

BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

Regulations

1. Definition

- 1.1. *All International Challenge, International Series and Future Series tournaments in Europe which are accepted by Badminton Europe and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) must be part of the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Elite Circuit.*

2. Description

- 2.1 *The BEC Elite Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members. Players from European Members earn points for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments which is in accordance with the BWF World Ranking system.*
- 2.2 *BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are BWF World Ranking tournaments.*

3. Organisation and responsibility

- 3.1 *A BEC Elite Circuit tournament may be organised by a group of individuals, a club or some other specific body (private or corporate), but the Member must have the ultimate authority and is liable under Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations to ensure that the tournament is run in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with these BEC Elite Circuit Regulations and BWF Statutes.*
- 3.2 *Any Covered Person as defined in BWF Judicial Procedures failing to comply with these BEC Elite Circuit Regulations may be penalised following the Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations. The possible penalties shall be: administrative fines, a fine of up to double amount of tournament's prize money (if needed, the exchange rate on the date of the issue of the fine will be considered) and in cases of no prize money of up to 5.000,00 EUR. Administrative fines shall be imposed by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee in the amounts as listed in Appendix 2.*
- 3.3 *In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.*

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

- 3.4 *The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.*
- 3.5 *If the organising Member decides to cancel, postpone or downgrade its tournament, it must be done in writing to Badminton Europe no later than 120 days before the start of the tournament.*
- 3.5.1 *Cancelling, postponing or downgrading International Challenge or International Series tournaments later than 120 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4, shall result in an administrative fine equivalent to 20% of the total prize money (in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations § 3.4.1).*
- 3.5.2 *Shall 20% of the total prize money, as per § 3.5.1, exceed 1.500 EUR, the case will be dealt with as per the Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations, and the penalty shall be a fine.*
- 3.5.3 *Cancelling or postponing a Future Series tournament later than 120 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4, shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.*
- 3.5.4 *Cancelling or downgrading a tournament will not result in any reduction of the sanction fee.*
- 3.6 *Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. Badminton Europe is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

4. Rights

- 4.1 *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.*
- 4.1.1 *The organisers retain the TV-rights from their event and to utilise these TV-rights worldwide. If the organisers are unable to utilise their TV-rights, they can inform BEC in writing in order for BEC to try and utilise these.*
- 4.1.2 *The organisers are allowed to produce a non-exclusive video stream and utilise this within the territory of the host country.*
- 4.2 *The organising Member will be granted license to the rights and commercial activities of the event until one day after the event. Badminton Europe will however retain the right to the following activities in connection with the event:*

- 4.2.1 *The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and BEC Elite Circuit banner must be displayed on prominent places in the hall. Organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are responsible for the safekeeping of this equipment.*
- 4.2.2 *In case of multicamera streaming and/or TV-production from the tournament, Badminton Europe reserves the rights to have A-boards allocated as listed in Appendix 1 around the streamed court(s). Badminton Europe furthermore reserves the rights of having the logo of the BEC Elite Circuit sponsor and of Badminton Europe under the net on the TV-covered court.*
- 4.2.3 *In case of single camera streaming from the tournament, Badminton Europe reserves the rights to have at least 1 (one) Badminton Europe A-board allocated around each streamed court within camera view.*
- 4.2.4 *In case of streaming and/or TV-production the floor around the streaming courts must be covered by carpets and there shall be a minimum of 12 A-boards equally distributed around each streaming court.*
- 4.2.5 *Badminton Europe shall retain the right to publish results, photographs and reports on the Internet and elsewhere and to do so at times determined solely by Badminton Europe.*
- 4.2.6 *Any rights from the tournaments regarding betting or games of chance belong to Badminton Europe.*
- 4.2.7 *Badminton Europe retains the right to produce and utilise an international audio-visual IP-stream from each court.*
- 4.2.8 *Badminton Europe reserves the right to have the logo of the BEC Elite Circuit sponsor, the BEC Elite Circuit and of Badminton Europe on the official invitation, programme, posters and press releases as well as on the event webpage.*

