



Invitation to compete in 2025 European Mixed Team Championships – Final Stage To be organized on behalf of Badminton Europe by Azerbaijan Badminton Federation

Dear Members

Badminton Europe would like to invite you to compete in the 2025 European Mixed Team Championships to be held from 12-16 February 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Badminton Europe and Azerbaijan Badminton Federation invite all Badminton Europe Members to compete for the titles of European Mixed Team Championships.

Key dates

- 11 December 2024 Entry deadline
- 12 December 2024 The draw of the group stage is conducted and published.
- 22 January 2025 Deadline for hotel bookings.
- 22 January 2025 Last day to apply for VISA.
- 22 January 2025 Deadline for accreditations.
- 22 January 2025 Deadline for transport bookings.
- 26 January 2025 Deadline for booking Meals.
- 29 January 2025 Deadline for booking practice courts.
- 9 February 2025 Closing date for player nominations. All nominations must be made online.
- 11 February 2025 Team Managers' Meeting – at 18.00 at the venue
- 14 February 2025 The draw of the final stage is conducted and published.



1. General Details

Organizer	<p>Azerbaijan Badminton Federation</p> <p>6 Bakikhanov Street, Bridge Plaza, 10th floor, AZ 1065</p> <p>Baku, Azerbaijan</p> <p>Phone: +994 50 264 50 20</p> <p>E-mail: office@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p> <p>Website: http://badmintonazerbaijan.com</p>
Venue	<p>Baku Sports Hall</p> <p>26a Neftchilar ave,</p> <p>Baku, Sabail, 421000, Azerbaijan</p>
Dates of Championships	<p>12 - 16 February 2024</p>
Organization contact	<p>Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Azerbaijan Badminton Federation: marketing.manager@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p>
Tournament websites	<p>2025 European Mixed Team Championships</p>
Referee Team	<p><u>Referee</u></p> <p>Artur Zaluzhnoi</p> <p>Email: artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Deputy Referees</u></p> <p>Patrick Andersson</p> <p>Email: patrik@granbacken.net</p>

Committee of Management	Niklas Pedersen (BEC), Rafal Glinicki (BEC), Cecilie List Jensen (BEC), Ramil Hajiye (AZE), Aydan Mammadhasanova (AZE) and the Referee.
Insurance	<p>Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalization due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>

2. Entry Details

Regulations	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in App. II – (European Mixed Team Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
Eligibility	<p>All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event.</p> <p>Each Member can enter a maximum of one team.</p> <p>In this connection we draw your attention to the BWF Competition Regulations 6 on International Representation.</p>
Team Entry	<p>Team entries must be made no later than 11 December 2024 - 14.00 CET.</p> <p>Entries must be made online using the following link:</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=82d99c6c-963b-4431-badc-a2e76861a5f9</p>
Nomination of players	<p>Player nominations must be submitted no later than 9 February 2025 23.59 CET.</p> <p>Player nominations must be submitted online using the following link:</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=82d99c6c-963b-4431-badc-a2e76861a5f9</p> <p>Each competing Member shall nominate not fewer than four players (4) and not more than twenty (20) players. There shall be a minimum of two male and two</p>

	<p>female players and a maximum of ten male and ten female players amongst the nominated players.</p> <p>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 4 February 2025 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: “In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</p>
<p>Withdrawal</p>	<p>If a Member withdraws a team 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 penalized by an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR per team.</p> <p>If a Member withdraws a team 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 penalized with a maximum fine of 5.000,00 EUR, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.</p> <p>If a Member withdraws a team, qualified for the final stage, from the Championships, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member shall be liable of paying its entry fee and shall be penalized with a maximum fine of 20.000,00 EUR, following the procedure as defined per Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.</p>

3. Tournament Details

Tournament office	All kind of information about the competition, accommodation, transport, etc. will be available at the tournament office.
Seeding	<p>Seeding was done in relations to the qualification, world ranking date used for seeding: 25 June 2024.</p> <p>Seeding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Denmark 2 France 3 Spain 4 Germany 5 Netherlands 6 England 7 Czechia 8 Azerbaijan
Draw Date	The draw of the group stage will be conducted and published on 12 December 2024.
Provisional schedule	<p><u>Group stage</u></p> <p>12 Feb: 2 rounds played 10.00 / 15.00 (2 ties played per round)</p> <p>13 Feb: 2 rounds played 10.00 / 15.00 (2 ties played per round)</p> <p>14 Feb: 2 rounds played 10.00 / 15.00 (2 ties played per round)</p> <p><u>Semi-Finals / Final</u></p> <p>15 Feb: Semi-finals played 10.00 / 15.00</p> <p>16 Feb: Final played 12.00</p>
Format of matches	<p>Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:</p> <p>one men's singles, one women's singles, one men's doubles, one women's doubles, one mixed doubles.</p>
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50

