

EUROPEAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX X



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REGULATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION

- 1.1 The European U15 Championships shall be played in even years and the event shall include boy's singles and doubles, girl's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles, and they shall all be conducted in accordance with existing Rules and Regulations adopted by Badminton Europe.
- 1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as European U15 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 U15 Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe. The event can be organised either in connection with the European Junior Championships or as a stand-alone event.
- 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.

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 in case the event is organised as a stand-alone event (see Financial Regulation D).
- 4.3 Every Member taking part in the European U15 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 competitor in singles events and each pair in doubles events and mixed doubles. Entry fees are listed in Financial Regulation D.
- 4.5 The organising Member is exempted from paying an entry fee for their participating players/pairs.
- 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 500,00 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 500,00 EUR.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 5.1 Badminton Europe shall be responsible for the organisation of the European U15 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 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 two players in each of the singles events, a maximum of four players in the men's doubles and the women's doubles events and a maximum of four players in the mixed doubles event.

- 6.4 The organising Member is entitled to enter one extra player in each of the single events and two extra players in each of the doubles events.
- 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 and will be based on a point system.
- Points will be awarded based on results of a selection of Europe U15 tournaments played within a year preceding the European U15 Championships and based on ranking positions in the BEC European U17 Ranking.
- 7.1.1 The selection of European U15 tournaments will be made by Badminton Europe and shall preferably be announced minimum one year before the start of the European U15 Championships.
 - 7.1.2 Points for each selected tournament shall be awarded as follows for each discipline:
 - Winner: 8 points
 - Finalist: 6 points
 - Semi-finalist: 4 points
 - 7.1.3 If less than 32 players/pairs in the draw, 50% of the points are awarded.
 - 7.1.4 In doubles the points are awarded to the player, and not the pair. Each player in a pair will receive 50% of the points listed above.
 - 7.1.5 Points for the position in the BEC European U17 Ranking at the time of the entry deadline for the European U15 Championships shall be awarded as follows for each discipline:
 - Top 10: 40 points (50% / 20 points for doubles players)
 - Top 20: 20 points (50% / 10 points for doubles players)
 - Top 30: 10 points (50% / 5 points for doubles players)
 - 7.1.6 In doubles, the combined amount of points for the two players in a pair will be added together.
 - 7.1.7 Each player can have a maximum of five (5) results, of which the points from 7.1.5 can be one of these, counting for the overall amount of points.
 - 7.1.8 If two or more players/pairs have the same amount of points, the seeding position will be decided by drawing lot.

8. 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.

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 § 7.5. Players are eligible provided they remain under 15 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the European U15 Championships are held. 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 limit as defined above, such a player may be penalised by disqualification, ban from competition and return of awarded prizes.
- 9.2 Acceptance of nomination for entry to the European U15 Championships shall count as international representation as described in BWF General Competition Regulations § 6, although with the exception to § 6.3.1 that the player shall have been registered under that Member as a "Registered Player for Entry" for a period of minimum 1 year immediately preceding the date of the Tournament.
- 9.3 In addition to the eligibility items listed in BWF General Competition Regulations § 6.3.1., players who have been living in their Member's country for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament are also considered as eligible for the European U15 Championships.

10. DRAW & TIMETABLE

- 10.1 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated not later than two weeks before the commencement of the Championships.

- 10.2 The draw shall be made in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations § 11.
- 10.3 The tournament shall be played as a simple knock-out draw or as a group stage followed by a knock-out draw, pending the amount of entries. The system of play shall be decided by the Committee of Management no later than one week after the closing date for entries.

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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach.
- 11.2 Colour of players' clothing;
- 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.
- 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.

12. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

- 12.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

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 Championships.

14. TEAM MANAGER

- 14.1 Each Member concerned shall appoint a Manager of its entered players at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Championships.
- 14.2 In default of such appointment, the entered players shall forthwith choose its own Manager.
- 14.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to Badminton Europe.
- 14.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager 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 shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. Failure to do so 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 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.
- 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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