

# **EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **APPENDIX IX**



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## **REGULATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. DEFINITION**

- 1.1 Individual European Senior Championships shall be played in even years and shall all be conducted in accordance with existing Rules and Regulations adopted by Badminton Europe. The tournament will be played in the age groups 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 80+ and the events played shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.
- 1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as European Senior Champions and they shall be presented by Badminton Europe with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

### **2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS**

- 2.1 Any Member may apply to stage the European Senior Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe.
- 2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by Badminton Europe's Board of Directors at a date of its choosing.
- 2.3 The venue shall provide sufficient conditions according to the Specifications for International Play. It is allowed to conduct the event in 2 separate venues at the same time, but these venues cannot be more than 5km apart from each other. The semi finals and finals must be played in the same venue.

### **3. RIGHTS**

- 3.1 Any and all intellectual property rights, and/or commercial rights, arising or created as a result of, or in connection with, any event or activity organized or sanctioned by Badminton Europe, including but not limited to any rights in websites, social media, television or radio recordings or broadcasts, audio or visual recordings, moving pictures, player' imagery and logos shall belong to Badminton Europe.
- 3.2 The words Europe, European, Euro or any derivation thereof is the property of Badminton Europe when used in connection with a badminton promotion, and shall be subject to the terms set out in the following paragraph.
- 3.3 Badminton Europe may grant licences and/or concessions in respect of its rights. Badminton Europe shall enter into an agreement with the promoting Member, or other promoting body, for the use of such rights on such terms and conditions as Badminton Europe shall determine in its absolute discretion.
- 3.4 The allocation of a European Championship shall only be final when both the Organiser and Badminton Europe have agreed and signed the contract for the event. The contract and the relevant events regulations shall alone specify the terms of organising the event.

#### **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 Senior Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 4.4 A participation fee shall be paid for each competitor. Participation fees are listed in Financial Regulation D.
- 4.5 The organising Member is exempted from paying a participation fee for their participating players.
- 4.6 If a player departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such action conflicts with the player's ability to play or complete his/her scheduled matches, the player's Member shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.
- 4.7 If a medal winning player is not present at the medal ceremony, for any reason whatsoever, the player's Member shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

#### **5. GENERAL ORGANISATION**

- 5.1 Badminton Europe shall be responsible for the organisation of the European Senior 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. Service judges are only required from semi finals onwards.
- 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 Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be made online not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.
- 6.3 Every Member is entitled to enter a maximum of eight players in each singles event and a maximum of sixteen players in each doubles event.

- 6.4 Any event not having an entry of at least 8 players/pairs may be put together with the age group below.
- 6.5 The Board of Directors shall have the power to reject an 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**

- 7.1 Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe who shall seek expert advice.

## **8. WITHDRAWALS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 8.1 After the closing date for entries a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from any Member as long as that Member does not exceed the quota of players for that specific event.
- 8.1.1 The Member withdrawing the player is given first opportunity to substitute the player and should inform Badminton Europe immediately after the withdrawal.
  - 8.1.2 If the Member withdrawing the player doesn't wish to replace the player, all the Members who didn't reach their quota will be offered the spot and can nominate a player within a given deadline.
    - 8.1.2.1 If more than one Member decides to nominate a player, Badminton Europe shall draw lots to decide which player will be accepted.
  - 8.1.3 If more than one player/complete pair withdraws in a particular event after the draw has been made, the position of each substituting player/complete pair shall be decided by drawing lots during the Team Managers' Meeting.
  - 8.1.4 In doubles events, if only one player of a pair withdraws after the draw has been made and gets substituted, this new combination keeps their position in the draw.
- 8.2 Withdrawals arising after the team managers' meeting until play begins in a particular event will be dealt with as soon as they arise. Substitutions are no longer possible if that particular event has already started.
- 8.3 A player can withdraw or retire in one or two events and still play the other events he/she entered. However, if the player continues to play in at least one event, no substitution is possible in the withdrawn event(s).

## **9. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- 9.1 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 6 "International Representation".

- 9.2 A player is eligible to compete, provided he or she fulfils the age requirement before 1 January of the year in which the Championships are played. The referee shall have the power to check the player's age at any time. This can be done on referee's own initiative or by request from a third party. Photo identification (e.g. passport) is considered as being valid documentation for age check. If the referee discovers that a player breaches the age requirement as defined above, such a player may be penalised by disqualification, ban from competition and return of awarded prizes.

## 10. DRAW & TIMETABLE

- 10.1 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated not later than three weeks before the commencement of the Championships.
- 10.2 The draw shall be made as follows:
- 10.2.1 The first and second ranked entries from a Member shall be drawn by lot into opposite halves of the draw; and
- 10.2.2 The remaining entries from a Member shall be drawn by lot into the draw using an optimal separation.
- 10.3 The tournament shall be played as a simple knock-out draw.

## 11. CLOTHING REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Players need to ensure that their clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and § 11 and § 12 in these regulations, unless exceptions have been given by Badminton Europe. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach.
- 11.2 Colour of players clothing's;
- 11.2.1 In singles matches it is recommended that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other.
- 11.2.2 In doubles matches it is recommended for doubles partners to wear the same colour. For the finals it is obligated that doubles partners wear the same colour.
- 11.2.3 In doubles matches it is recommended that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other.
- 11.3 Player names;
- 11.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.
- 11.4 Member names;
- 11.4.1 The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is optional.
- 11.5 It is recommended that any lettering on players' clothing complies with BWF GCR § 23.
- 11.6 A player who wears shoes that leave markings on a badminton court and is not willing or able to change to acceptable shoes, is not allowed to play his/her match. This will be decided by the Referee immediately before the start of the match and consequently the player will be disqualified for this event. The player can still play other events he/she entered.

**12. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

- 12.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations, unless exceptions have been given by Badminton Europe.
- 12.2 Compression socks are not considered when applying the regulations on advertising.

**13. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE**

- 13.1 The responsibilities of the Referee in the Championships are:
- 13.1.1 to be in charge of the Championships;
  - 13.1.2 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all players comply with the Regulations for play;
  - 13.1.3 to make decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager;
  - 13.1.4 to uphold the laws of badminton and regulations relevant for the Championships.
- 13.2 the Referee is required to send a written report to Badminton Europe no later than two weeks after the completion of the event.

**14. TEAM MANAGER**

- 14.1 Each Member concerned shall appoint at least one Manager of its team at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Championships.
- 14.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 14.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager/-s shall be notified to Badminton Europe.
- 14.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager/-s shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and team in connection with the conduct of the Championships.
- 14.5 The Team Manager/-s shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. A Member may be represented by a Team Manager of another Member at any briefing meeting, if this is announced beforehand in writing to Badminton Europe. Failure to attend or be represented at a briefing, shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

**15. PENALTIES**

- 15.1 The Referee shall have the power to disqualify at any stage of the Championships:
- 15.1.1 any player 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 breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.

- 15.2 If a player or a pair is disqualified, such a player or pair 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. MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1 The Badminton Europe Board of Directors interprets these regulations. 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.
- 16.2 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.

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