Invitation
to compete in
2021 European U17 Championships
To be organised in
Podčetrtek, Slovenia

| **Venue** | Multipurpose sport hall Podčetrtek  
Zdraviliška cesta 23  
3254 Podčetrtek  
Slovenia |
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<td><strong>Dates of Championships</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday 7 to Sunday 12 September 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Team Managers’ Meeting</strong></td>
<td>The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held on <strong>Monday 6 September 2021 at 20.00</strong>. All participating Members must be present at the meeting.</td>
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| **Organisation contact** | Badminton Europe Confederation: [events@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com)  
Local organiser: Badminton Association of Slovenia |
| **Tournament website** | BEC: [http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5801](http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5801)  
Local organiser: [www.badminton-zveza.si](http://www.badminton-zveza.si) |
| **Referee** | Ewald Cejnek (AUT) |
| **Deputy Referees** | Jožef Kuprivec (SLO), Aleksandar Dzhurov (BUL) |
| **Committee of Management** | Matthieu Hecker (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Matevz Srekl (SLO) and the Referee. |
| **Entry fee** | Euro 30,- per player in singles and Euro 50,- per pair in doubles.  
The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice. |
**Entry Closing date**  
Entries must be made online no later than **10 August 2021 at 23.59 CET** via the link below:

https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/07368DF7-73B6-4A15-9E86-6CEFB769B805

Entries can only be submitted in accordance with “Eligibility” on the following page. Any submitted entries not in accordance with this section will be removed and not included into the event.

Please consult the Badminton Europe office in case of any doubt connected to the amount of entries of which your association is entitled to.

**Regulations**  
The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix VI – Regulations for the European U17 Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.

The 2021 European U17 Championships shall be played as a simple knock-out draw.

**Insurance**  
First aid in case of injury during the event, will be provided by organizer.

Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalisation due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense. It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.

**Shuttles**  
YONEX AS-50

**Stringing**  
YONEX will provide stringing service at the event.

**Doping control**  
According to the existing law in Slovenia, anti-doping testing can be executed on a random basis during the tournament.  
Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.  
Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).  
For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/
### Eligibility

All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event.

Members entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships and placed 1-8 in the previous European U17 Team Championships* are allowed to enter:
- 3 men’s singles
- 3 women’s singles
- 2 men’s doubles
- 2 women’s doubles
- 3 mixed doubles

* Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine finished 1-8 in 2019. They are entitled to the maximum amount of entries, as well as the host Slovenia.

Members entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships, but not placed 1-8 in the previous European U17 Team Championships are allowed to enter:
- 2 men’s singles
- 2 women’s singles
- 2 men’s doubles
- 2 women’s doubles
- 2 mixed doubles

Members not entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships are allowed to enter:
- 1 men’s singles
- 1 women’s singles
- 1 men’s doubles
- 1 women’s doubles
- 1 mixed doubles

Participants in the 2021 European U17 Championships shall be restricted to players born in **2005 or later**.

In doubles events where two players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each player will be counted as ½ an entry for the respective Member in that particular event.
### Substitution

After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player’s place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from any Member as long as that Member does not exceed the quota of players for that specific event.

The Member withdrawing the player is given first opportunity to substitute the player and should inform Badminton Europe immediately after the withdrawal.

If the Member withdrawing the player doesn’t wish to replace the player, all the Members who didn’t reach their quota will be offered the spot and can nominate a player within a given deadline.

If more than one Member decides to nominate a player, the player with the highest European U17 Ranking (ranking date of the acceptance ranking to be used) in that event shall be selected. If two or more players have the same ranking or no ranking, Badminton Europe shall draw lots to decide which player will be accepted.

If more than one player/complete pair withdraws in a particular event after the draw has been made, the position of each substituting player/complete pair shall be decided by drawing lots during the Team Managers’ Meeting.

In doubles events, if only one player of a pair withdraws after the draw has been made and gets substituted, this new combination keeps their position in the draw.

Withdrawals arising after the team managers’ meeting until play begins in a particular event will be dealt with as soon as they arise.

### Seeding and draw

Seeding for the 2021 European U17 Championships will be made by the BEC European U17 Ranking published on week 34 (23 August 2021).

The seeding will be announced on **23 August 2021**.

The draw will be conducted and published on **24 August 2021**.

### Badminton integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.

For more information, please refer to BWF’s website: [https://corporate bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/](https://corporate bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/)
### Clothing and advertising

Players need to ensure that their clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and Badminton Europe’s Appendix VI – “European U17 Championships” § 11 and § 12. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach.

In singles matches it is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other. The player ranked lower on the European U17 Ranking will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both players have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.

In doubles matches it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour.

In doubles matches it is mandatory that, from the semi-finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other. The pair ranked lower on the European U17 Ranking (total amount of points) will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both pairs have the same or no amount of points the pair listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

The name of the player’s association on the back is optional.

The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing.

In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players’ clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.

### Visa Application

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Slovenia to make sure that visa applications are made not later than **30 July 2021**.

Send your request for a visa support letter: matevz.srekl@gmail.com
Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com

Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue “last minute” visas.

The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.

### Official point of arrival

**Zagreb Airport (ZAG) or Ljubljana Airport (LJU)**

Free transport will be provided from those airports to the tournament venue/hotel.
## Transport info

More information about transport will be made available on the event’s website.

There is no need for transport between the hotel and the venue during the tournament, as everything will be in walking distance.

## Accommodation info

Full board accommodation in the official tournament accommodation:

- **Hotel Breza:**
  - Double/twin room: 90€/person/night (+ tourist tax)
  - Double room for single use: 115€/person/night (+ tourist tax)

- **Village Lipa:**
  - Please note that unused beds will be charge 50€/person/night.

Please click here to book your accommodation during the event: [Accommodation EU17C21](#)

The deadline to book accommodation is **Thursday 29 July 2021**. There will be enough rooms for all teams but please note that the number of rooms in each accommodation (Hotel Breza and Village Lipa) is limited so please book as soon as possible to get your preferred option.

**It is mandatory to stay at the official tournament accommodation due to Covid-19 safety measures.**

## Accreditation

More information will be sent in due time.

## Practice requests

An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event’s website and should be done before **30 August 2021**.

## Travel/Covid-19 testing protocol

The Covid-19 protocol of the event is available on the [BEC website](#).
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<td>Please note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period.</td>
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<td>BADMINTON EUROPE and the Badminton Association of Slovenia are not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.</td>
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<td>Should the event be cancelled with short notice by the Slovenian authorities, due to the Covid-19 situation, beyond the control of both Badminton Europe and the hosting association, neither of them will be liable for any costs related to travelling or accommodation made by players / officials for this event.</td>
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<td>It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets and hotel rooms with a cancellation insurance.</td>
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<td>Some national or global epidemiological restrictions might be in place in the sports hall, hotel, transport etc.</td>
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