5. Participating tournaments

- 5.1 *Badminton Europe has no limitation of either International Challenge, International Series or Future Series tournaments. However, Badminton Europe will not approve more than 3 (three) tournaments on Continental level per Member played within 52 weeks, in accordance with the BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.1: Tournament Sanction Policy*
- 5.2 *The organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments must have their dates approved by Badminton Europe for sanction by BWF. A request for approval must be made at least 9 (nine) months before the start of the tournament. The request must be in line with the BWF Tournament Sanction Policy.*

All sanction applications must be made online via [Tournament Software](#).

More detailed information about the sanction procedure can be found on the following website:

<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=23513>

- 5.3 *Badminton Europe will not sanction 2 (two) tournaments of the same level, an International Challenge tournament and an International Series tournament, or an International Series and a Future Series tournament, on the same dates.*

- 5.4 *The organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments must include as much information as possible about their tournament in their sanction application. The information about the tournament must at least include details and the full name and address of the tournament hall and the exact playing days of the tournament as well as the prize money.*
- 5.5 *No changes of the information in 5.4 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*
- 5.6 *The tournament organizer must share at least a photo from each podium (i.e. 5 photos) and 2 (two) additional action photos with Badminton Europe after the completion of the finals. The photos must reach Badminton Europe no later than 10:00 AM on the day following the last day of the tournament.*

The photos must be sent by email to social@badmintoneurope.com and events@badmintoneurope.com; or shared on Badminton Europe's online photo server.

- 5.7 *Tournament organisers must have a website for the tournament with information about the tournament, the entry list, the draw and the results. The tournament website shall display the Badminton Europe logo, the official BEC Elite Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Elite Circuit Partners.*

The website must be online at least 100 days before the start of the tournament and display minimum the information listed in the invitation and the above-mentioned logos.

The website must display (a link to) the entry lists with the information about players/pairs for qualification at latest on the Sunday after receipt from Badminton Europe on Friday.

The website must display (a link to) the draws including the schedule at latest on the Sunday after receipt from Badminton Europe on Tuesday.

- 5.8 *It is mandatory for tournament organisers to use the Tournament Planner. Organisers must use the "BWF-license" belonging to its Member during the tournament.*

The results must, as a minimum, be updated after each round of each event.

6. *Tournament classification*

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE	US\$ 15,000 or more
INTERNATIONAL SERIES	US\$ 5,000 or more
FUTURE SERIES	up to US\$ 5,000

If the prizes are paid out in Euro (see § 10.3), the exchange rate on the date of issue of the official invitation (but not later than 100 days before the start of the tournament) has to be considered so that the prize money fund is never lower than the above minimums. Any rounding up shall be in favour of the players.

7. *Points system*

- 7.1 *The points received for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking will be as follows:*

	International Challenge	International Series	Future Series
Winner	4000	2500	1700
Runner up	3400	2130	1420
Semi final	2800	1750	1170
Quarter final	2200	1370	920
Last 16	1520	920	600
Last 32	920	550	350
Last 64	360	210	130

Points will be given only for the main draw.

7.2 *Byes and Walkovers:*

When players/pairs receive a bye in the first round and then lose in the second round, they will receive the points for having lost in the first round.

When players/pairs withdraw without playing any part of at least 1 (one) match, they receive no points.

7.3 *A walkover shall be considered as a win.*

8. **Ranking**

8.1 *In doubles, the players are ranked as pairs.*

For each player/pair, the 8 (eight) BEC Elite Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, within the latest 52 weeks, will count for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking. If fewer tournaments are played, the total amount of points achieved in these tournaments will count.