Courts	2 YONEX Competition courts, 1 Warmup court.
Practice	<p>An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event's website and should be done before 29 January 2025.</p> <p>Practice venue: The Club Port Baku - Neftchilar Avenue 153, AZ1010 Baku, Azerbaijan</p>
Accreditations	<p>In addition to the players' accreditations, complimentary accreditation badges will be issued to nominated team officials. Maximum 5 accreditations will be issued per entered team.</p> <p>Extra accreditations can be bought at a rate of 75€ each and can be paid on site by credit card (Mastercard, VISA)</p> <p>More information about accreditations will be made available on the event's website.</p> <p>The deadline for accreditation requests is 22 January 2025.</p>
Media enquiry	Please contact: marketing.manager@badmintonazerbaijan.com
Catering	<p>Catering (lunch/dinner) will be offered in the venue, buffet style including 1 soft drink.</p> <p>Meals will include:</p> <p>Multiple starters, 2 main dishes, soup, pasta, salads, dessert etc.</p> <p>Lunch: 11.00 – 14.00</p> <p>Dinner: 17.00 – 20.00</p> <p>Price: <u>25€ pr meal.</u></p> <p>Booking though: catering@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p> <p>After booking a invoice will be sent for the full amount, this have to be paid before the booking deadline, to confirm the booking.</p> <p>The deadline for meal orders is: 26 January 2025.</p>

Stringing	Badminton Europe's official event partner and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide stringing service throughout the event.
Player's lounge	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and officials is available at the venue. within the players lounge there will be snacks, fruits and coffee/tea.
Physio facilities	Physio therapy services will be possible at the venue from 10 to 18 every day, at the rate of 50 Euro/hour and 25 Euro for half an hour.
Team managers Meetings	Team Managers meeting: Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 18.00 in the venue.
Technical Official briefing	Technical Official briefing: Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 20.00 in the TO hotel.
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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR for each tie.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other. The team ranked lower on the overall ranking list in 6.4 will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 200,00 EUR for each tie.</p> <p>The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for each breach.</p> <p>The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.</p> <p>Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
Badminton Integrity	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.

	<p>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).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: Anti-Match Fixing</p>
<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: Anti-Doping Overview</p>

4. Travel & Visa Details

<p>Official point of arrival</p>	<p>Heydar Aliyev International Airport</p> <p>Free transport will be provided by shuttle from this airport to the tournament venue/hotels if accommodation has been booked with the organization.</p> <p>The deadline for transport bookings is 22 January 2025.</p> <p>Transportation booking though: transport@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p>
<p>Visa Application</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Azerbaijan to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 22 January 2025.</p> <p>Visa support letter: marketing.manager@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p> <p>Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Organizers 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>
<p>Transport</p>	<p>Transportation between Venue, practice, and hotels will be by shuttlebus, if accommodation have been booked though organizers. Time schedule will be available on Sportity.</p> <p>Official transportation is only possible if accommodation is booked through the organization.</p> <p>Booking though: transport@badmintonazerbaijan.com</p>

Accommodation

Salam Baku Hotel***

Address: Xagani Street 1, AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan

- Single room: 110 Euro
- Double/Twin room: 130 Euro
- Deluxe single room: 120 Euro
- Deluxe double: 140 Euro

Hotel Square Inn***

Address: Xagani Street 2, AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan

- Single room: 110 Euro
- Double/Twin room: 130 Euro
- Deluxe single room: 120 Euro
- Deluxe double: 140 Euro

Sapphire Inn Hotel****

Address: Hasan Abdullayev Street 5, AZ1095 Baku, Azerbaijan

- Single room: 135 Euro
- Double/Twin room: 155 Euro
- Deluxe single room: 145 Euro
- Deluxe double: 165 Euro

Sapphire Bayil Hotel****

Address: Mikhayil Useynov Street 3, AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan

- Single room: 135 Euro
- Double/Twin room: 160 Euro
- Deluxe single room: 145 Euro
- Deluxe double: 170 Euro

Prices per room, per night including breakfast and local taxes.

Booking deadline: 22 January 2025

After booking a invoice will be sent for the full amount, this have to be paid before the booking deadline, to confirm the booking.

In case of no show and late cancellation, 90% of the room rate for all rooms and the entire stay will be charged. In the case of lack vacancy, an adequate hotel will be offered

Reservation though: accommodation@badmintonazerbaijan.com