of October at 20.00

For individual event Sunday 1st of November at 20.00

Place: Virtual Zoom meeting





# **COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

Provisional schedule 2020 European Junior Championships Lahti, Finland

### **Team event:**

Thursday 29 Oct. 2020: group stage Friday 30 Oct. 2020: group stage Saturday 31 Oct. 2020: group stage Sunday 1 Nov. 2020:

> Quarter-finals starting at 10.00 Semi-finals starting at 16.00

Monday 2 Nov. 2020: Final starting at 10.00

### Individual event:

Monday 2 Nov. 2020: Last 64 singles starting at 16.00 Tuesday 3 Nov. 2020: Last 64 doubles starting at 10.00 + Last 32 singles Wednesday 4 Nov. 2020: Last 32 doubles starting at 10.00 + Last 16 singles Thursday 5 Nov. 2020:

Last 16 doubles starting at 10.00 Quarter finals starting at 17.00

Friday 6 Nov. 2020: Semi-finals starting at 15.00 Saturday 7 Nov. 2020: Finals starting at 12.00



# **STRINGING**

YONEX will provide the official event stringing service. The stringing team is located next to warm up courts.

The stringers will start on Tuesday 27/10 when practice in the competition venue starts as well.

The players will need to fill out the stringing sheets at the first row of tables in the stringing area, put the stringing sheet on the grip with the rubber band provided and give the rackets directly to the volunteer with gloves.

Grips will be packed in plastic bags by the volunteer.

For picking up the rackets, the players have to tell their name and country to the stringing area volunteer and show ID. Assuming that the racket is already strung, the volunteer will remove the plastic bag and will hand out the racket to the players directly.

Only rackets belonging to that player will be handed back.

Stringing for rackets of YONEX contracted players: free of charge. Other brand rackets: € 20,- (incl. YONEX string). PLEASE NOTE CASH PAYMENTS ONLY!



# EJC2020 ABC

# A

## **Antidoping**

Players selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the doping control room by an anti-doping chaperone as soon as practically possible. It is the responsibility of the player to remain under the continuous observation of the anti-doping chaperone after notification.

### **ATM**

The currency in Finland is Euro. In Pajulahti ther is no ATM and we hope you pay all services by debit or credit card.

# E

### **Electricity**

In Finland we use normal European 220 volt plugs (Type F - Schuko plug)

# H

### Hei

Hei, Moi, Terve, Hyvää Päivää are all Finnish words for Hi & hello. Finnish is one of the most difficult languages in the world. In Finland we pronounce the words just like we write it. First learn these and then we will teach you more.

### Insurance

Each National Association must ensure that all the team members of their delegations are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability and accidents.

# M

### **Medical support**

The organizer will provide a team of medical personnel that will be present at the venues during the competition days. In case of severe injury the emergency ambulance service will accompany you to the nearest hospital, not more than 10min away.

# S

### Sauna

Our lakeside saunas are open for EJC20 Thursday 29th of October, Tuesday 3rd of November and Thursday 5th of November at 18.00-22.00

### Social media

We love social media. So please post pictures and feelings from your journey to EJC. follow, hashtag, tweet, pin and share. #ejc20

### **Swimming**

Be sure to pack your swimsuit with you as Pajulahti is located by the lake. So go to the sauna and dip into the water like we all do in Finland.



### Water

In Finland we have the world's best drinking water! Please bring your own bottle and refill it with a fresh, clean tap water

### Wi-Fi

We love Wi-Fi just like you. And the good news is, it's for free! Wi-Fi Pajulahti, password: Pajulahti!



### You

No one is more important to us than YOU. If there is anything we can do to help you please just ask.



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