



Invitation
to compete in
2023 European Mixed Team Championships – Final Stage
To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by
the French Badminton Federation

Venue	Complexe sportif régional Rue du Bois 62120 Aire-sur-la-Lys France
Dates of Championships	14-18 February 2023 The group stage will be played on 14-16 February. The final stage (Semi-finals and Finals) will be played on 17-18 February.
Meetings	Team Managers meeting: Monday 13 February 2023 at 19.00 in the City Hall of Aire-sur-la-Lys. Technical Official briefing: Monday 13 February 2023 at 21.00 in the meeting room at hotel Le Logis de la Lys.
Organization contact	Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com Local organizer: info@emtc2023.com
Tournament websites	http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5799 http://www.ffbad.org/competitions/competitions-internationales-en-france/championnat-d-europe-par-equipes-mixtes-2023/
Sportity	Password: EMTC23
Referee	Jozef Kuprivec (SLO) - jozef.kuprivec@gmail.com
Deputy Referees	Deputy - Jean-Marc Chancerel (FRA) - jeanmarc.chancerel@gmail.com Local Deputy - Sébastien Bourdin (FRA) - bourdin.sebastien@gmail.com
Committee of Management	Renna Unt (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Matthieu Hecker (BEC), Pascal Bildstein (FFBaD), Pierre Lusset (FFBaD), Fred Ducrot (FFBaD) and the Referee.

Team Entry	<p>Team entries must be made no later than 27 December 2022 by 11.00 CET.</p> <p>Entries must be made online using the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=61911714-218f-4990-a2f4-8e66c5a3f8a7</p>
Withdrawal	<p>If a Member, qualified for the final stage, withdraws from the Championships, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member shall be liable of paying its entry fee and shall be penalised with a maximum fine of 20.000,00 EUR, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.</p>
Regulations	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix II (Regulations for the European Mixed Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p>
Shuttles	<p>Yonex AS-50</p>
Stringing	<p>Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.</p>
Seeding and Draw	<p>The 4 highest ranked teams qualified for the final stage are seeded in order and two seeded teams will be placed/drawn into each group. The seeding is done in two layers.</p> <p>The seeding is done based on the ranking list that was calculated based on the BWF WR of 7 June 2022, and is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Denmark 2. Germany 3. England 4. France <p>The 2 highest ranked teams qualified for the final stage are placed in order in position 1 in each group. The 3rd and 4th ranked teams qualified for the final stage will be drawn randomly into position 2 in each group. The 4 remaining teams (Bulgaria, Netherlands, Scotland and Ukraine) will be drawn into the 2 groups on random basis.</p> <p>The draw of the 2 groups of the Final Stage will be conducted live on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 18.30 CET and published immediately after.</p>

Nomination of players

Player nominations must be submitted after the team entry deadline and no later than **11 February 2023 23.59 CET**.

Player nominations must be submitted online using the following link:
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=61911714-218f-4990-a2f4-8e66c5a3f8a7>

Each competing Member shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than twenty players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. There shall be a minimum of two male and two female players and a maximum of ten male and ten female players amongst the nominated players.

Players shall be eligible to represent a Member in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulation § 6.

Compliance with GCR 7.9: *“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.”*

Provisional schedule

Day	Round	Nb of Courts	Nb of matches	Public opening	Start of the tie	End of the tie
Tuesday 14 th	Tie 1 Group A	2	5	9:30	10:00	15:00
	Tie 1 Group B	2	5	15:30	16:00	21 :00
Wednesday 15 th	Tie 2 Group A	2	5	9:30	10:00	15:00
	Tie 2 Group B	2	5	15:30	16:00	21 :00
Thursday 16 th	Tie 3 Group A	2	5	9:30	10:00	15:00
	Tie 3 Group B	2	5	15:30	16:00	21 :00
Friday 17 th	Semi- Final 1	1	3 to 5	13 :30	14:00	17 :00
	Semi- Final 2	1	3 to 5	17:30	18:00	22 :00
Saturday 18 th	Final	1	3 to 5	12:30	13:00	17:00

The group containing France will be playing at 16:00 on the first 3 days.

