Invitation

to compete in

2022 European Junior Team Championships

To be organised in

Belgrade, Serbia

Venue	Athletic Hall Belgrade, Bulevar Oslobodjenja bb, 11040 Belgrade, Serbia
Dates of Championships	**Thursday 18 to Monday 22 August 2022**
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 August 2022** at **20.00**. All participating Members must be present at the meeting.
Organisation contact	Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com Badminton Association of Serbia: events@badminton.org.rs
Tournament website	BEC: http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5800 Local organiser: http://ejcbelgrade2022.com (will be available soon)
Referee	Marcel Schormans (NED)
Deputy Referees	Aleksandar Dzhurov (BUL) and Heather Crump (ENG)
Committee of Management	Matthieu Hecker (BEC), Rafal Glinicki (BEC), Jimmy Andersen (BEC), Radomir Jovovic (BAS), Miodrag Kalicanin (BAS) and the Referee.
Team Entry Closing date	Team entries must be made online no later than **28 June 2022 at BWF HQ time (GMT +8)** via the link below – https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=e4d1cdf1-eebd-426f-9a1a-a808f52c2e28 Player nominations can only be made after the entry deadline has passed and until **15 August 2022**.
Entry fee	Euro 450,- per team. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.
Eligibility	All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event. Participants in the 2022 European Junior Team Championships shall be restricted to players born in **2004 or later.** Note: As per decisions made by the BEC Board of Directors any Federation currently declared not in Good Standing, shall not be eligible to receive funding from BEC nor enter to any activity organised or sanctioned by BEC.

Seeding and draw	The seeding will be made according to Appendix V (Regulations for the European Junior Team Championships) regulation 7. The seeding for the team event will be based on the results of the 2021 European U17 Team Championships, the 2020 European Junior Team Championships and the ranking published on 26/07/2022.If the BWF World Junior Rankings are not unfrozen before the seedings are published, we will use the BWF Junior International Tournament Entry and Seeding Ranking List to make the seedings for the EJC22. The seeding will be announced on **28 July 2022**. The draw of the group stage will be conducted and published on **29 July 2022**.
Nomination of players	Each competing team must submit nominations of every player it intends to use in the event no later than **15 August 2022 at 23:59 CEST**, using the same link as for making the team entry (see page 1). Only nominated players shall be permitted to play in the event as selected players or substitutes. No additional players can be added after the player nomination deadline. In this connection, we draw your attention to the BWF General Competition Regulations 6 on International Representation.
Format of matches	A team match will consist of 5 matches: 1 men's single, 1 women's single, 1 men's double, 1 women's double and 1 mixed double.
Regulations	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix V - Regulations for the European Junior Team Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation. The European Junior Team Championships will be played in a first stage and a final stage. The first stage will be played in groups of three, four or five teams where each team plays all the other teams in the same group. The group winners, and possibly group runner(-s) up will progress to the final stage. After the closing date for entries, but before the conduction of the draw, Badminton Europe shall announce how many group runner(-s) up progress to the final stage. The final stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found. The draw for the final stage shall be conducted immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.
Withdrawal	If a Member withdraws 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 will be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR. If a Member withdraws 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, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.

Clothing and advertising	Members need to ensure that their players' clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and Badminton Europe's Appendix V (Regulations for the European Junior Team Championships) regulations 16 and 17. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach, unless otherwise stated below. 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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR for each tie. In the final stage it is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other. A team seeded lower or not seeded will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both teams are seeded the same or are both not seeded, the team listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for each tie. The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional. The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory. 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.
Medals	All nominated players of the medal winning teams, being present, shall be awarded with medals. In addition, one nominated representative for each of the four medal winning teams shall accompany their team at the prize giving ceremony and shall receive a token from Badminton Europe for their achievement.
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50
Stringing	YONEX will provide stringing service at the event.
Doping control	According to the existing law in Serbia, 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/
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.
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/
Visa Application	It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Serbia to make sure that visa applications are made not later than **15 July 2022 at 23:59 CEST.** Send your request for a visa support letter: events@badminton.org.rs 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	**Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport (BEG)** Free transport will be provided from official point of arrival to the tournament venue/hotels only for those who booked accommodation via the organisation.
Transport info	Free transport will be provided only from official hotels to the tournament and practice venues. More information about transport will be made available on the event's website.
Accommodation info	The official accommodation is strongly recommended due to the Covid-19, national safety and security procedures and policies. More information about accommodation will be made available on the event's website.
Accreditation	More information will be sent in due time.
Practice requests	An online practice booking form will be made available on the event's website and should be submitted before **7 August 2022 at 23:59 CEST**.

Travel/Covid-19 testing protocol	It is not expected that Badminton Europe will enforce any additional testing/quarantine/bubble requirements than what is required by the Local Health Authorities. We will monitor the situation closely and keep our Members informed should anything change until the event starts.
Covid-19	Please note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period. BADMINTON EUROPE and the Badminton Association of Serbia are not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament. Should the event be cancelled with short notice by the Serbian 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. It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets and hotel rooms with a cancellation insurance. 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.