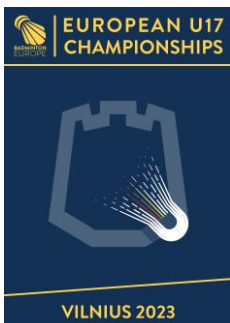


Invitation
to compete in
2023 European U17 Team Championships
To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by
the Lithuanian Badminton Federation

Venue	SEB Arena Azuolyno St. 7 07196 Vilnius Lithuania
Dates of Championships	Friday 4 to Tuesday 8 August 2023 The group stage will be played on 4-6 August. The final stage (QF, SF and Finals) will be played on 7-8 August.
Meetings	Team Managers meeting: Thursday 3 August at 20.00 in the big meeting room at the venue / hotel Urbihop. All participating Members must be present at the TMM. Technical Official briefing: Thursday 3 August at 21.00 in the big meeting room at the venue / hotel Urbihop.
Organization contact	BEC: events@badmintoneurope.com Local organizer: info@eu17vilnius2023.lt
Tournament websites	BEC: http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5801 Local organiser: http://www.eu17vilnius2023.lt
Sportity	Password: EU17C23
Referee	Stephen Temple - stephen.temple0864@gmail.com
Deputy Referees	Christos Evangelidis - chrisev@sch.gr Darius Likas - darius.likas@gmail.com
Committee of Management	Renna Unt (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Rafal Glinicki (BEC), Tadas Ivanauskas (LBF), Algirdas Kepezinskas (LBF) and the Referee.



Team Entry	<p>Team entries must be made online no later than Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 23.59 EET via the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=A2D11BF1-551F-4D79-B0D7-6FCD572F9D92</p>
Entry fee	<p>Euro 450,- per team. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.</p>
Withdrawal	<p>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.</p> <p>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 3.000,00 EUR, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.</p>
Seeding and Draw	<p>The seeding will be made according to Appendix VII (Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships) regulation 7.</p> <p>The seeding will be announced on 14 July 2023. The BEC European U17 ranking of 10 July 2023 will be used. The draw of the group stage will be conducted and published on 24 July 2023</p>



Nomination of players

Player nominations can only be submitted after the team entry deadline and must be done no later than **1 August 2023 23.59 EET**.

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.

Player nominations must be submitted online using the following link:
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=A2D11BF1-551F-4D79-B0D7-6FCD572F9D92>

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.

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.”*

Eligibility

All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event. Participants in the 2023 European U17 Team Championships shall be restricted to players born in **2007 or later**.

Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Members and a player’s eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations § 7.5.

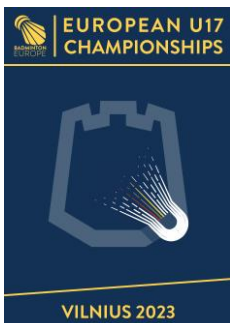
Acceptance of nomination for entry to the European U17 Team Championships shall count as international representation as described in BWF General Competition Regulation § 6.

In addition to the eligibility items listed in BWF General Competition Regulation § 6.3.1., we will also consider players who have been living in their Member’s country for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament as eligible for the European U17 Team Championships.

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.

<p>Regulations</p>	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix VII (Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>The European U17 Team Championships will be played in a first stage and a final stage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The final stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found.</p> <p>The draw for the final stage shall be conducted immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.</p>																		
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<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>Flooring</p>	<p>6 Yonex court mats on GreenSet Cushion Flex floor</p>																		
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Stringing	Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.
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. 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/</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) 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, shall 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 match(es). For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
Insurance	<p>First aid in case of injury during the event, will be provided by organizer.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>
Medals	<p>All nominated players of the medal winning teams, being present, shall be awarded with medals.</p> <p>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.</p>



Clothing and advertising

Members need to ensure that their players' clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and § 16 and § 17 in Appendix VII (Regulations for the European U17 Team Championships). 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). 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.
(if used, please note that it must comply with BWF rules)

The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

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

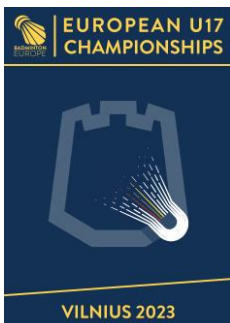
Visa Application

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Lithuania to make sure that visa applications are made not later than **1 June 2023**.

Send your request for a visa support letter: visa@eu17vilnius2023.lt
Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com

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 Lithuania; the final decision is made the Government of Lithuania.



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 on the tournament website (coming soon) including photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, portrait format).

Deadline: **18 July 2023**

In case you need **more than 5 accreditations** for team officials, additional ones can be bought at a rate of **75€ each**.

Accommodation

There will be 3 official hotels available for players and team officials:

Urbihop Hotel*** (next to the venue)

Ažuolyno St. 7

07196 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 75** per room/night
- Price double/twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 95** per room/night
- Price double/twin room + extra bed (incl. breakfast): **€ 120** per room/night

Art City Inn***

J. Jasinskio St. 14

01112 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 60** per room/night
- Price twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 85** per room/night
- Price triple room (incl. breakfast): **€ 110** per room/night

Courtyard by Marriott****

Rinktinės g. 3

09234 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 95** per room/night
- Price twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 120** per room/night

Hotel bookings need to be done using the hotel booking form on the tournament website (coming soon).

Deadline: **30 June 2023**

More information regarding payment details and cancellation policy will also be published on the tournament website.

Transport

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

Official point of arrival:

- Vilnius International Airport (VNO)
- Vilnius Central Train station

Transport bookings need to be done using the transport booking form on the tournament website (coming soon).

Deadline: **18 July 2023**

If not staying in one of the official hotels, airport transfers can be requested for a fee. More information about this and transport in general will be published on the tournament website soon.

Practice Facilities

4 practice courts will be made available in an adjacent hall in the competition venue from 3 to 12 August 2023.

Reservation:

A practice form will be made available after the draw. BEC will be in charge of allocating the different training slots for each team.

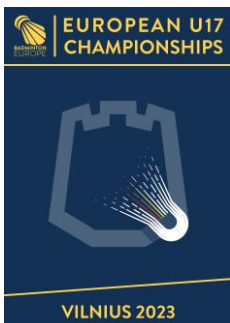
Practice schedule:

- 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.

Deadline: **30 July 2023**

Besides the practice courts in the competition venue, it will be possible to book additional practice time in another hall for a small fee. More information about this venue, booking process and prices will be published on the tournament website.



Catering	<p>Catering (lunch / dinner) will be provided in the venue, but needs to be ordered in advance.</p> <p>Meal orders need to be done using the catering form on the tournament website (coming soon).</p> <p>Deadline: 20 July 2023</p> <p>More information regarding menu and prices will also be published on the tournament website.</p>
Media enquiry	<p>Contact person: Audrius Kepezinskas More information will follow on the tournament website.</p>
Safeguarding policy	<p>Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) recognizes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Vulnerable People participating in the 2023 European U17 Team Championships and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and complies with best practice.</p> <p>In particular, BEC is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all Vulnerable People to participate in its 2023 European U17 Team Championships to the best of their abilities. The safeguarding policy recognizes that the welfare and interests of Vulnerable People are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all Vulnerable People are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities organised by BEC, its Members or partner organisations.</p> <p>As part of its safeguarding commitment, BEC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose concern• ensure that it maintains and stores securely all confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns provided to or created by BEC <p>Any incident/concern can be reported to Tamara Geeraerts, Welfare Officer for the 2023 European U17 Team Championships (tamara.geeraerts@badmintoneurope.com +45 31 71 82 83)</p>