<p>Format of matches</p>	<p>Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one men's singles; one women's singles; one men's doubles; one women's doubles; one mixed doubles.
<p>Doping control</p>	<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>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<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>
<p>Insurance</p>	<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 (France), and all expenses and costs needed for medical repatriation to their country of residence.</p>

<p>Medical facilities</p>	<p>Physiotherapy services will be provided at the venue from 14 to 18 February, free of charge for players, on reservation.</p> <p>In case of severe injury, the emergency ambulance service will accompany you to the nearest hospital, 22 minutes away by car.</p>
<p>Covid-19</p>	<p>It is no longer mandatory to wear a mask or to do an antigenic or PCR test before coming in France.</p> <p>To know more about Covid 19 situation in France and stay updated on it please consult this link: https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coming-to-france-your-covid-19-questions-answered/</p>
<p>Clothing and advertising</p>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for European Mixed Team Championships (Regulations 17-18).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The team ranked lower on the 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 association/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>
<p>Team's camera</p>	<p>Photography or filming is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>We invite you to go on Badminton Europe TV (www.badmintoneurope.tv) to have access to all match footages filmed during the competition.</p>

Visa Application

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to France to make sure that visa applications are made not later than **16 January 2023** by filling the visa support request form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pyuF7e43ef>

The tournament host and hosting Member will only communicate with a Member, and the hosting Member will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.

It is the responsibility of the Member to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge. The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.

Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into France; the final decision is made the Government of France.

Accreditations

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.

Every person who will need to access the venue will have to get an accreditation.

One accreditation will be issued freely for each player of your delegation and for up to 5 nominated team officials (non-transferable).

In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the accreditation form you will find attached to this invitation and email it with photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, portrait format) to: info@emtc2023.com.

Deadline: **16 January 2023**

In case you need **more than 5 accreditations** for team officials, additional ones can be bought at a rate of **100€ each** and can be paid on site in cash.

Media enquiry

Please contact: info@emtc2023.com

Accommodation

There are 2 hotels welcoming all the delegations during the whole competition. You will find below the rates for every type of room for both hotels:

Hotels		
<p>Najeti Hotel Château Tilques *** 12 Rue du Château, 62500 Tilques</p>	<p>Room size: 16m² - 22m² Bed size: 100*200cm / 150*200cm WIFI, TV Free private parking Swimming pool & tennis court</p>	<p>Distance to the venue: 35 min by bus Check in: 16:00 Check out: 12:00 Breakfast: 7:00 am – 10:00 am weekdays, 7:30 am – 10:30 am weekend Dinner: starting at 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Najeti Hotel du Golf *** Chemin du Bois, 62380 Acquin-Westbecourt</p>	<p>Room size: 24m² Bed size: 90*200cm / 180*200cm WIFI, TV Free private parking Spa, Sauna, golf</p>	
Rates (including breakfast & taxes)		Cancellation policy
<p>Single room: 109€/night Twin room: 141€/night Double room: 141€/night</p>		<p>Between January 16th to January 23rd: Every cancellation will be charged 50% by the hotel</p> <p>After January 23rd: Every cancellation will be charged 100% by the hotel</p>

Accommodation will be managed by our partner SPARTNER through the accommodation form you will find attached to this invitation.

Please send it back before **16 January 2023**, to this email address:
teamservices@emtc2023.com

Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, taking into account the number of people travelling, arrival date and time, and Team Manager preferences.

SPARTNER will confirm payment requirements at time of booking confirmation.

For further support, please contact SPARTNER on the same email address:
teamservices@emtc2023.com

Depending on the number of rooms booked, the organization reserves the right to reallocate all the teams in only one of the two hotels to ease the transport logistic.

Transport

Transfers to official hotels, airport, train stations and venue are provided for participants staying in **official hotels**.

Airport and Train Stations concerned are:

- Airport: Lille Lesquin Airport
- Train station: Lille Europe Station (direct train from Paris and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG))

It will be organized by minibuses or buses. The drivers will wait for your team at the airport/train station.

There are buses that drive between the Venue, the practice hall and the hotels to take the teams to practice and matches.