8.2 *Badminton Europe shall maintain and publish the current BEC Elite Circuit Ranking each week on Monday.*

8.2.1 *The Current Ranking can be seen at the Badminton Europe Circuit website <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com>.*

9. **Conditions for tournaments and players taking part in the BEC Elite Circuit**

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the BEC Elite Circuit:

9.1 *All 5 (five) events must be played:*

men's singles - women's singles - men's doubles - women's doubles and mixed doubles.

9.2 *Maximum matches allowed per day on*

*4 courts - 80 matches
5 courts - 100 matches
6 courts - 120 matches
7 courts - 140 matches and
8 courts - 160 matches*

A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event, per day is allowed in the main draw. A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day is allowed in the qualification.

- 9.3 *The players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places fixed by Badminton Europe in cooperation with the organisers.*
- 9.4 *The provisional schedule with times shall be published in the invitation (e.g. qualification – Thursday from 10:00 AM, first and second round – Friday from 9:00 AM, finals – Sunday from 12:00 PM), but the provisional times can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*
- The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser’s website.*
- Such a final frame schedule cannot change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee approve such a change.*
- 9.5 *Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.*
- 9.6 *If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds, the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.*
- 9.7 *Tournament organisers shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 - “Specifications for International Standard Facilities”.*
- 9.8 *Players shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4 - “Players’ Code of Conduct”.*
- 9.9 *Officials and coaches shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.5 – “Technical Officials Code of Conduct” and Section 2.2.6 – “Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct”.*

10. **Division of prize money**

International Challenge	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 1350	\$ 1350	\$ 1350
Runner up	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Semi-finalist	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 375	\$ 375	\$ 375
Quarter-finalist	\$ 120	\$ 120			
International Series	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Runner up	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
Semi-finalist	\$ 150	\$ 150			
Future Series	MS (%)	WS (%)	MD (%)	WD (%)	XD (%)
Winner	20	20	20	20	20

- 10.1 *The prize money must be given either in cash or by bank transfer, based on the above division.*
- 10.1.1 *When paid out in cash, the prize money must be handed over to the players/pairs after their last match in the tournament. Players/pairs competing in the finals, shall receive the prize money at the prize giving ceremony.*
- 10.1.2 *When paid out by bank transfer, the prize money must be paid out on the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs' provided bank accounts. Any costs related to the bank transfer must be paid by the tournament organiser.*
- 10.2 *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation (incl. amount of deduction), and when the prize money is handed out, all players that receive prize money shall also receive a letter/note/documentation from the local tax department that proves that taxes have been paid. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the organisers shall pay out the full amount of prize money.*
- 10.3 *The exact division of prize money (including deduction) must be listed in the official invitation. The prize money shall be announced in either Euro (€) or US-Dollars (\$) and shall be paid out in the currency which is announced in the official invitation.*
- 10.4 *If organisers of International Series or International Challenge tournaments want to hand out more prize money than is obligated, the division needs to be done proportional as per § 10.*

11. Suggestion for order of play

If there is a full main draw in all events (32 e.g.) the order of play for the quarter finals and semi-finals should be:

*Mixed doubles
Women's singles
Men's singles
Women's doubles
Men's doubles*

It is recommended that matches don't start before 9:00 AM on any particular day of the competition.

12. Venue

- 12.1 *All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*
- 12.2 *All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played on portable mats, which are approved by the BWF (minimum approval level 3). However, court mats of 15m of length (0,80m behind each backline) are also allowed for a BEC Elite Circuit tournament. All court mats used for the tournament shall be of the same colour and of an acceptable quality. The floor should preferably be sprung wooden floor.*
- 12.3 *Scoring devices, preferably electronical, must be used throughout the tournament. For International Challenge tournaments the scoring devices have to be electronical.*

