

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX VIII



**BADMINTON
EUROPE**

REGULATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION

- 1.1 The European Club Championships shall be played annually and will be played between teams as defined under Regulation 6.
- 1.2 The first ranked team shall be entitled to call itself winners of the European Club Championships.
- 1.3 All nominated players of the winning team, being present, shall be presented with gold medals, all nominated players of the second ranked team, being present, shall be presented with silver medals and all nominated players of the teams losing the semi-finals, being present, shall be presented with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.
- 1.4 One nominated representative for each of the four medal winning teams shall accompany his/her team at the medal ceremony, and shall receive a token from Badminton Europe for his/her team's achievement.
- 1.5 The European Club Champions shall be awarded a trophy which they can keep in possession.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 Any Member may apply to stage the European Club Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe.
- 2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors at a date of its choosing.
- 2.3 The venue shall provide sufficient conditions according to the Specifications for International Play.

3. RIGHTS

- 3.1 Badminton Europe owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with the event. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member, Badminton Europe may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member and/or commercial organisations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE

- 4.1 The Board of Directors shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member.

- 4.2 A sanction fee shall be charged by Badminton Europe (see Financial Regulation D).
- 4.3 Every Member taking part in the European Club Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4 An entry fee shall be paid for each team. Entry fees are listed in Financial Regulation D.
- 4.5 The organising Member is exempted from paying an entry fee for its participating team/teams.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 If a team arrives late or departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such action conflicts with the team's ability to play or complete their scheduled matches, the team's Member shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.
- 4.9 If a medal winning team is not present at the medal ceremony, for any reason whatsoever, the team's Member shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 5.1 Badminton Europe shall be responsible for the organisation of the European Club Championships.
- 5.2 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of badminton and all appropriate Competition Regulations as adopted by the BWF and/or Badminton Europe.
- 5.3 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.
- 5.4 Umpires shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.
- 5.5 Badminton Europe shall appoint a Committee of Management of at least four persons, of whom two shall be from Badminton Europe, and one shall be nominated by the organiser. In addition, the Referee shall be member of this Committee. The Committee of Management shall be in overall charge of the Championships.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the Championships, Badminton Europe shall send to all Members an invitation to compete.

- 6.2 The Championships shall be open to all Members of Badminton Europe, who shall nominate a maximum of 2 teams, which:
- 6.2.1 Shall have won or became runner-up at a qualifying competition, arranged by the Member in the season immediately prior to the Championships, for the purpose of selecting teams, or
 - 6.2.2 In countries where no nationally organised qualifying competition exists, shall have won or became runner-up at their nationally organised club team championship in the season immediately preceding the Championships, or
 - 6.2.3 Failing existing qualifications as defined under 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, a maximum of 2 club teams appointed by the Member in question and approved by Badminton Europe as being representatives of the Member within the spirit of the Championships.
 - 6.2.4 If the winner and/or runner-up, as described under 6.2.1 or 6.2.2, cannot participate for a good reason or due to unwillingness to participate, the respective Member will be entitled to nominate another team, ranked lower in the competition as described in 6.2.1 or 6.2.2.
 - 6.2.5 Only club teams are eligible for the Championships. Teams representing or collected from a certain area or district cannot participate in the Championships, except with the approval of Badminton Europe.
- 6.3. The current holders of the European Club Championships shall have the right to compete even if they have not qualified as defined under 6.2.1 or 6.2.2.
- 6.4 The Member staging the Championships shall have the right to enter maximum three teams for the Championships.
- 6.5 The Board of Directors shall have power to reject the entry of any Member:
- 6.5.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;
 - 6.5.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Championships or the game; or
 - 6.5.3 in cases specified in Badminton Europe Rules (e.g. Rule 32.3).

7. SEEDING AND DRAW AT THE FIRST STAGE

- 7.1 The strongest teams shall be seeded in order and one seeded team shall be placed in each Group.
- 7.2 The seeding will be done based on an overall assessment of;
- 7.2.1 Results of the club team in the previous three Championships taking special consideration to the results of the year before.

7.2.2 Results of other club teams of the same Member taking part in the European Club Championships in the previous three Championships taking special consideration to the results of the year before.

7.3 The number of teams seeded will be equivalent to the number of groups.

7.4 Teams representing the same Member cannot be drawn into the same group.

8. METHOD OF COMPETITION

8.1 The European Club Championships shall be played in a first stage and a final stage in accordance with the regulations 8.2 to 8.8.

First stage

8.2 In the first stage all teams shall play in groups of three, four or five teams where teams play all other teams in the same group. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved.

8.3 Ranking order in the groups:

8.3.1 If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

8.3.2 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

8.3.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

8.3.4 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches and have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

8.3.5 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.

8.4 A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

8.5 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

8.6 The group winners, and possibly group runner(-s) up, progress to the final stage.

- 8.6.1 The best group runner(-s) up listed under 8.6 shall be found by taking the following in consideration, in listed order:
- Tie difference
 - Match difference
 - Game difference
 - Point difference
 - Draw by lots
- 8.6.2 The in 8.6.1 order only applies if there is the same number of teams in each group. If there is a difference in the number of teams in the groups, the lowest ranked team in the groups with most teams, will not be taken into the calculation.
- 8.6.3 After the closing date for entries, but before the conduction of the draw, Badminton Europe shall announce how many group runner(-s) up that progress to the final stage.