Transport requests will also be managed by our partner SPARTNER and should be made via the Travel form you will find attached to this invitation and only after booking your accommodation. Please send your requests no later than **30 January 2023** to teamservices@emtc2023.com

Team managers will then receive transportation schedules separately before arriving to France.

If participants don't stay in an official hotel, transfers from Airports and train stations will not be provided.

Our partner SPARTNER offers the option to book a dedicated bus from Paris Train station, CDG Airport, ORY Airport, Beauvais Airport or Bruxelles Airport to the official hotels at the following rate: 150€/person (15 persons minimum per transfer).

SPARTNER remains also available for any other extra transport request (rate on request) at teamservices@emtc2023.com.

<p>Catering</p>	<p>You will find inside the venue two catering opportunities at your expenses: a snack bar and a food truck. Nearby the venue, you will have access to restaurants and a Carrefour supermarket.</p> <p>Here is the list of the restaurants located next to the venue (walking distance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McDonald's (Fast-Food) - 550 meters / 7 min away • Marie Blachère (Bakery, sandwich bar) - 450 meters / 6 min away • Friterie chez Fred (Fast Food) – 300 meters / 4 min away • Au Lotus Bleu 5 (Asian restaurant) – 600 meters / 8 min away • Beers & Co (Pub & Brasserie) – 450 meters / 6 min away • Le Nouvel'Aire (Brasserie)– 450 meters / 6 min away • Roma Delicia (Italian restaurant) – 900 meters / 11 min away <p>At the official hotels, you will find no other catering possibilities than the hotel's restaurants.</p> <p>Hotel catering rates: 28 euros per meal per person (all you can eat buffet)</p>
<p>Drinks</p>	<p>Water fountains will be available to all teams throughout the competition at the venue. However, no water bottles will be given to you on site. Please make sure you bring your own water bottle.</p> <p>It will also be possible to buy drinks at the snack bar inside the venue.</p>
<p>Player's lounge</p>	<p>A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available near the changing rooms of the venue.</p>
<p>ATM</p>	<p>The currency in France is Euro. There is no ATM at the hotel or in the Venue, but here is a list of the bank near the venue (walking distance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crédit Agricole – 1,6 km / 20 min away • Banque Populaire du Nord – 1,5 km / 18 min away • CIC – 1,4 km / 17 min away • Banque Postale – 1km / 12 min away • Crédit du Nord – 1,1km / 13 min away • Crédit Mutuel - 1,5 km / 18 min away • BNP Parisbas - 1,5 km / 19 min away • Caisse d'Epargne Aire sur la Lys - 1,4 km / 17 min away <p>However, we hope you pay all services by debit or credit card but cash will also be accepted.</p>

Practice Facilities

Location:

Training will be held at the competition venue and in the practice hall. There are designated time slots for all the teams on warm-up courts inside the venue and in the practice hall named "Salle de la Lys" (5 minutes away by free shuttle from the main hall).

Cleaning:

All teams will be getting sufficient practice time and the schedule will be made by Badminton Europe and communicated to you in time. Please clean the court area and leave nothing on the floor when leaving your practice session

Time:

- Start: this is the time when you are allowed to enter the courts, no entrance will be allowed before this time
- End: at this time, your whole team must be off the courts

Thank you for strictly respecting your training schedule.

Changing rooms:

Men's and women's locker rooms will be available to players in the venue and in the practice hall.

Reservation:

A practice form will be sent out after the draw has been made. BEC will be in charge of allocating the different training slots for every team.

Key dates, deadline & contacts

Team Entry Closing date: 27 December 2022 by 11.00 CET

Draw date: 10 January 2023 at 18.30 CET

Accommodation reservation deadline: 16 January 2023

Accreditation request deadline: 16 January 2023

Visa request deadline: 16 January 2023

Travel details deadline: 30 January 2023

Player nomination deadline: 11 February 2023 by 23.59 CET

Team managers' meeting: 13 February 2023 – 19h, Aire-sur-la-Lys City hall

Technical officials' meeting: 13 February 2023 – 21h, Logis de la Lys hotel

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