- 12.4 *Organisers shall propose at least 1 (one) official hotel and 1 (one) official point of arrival for the tournament. Point of arrival must be a recognised international airport unless another point of arrival has been accepted by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee. Official hotel shall be of a good standard, but not less than 2 (two) stars. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.*
- 12.5 *Free transport shall be provided for all tournament days plus 1 (one) day before and 1 (one) day after between the official point of arrival and the official hotel and between the official hotel and the venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 (one) km). Organisers shall determine the frequency of such free transport and such frequency shall be published, but the players shall not be required to wait more than 1 (one) hour for the transport to the venue and not more than 3 (three) hours for the transport from the point of arrival.*
- 12.6 *The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport outside of the days mentioned in 12.5 and from unofficial hotels and unofficial point of arrival or for players who have not booked through the organization, but it is recommended that the amount of money to be paid for such a transport is published in the invitation.*
- 12.7 *It is recommended that the organiser provide the players necessary conditions for their well-being at the venue (i.e. food at venue, players' lounge, stringing service, free internet connection).*

13. Shuttles

- 13.1 *The brand and type of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.*
- 13.2 *The shuttles must be provided by the staging organisation free of charge. The same brand and quality of shuttles must be used throughout the tournament.*
- 13.3 *At least 2 (two) speeds of shuttles must be provided.*
- 13.4 *There must be sufficient shuttles to run the complete tournament with each speed.*

14. Umpires and line judges

- 14.1 *Experienced umpires must be provided for all rounds of the main event and the qualifying event.*
- 14.2 *It is mandatory that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 (three) per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires).*
- 14.3 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC Elite Circuit tournaments – preferably Badminton Europe uniforms.*
- 14.4 *Service judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification).*
- 14.5 *Line judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). All line judges officiating at the same BEC Elite Circuit tournament are required to wear the same colour of uniforms.*

At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match, preferably working in 2 (two) shifts.

Line judges must be minimum 14 years old.

- 14.6 *It is mandatory for Future Series tournaments to have at least 3 (three) foreign umpires and at least 2 (two) Badminton Europe accredited umpires umpiring at the tournament.*
- 14.7 *It is mandatory for International Series tournaments to have at least 3 (three) foreign umpires and at least 3 (three) Badminton Europe accredited umpires umpiring at the tournament.*
- 14.8 *It is mandatory for International Challenge tournaments to have at least 1 (one) foreign umpire per court and at least 5 (five) Badminton Europe accredited umpires in total umpiring at the tournament. It is recommended for International Challenge tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 4 (four) per court.*
- 14.9 *The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the umpires' accommodation in twin rooms in a minimum 3-star hotel and with full board or a daily allowance covering a full board for all tournament days.*
- 14.10 *An umpire invitation must be sent to and approved by Badminton Europe at least 90 days before the first day of the tournament.*

After being approved by Badminton Europe, the invitation will be sent to all Badminton Europe Members and their umpire correspondents. The invitation must include the following information:

1. *Name and dates of the tournament, including reference to the tournament classification, the Badminton Europe logo, BEC Elite Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Elite Circuit Partners.*
2. *Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.*
3. *Name of umpire's manager for the tournament and e-mail address.*
4. *The provisional schedule of the tournament.*
5. *Official point of arrival and how transport is provided to the hotel/venue.*
6. *Date and time of arrival / departure of the umpires.*
7. *Date, time and location for the umpires briefing.*
8. *Full name and address of the accommodation for umpires.*
9. *Information about either full board or daily allowance that is given (amount of daily allowance, payment procedure, when is food provided, ...).*
10. *Deadline for umpires to apply.*
11. *Deadline for umpires to send their travel details.*
12. *Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.*

15. Referees

- 15.1 *All BEC Elite Circuit tournaments shall have a referee who does not belong to the Member who organises the tournament (foreign referee).*
- 15.2 *Badminton Europe will appoint the referee for all BEC Elite Circuit tournaments.*
- 15.3 *Badminton Europe is responsible to cover the travel expenses for the appointed referee and a daily allowance of 60,00 EUR for the number of tournament days + 1 (one) extra day.*

