



Badminton Europe
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Invitation
to compete in
2022 European Men's & Women's Team Championships
To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by
Badminton Finland

Venue	Lahti Energia Arena Salpausselänkatu 7 15110 Lahti Finland
Dates of Championships	15-20 February 2022. The group stage will be played on 15-17 February. The final stage (Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals) will be played on 18-20 February.
Meetings	Team Managers meeting: Monday 14 February 2022 at 20.00 in the conference room at the venue. Technical Official briefing: Monday 14 February 2022 at 21.00 in the conference room at the venue.
Organization contact	Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com Badminton Finland: events@sulkapallo.fi
Tournament website for teams	http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5803
Referee	Eric Lissillour (FRA)
Deputy Referees	Ewald Cejnek (AUT), Ilkka Vainio (FIN) and Carmen Martinez (DEN)



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Committee of Management	Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Matthieu Hecker (BEC), Ville Valorinta (BF), Annika Paananen (BF) and the Referee.
Entry fee	Euro 300,- if entering one team. Euro 400,- if entering two teams. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
Team Entry Closing date	Entries must be made no later than 14 December 2021 . Entries must be made online using the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1e0efa43-32f2-4763-a350-30979fcb8798
Eligibility	All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event. Each Member can enter a maximum of one male team and one female team. In this connection we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 6 on International Representation.
Withdrawal	If a Member withdraws a team (or both teams) from the Championships, after the entry deadline, but before the draw, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member shall be liable of paying its entry fee and be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR per team. If a Member withdraws a team (or both teams) from the Championships, after the draw is conducted, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member shall be liable of paying its entry fee and shall be penalised with a maximum fine of 5.000,00 EUR per team, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.
Seeding	Seeding will be done according to the BWF World Ranking of 4 January 2022 . The seeding will be published on 6 January 2022 .



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Draw	The draw of the group stage will be conducted and published on 10 January 2022 .
Nomination of players	<p>Player nominations must be submitted no later than 7 February 2022.</p> <p>Player nominations must be submitted online using the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1e0efa43-32f2-4763-a350-30979fcb8798</p> <p>Each competing Member shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than twelve players per entered team. Only nominated players shall be permitted to play as selected players or substitutes. No additional players can be nominated after the deadline listed above.</p> <p>All players nominated must be listed in order of singles strength. Players having a World Ranking position in BWF World Ranking of 1 February 2022 will automatically be ranked higher by the software, while the remaining players will be ranked as nominated by the association. This order cannot be changed at a later stage.</p> <p>Compliance with GCR 7.9: <i>“In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</i></p>
Format of matches	A team match will consist of 5 matches – 3 singles and 2 doubles.
Shuttles	Yonex AS-50
Stringing	Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.
Regulations	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix III (Regulations for the European Men’s & Women’s Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.



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Doping control	<p>Anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time, as per BWF and WADA regulations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
Insurance	<p>Please make sure that players (and all members of the national delegation or officials) are insured for any damage caused to third parties of any nature (liability insurance contract). Insurance shall also cover the risk of bodily injury, including medical and hospitalization expenses incurred within the host country (Finland), and all expenses and costs needed for medical repatriation to their country of residence.</p>



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Clothing and advertising	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Regulations 16-17).</p> <p>In team matches players must wear team colours. That is each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other. The team ranked lower on an overall ranking list produced and announced by Badminton Europe in connection with the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour.</p> <p>The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is <u>mandatory</u>.</p> <p>The name of the player on the back of the shirt is <u>optional</u>.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
Visa Application	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Finland to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 10 January 2022.</p> <p>Send request for visa support letter: events@sulkapallo.fi Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue "last minute" visas.</p> <p>The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.</p>



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Accommodation	<p>Both players/teams as well as families & supporters have the option to book accommodation in the official tournament hotels.</p> <p>More information and the booking form will be made available on the event's website.</p> <p>The deadline for accommodation bookings is 15 December 2021 (hotel-specific full refund cancellation deadlines can be found on the tournament website).</p>
Transport	<p>Helsinki-Vantaa (HEL)</p> <p>Free transport will be provided from this airport to the tournament venue/hotels if accommodation has been booked with the official tournament hotel booking codes.</p> <p>More information about transport will be made available on the event's website.</p> <p>The deadline for transport bookings is 15 January 2022.</p>
Catering	<p>Catering will be available at the venue. Information about pre-purchase of meal coupons can be found on the event's website during November 2021.</p> <p>The deadline for meal orders is 1 February 2022.</p>
Accreditations	<p>In addition to the players' accreditations, complimentary accreditation badges will be issued to nominated team officials. Maximum 4 accreditations will be issued per entered team.</p> <p>Extra accreditations will be charged at 75 € per piece.</p> <p>More information about accreditations will be made available on the event's website.</p> <p>The deadline for accreditation requests is 1 February 2022.</p>
Practice Facilities	<p>An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event's website and should be done before 1 February 2022.</p>



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Medical facilities	Medical and physiotherapy services will be provided at the venue from 15 to 20 February 2022, free of charge for players.
Player's lounge	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available at the venue. All kind of information about the competition, accommodation, transport, etc. will be available in this area.
Media enquiry	Please contact: annika.paananen@sulkapallo.fi
Covid-19	<p>Please note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period.</p> <p>BADMINTON EUROPE and Badminton Finland are not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.</p> <p>Should the event be cancelled with a short notice by the Finnish authorities or due to restrictions set by them, 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.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets and hotel rooms with a cancellation insurance.</p> <p>Some national or global epidemiological restrictions might be in place in the sports hall, hotel, transport etc. If applicable, such information will be published on the official event's website and circulated to announced Team Managers.</p> <p>Neither Badminton Europe nor Badminton Finland will enforce additional quarantine and / or safe bubble regulations that go beyond local restrictions set by Finnish authorities.</p>