Final stage

- 8.7 The draw for the final stage shall be conducted at a Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.
- 8.8 The final stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning teams progressing to the next round until a winner is found.
- 8.9 Final stage draw procedure
- 8.9.1 The winner of group 1 will be placed as first seed in the knock-out draw.
 - 8.9.2 The winner of group 2 will be placed as second seed in the knock-out draw.
 - 8.9.3 The winners of group 3 and 4 will be drawn as semi-final seeds in the knock-out draw.
 - 8.9.4 The remaining four teams progressing to the final stage, listed under 8.7, will be drawn into the knock-out draw on random basis, after taking 8.9.5 into consideration.
 - 8.9.5 Two teams progressing from the same group cannot be drawn in the same half of the knock-out draw.

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE

- 9.1 The responsibilities of the Referee in these Championships are:
- 9.1.1 to be in charge of the Championships;
 - 9.1.2 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams and players comply with the Regulations for play;
 - 9.1.3 to make decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager;
 - 9.1.4 to uphold the laws of badminton and regulations relevant for the Championships;

- 9.2 the Referee is required to send a written report to Badminton Europe no later than two weeks after the completion of the event.

10. TEAM MANAGER

- 10.1 Each Member concerned shall, at least fourteen days before any fixture, appoint a manager of its team.
- 10.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own manager.
- 10.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the manager shall be notified to Badminton Europe.
- 10.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the Member and team concerned in connection with the conduct of the Championships.
- 10.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. Failure to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

11. CONDITIONS FOR PLAYERS PARTICIPATION ON TEAMS

- 11.1 To be eligible to represent a club in the European Club Championships, players must have played at least one team match for the club, in an official team competition organised by the entering Member in the season leading up to the event. With the team nomination all clubs must send results of team matches to verify that all nominated players have competed for the club.
- 11.2 A club team can additionally nominate a maximum of 1 male and 1 female player that did not play at least one team match for the club as defined in 11.1.
- 11.3 Where a team is not qualified through competitions as defined in 6.2.1 or 6.2.2, the Committee of Management must approve the nominated players.
- 11.4 A player is only allowed to represent one club in the European Club Championships.
- 11.5 A player must be eligible to compete according to BWF Regulations.

12. NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 12.1 Each competing Member shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the commencement of play in the Championships, nominate to Badminton Europe the players from whom its team will be selected.

Members must guarantee that all teams and all players entered satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR for every player or team that does not satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations.

Only nominated players shall be permitted to play in the event as selected players or as substitutes.

12.2 Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:

One men's single;
One women's single;
One men's double;
One women's double;
One mixed double.

12.3 Each manager shall hand to the Referee the composition of his team for each tie, where the players are from those previously nominated.

12.3.1 Team compositions must be submitted no later than three hours prior to the start of a tie, or for the first ties of the day at 22.00hrs the evening before.

12.3.2 Failure to submit a team composition in accordance with 12.3.1 shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

12.4 The Referee may, upon the request of a Team Manager, allow a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that the substitute player/pair is lower ranked than the player/pair being replaced.

12.4.1 The ranking of the players/pairs shall be based on the most recent published BWF World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the competition. For ranking in doubles, notional points/ranking shall be taken into consideration.

12.4.2 The ranking of players/pairs not having a ranking or a notional ranking in the BWF World Ranking shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management.

12.4.3 No substitution shall be made after a tie has begun.

13. CONSTITUTION OF MATCHES AND TEAMS

13.1 Each tie shall be decided by the results of the two singles and three doubles matches.

13.1.1 In the first stage all five matches of each tie shall be played.

13.1.2 In the final stage each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.

13.2 No player shall play in more than two matches.

13.3 The minimum size for a nominated team is four players. These shall be two male and two female players.

13.3.1 If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play their respective matches.

- 13.3.2 If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.

14. ORDER OF PLAY

- 14.1 There are four permissible orders of play:
- 14.1.1 Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles – Mixed doubles
 - 14.1.2 Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles - Mixed doubles
 - 14.1.3 Mixed doubles - Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles
 - 14.1.4 Mixed doubles - Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles
- 14.2 Orders of play 14.1.1 to 14.1.4 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches.
- 14.3 If all four orders of play, 14.1.1 to 14.1.4 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches the order of play 14.1.1 will be used.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1 The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Championships:
- 15.1.1 any team which has seriously failed to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix, the Badminton Europe Rules or other Badminton Europe Regulations or the BWF Regulations and has by doing so harmed or endangered the fairness of the competition (breach of a regulation which anticipates an administrative fine is not considered as a serious failure to comply with the regulations); or
 - 15.1.2 a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 15.2 If a player or a team is disqualified, such a player or a team may also be penalised by a fine, suspension and forfeiture of rewards.
- 15.3 Any Covered Person as defined in BWF Judicial Procedures failing to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix may be penalised following Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.
- 15.4 The possible penalties shall be:
- 15.4.1 administrative fines, imposed by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee,

15.4.2 any penalty as defined by BWF Judicial Procedures.

16. CLOTHING REGULATIONS

16.1 Clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations and § 16 and § 17 in these regulations, unless special exceptions to lettering have been given by Badminton Europe. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach.

16.2 Colour of players' clothing;

16.2.1 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).

16.2.2 In the knock out stage it is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other.

16.2.3 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.

16.3 Player names;

16.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.

16.4 Member or club names;

16.4.1 The name of the player's country/club on the back of the shirt is optional.

17. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

17.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations, unless special exceptions have been given by Badminton Europe.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 The Badminton Europe Board of Directors interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors is taken.

18.2 The Board of Directors has power on behalf of Badminton Europe to make and publish amendments to these Regulations. These Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.