- 15.4 *The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee's accommodation in a single room in a minimum 3-star hotel with full board.*
- 15.5 *No travel booking can be made by any referee before confirmation has been given by Badminton Europe. If travel booking is made without receiving confirmation from Badminton Europe, the appointed referee will not be reimbursed his/her travel expenses. Confirmation must be given no later than 6 (six) weeks before the tournament is due to begin.*
- 15.6 *A deputy referee must be appointed by the organiser no later than 6 (six) weeks before the tournament and must be approved by Badminton Europe.*
- 15.7 *The referee must wear the official Badminton Europe or BWF uniform.*
- 15.8 *The referee is required to send the official BWF Withdrawal & Penalty Report to Badminton Europe together with the TP-file (as in § 25.2) immediately after the tournament.*

The official BWF Withdrawal & Penalty Report can be downloaded here –
<http://www.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5938>

- 15.9 *The referee is required to send a written report to Badminton Europe no later than 2 (two) weeks after completion of the tournament.*

The official referee's report for BEC Elite Circuit tournaments can be downloaded here –
<http://www.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5938>

16. Entries

- 16.1 *If a Member enters players for a BEC Elite Circuit tournament, these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*
- 16.2 *Where qualifying rounds are necessary, the names of players to play in the main event must be approved by Badminton Europe.*
- 16.3 *If the host Member does not have an entry in the main draw in an event, they may elect to include a wildcard entry in that event (in accordance with regulation § 7.11 in the BWF General Competition Regulations). The nomination of a wildcard entry must be made in connection with the entries being submitted online in accordance with regulation § 16.4.*
- 16.4 *All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.*
- 16.5 *After an entry has been submitted online, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to the entering Member confirming the receipt of the entry/entries. This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries.*
- 16.5.1 *The Members shall contact Badminton Europe immediately if such confirmation is not received after the entry has been submitted online. Any objection to the entries should be notified to Badminton Europe.*
- 16.5.2 *Following the close of entries, if no objection is received by Badminton Europe by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.*
- 16.6 *The closing time for entries is Tuesday, 4 (four) weeks before the tournament is due to start, at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time.*

- 16.7 *No late entries will be accepted.*
- 16.8 *After entering one or more players in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Members must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.*

The tournaments organisers will have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

17. Entry fees

- 17.1 *The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.*
- 17.2 *The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.*
- 17.3 *The invoice for entry fees must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe. All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament.*

Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to Badminton Europe by a tournament organiser following the above-mentioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

- 17.4 *If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw.*

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion within 48h after the message has been sent by the organisers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

- 17.5 *Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.*

18. Clothing

- 18.1 *Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.*

18.2 *It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*

19. Seeding

19.1 *Seeding of the draw shall be done by Badminton Europe based on the BWF World Ranking.*

20. The draw

20.1 *The draw will be done in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations § 11.*

20.2 *The qualification rounds will be done in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulation § 12.*

20.3 *The organisers must advise all players required to play in qualifying rounds of the day of their first match in the tournament, at least 8 (eight) days before the tournament begins.*

20.4 *Badminton Europe will make the draw on Tuesday, 1 (one) week before the tournament is due to begin.*

21. Alterations to the entry list

21.1 *No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations § 7.10.*

22. Withdrawals and promotions

22.1 *Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).*

22.2 *Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).*

22.3 *The payment of withdrawal fees and “no shows” shall be collected by the BWF and the amount concerning the withdrawal fees shall be forwarded to the organisers after US\$ 100,00 per withdrawal is retained by the BWF. However, if the player was entered by the Member under whose jurisdiction the competition is held, then the whole payment shall be retained by the BWF.*

22.4 *Not succeeding in getting a visa for the tournament as a player is not a valid reason to discard a fine for withdrawal or no show.*

22.5 *The Referee shall promote entries from the reserve list to the qualifying draw or from the reserve list to the main draw in case of no qualifying draw, until the conclusion of the Team Manager’s Meeting.*

23. ***Badminton Europe representative***

23.1 *Badminton Europe shall have the right to send a representative to BEC Elite Circuit tournaments. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of Badminton Europe and BWF are adhered to.*

24. ***On-court doctor***

24.1 *A designated doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament.*

25. ***Everyday and final results***

25.1 *It is the responsibility of the Referee to make sure that at the end of every tournament day the TP-file with the daily results of all events is sent by e-mail to BWF.*

The results must be sent to – s.ramachandran@bwf.sport

25.2 *It is furthermore the responsibility of the Referee to make sure that the TP-file with the final results of all events, including qualification, is sent by e-mail to Badminton Europe immediately after the tournament.*

The TP-file must be sent to events@badmintoneurope.com.

26. ***Sanction fee***

26.1 *The sanction fee for inclusion in the BEC Elite Circuit is 500,00 EUR plus 10 % of the prize money and is payable immediately after receiving the respective invoice by Badminton Europe.*

27. ***Invitation***

27.1 *The tournament invitation must be sent to and approved by Badminton Europe at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament.*

After being approved by Badminton Europe, the invitation will be published (see also § 5.6) and sent to BWF for distribution to all BWF Members. The invitation must include the following information (see also § 5):

1. *Name and dates of the tournament, including reference to the tournament classification, the Badminton Europe logo, BEC Elite Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Elite Circuit Partners.*
2. *Name of tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address.*
3. *Name of referee and e-mail address of the referee.*
4. *Key dates of the tournament:*
 - *Entry deadline (as in § 16.6)*
 - *World Ranking date for M&Q-report (same day as the entry deadline)*
 - *Date for publication of M&Q-report (Friday after the entry deadline)*
 - *World Ranking date for seeding/draw (Tuesday 1 week after entry deadline)*
 - *Last day for making withdrawals without being fined (as in § 22.1)*
 - *Date for the draw (as in § 20.4)*

- *Date, time and location for the team managers meeting.*
 - 5. *Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.*
 - 6. *Number of entries accepted in the tournament (main tournament) and regulations § 3.3 about the minimum amount of entries.*
 - 7. *Brand and type of shuttles to be used.*
 - 8. *Number and brand of courts to be used.*
 - 9. *Clothing and advertising regulations (as in § 18).*
 - 10. *Reference and link to BWF Online Entry System for submitting entries.*
 - 11. *Compliance with BWF GCR 7.9.*
 - 12. *Entry fees and § 17.1 and § 17.2 about the payment of the entry fees.*
 - 13. *§ 22.1 and § 22.2 about withdrawals and “no shows”.*
 - 14. *Visa support letter request process and any special information.*
 - 15. *Prize money to be paid either in cash or by bank transfer, currency and exact division (see § 10). In case of bank transfer, the tournament organiser shall state on which day the money is transferred, what bank account information they will need from the players/pairs and that all costs related to the bank transfer or paid by the tournament organiser.*
 - 16. *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation as stated in § 10.2.*
 - 17. *Address of website.*
 - 18. *Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel), including payment procedure*
 - 19. *The name of the official point of arrival (see § 12.4) and how transport is provided (see § 12.5).*
 - 20. *Availability of practice facilities – location, duration, available timing and how to book.*
 - 21. *Information about badminton integrity (Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes: Code on The Prevention Of The Manipulation Of Competitions).*
 - 22. *Information about doping control.*
 - 23. *The provisional time schedule, the information about the final frame schedule (see § 9.4) and the requirement for players’ departure, with possible penalty (see § 9.5).*
 - 24. *Cancellation of the tournament in case of force majeure in accordance with regulation § 3.4.*
 - 25. *Badminton Europe waiver in accordance with regulation § 3.6.*
 - 26. *Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.*
- 27.2 *In addition to the official invitation sent out to Members, Badminton Europe will display on its Badminton Europe Circuit website <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com> all necessary information about the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments including closing dates for entries and dates of seeding/draws.*

28. **Interpretation**

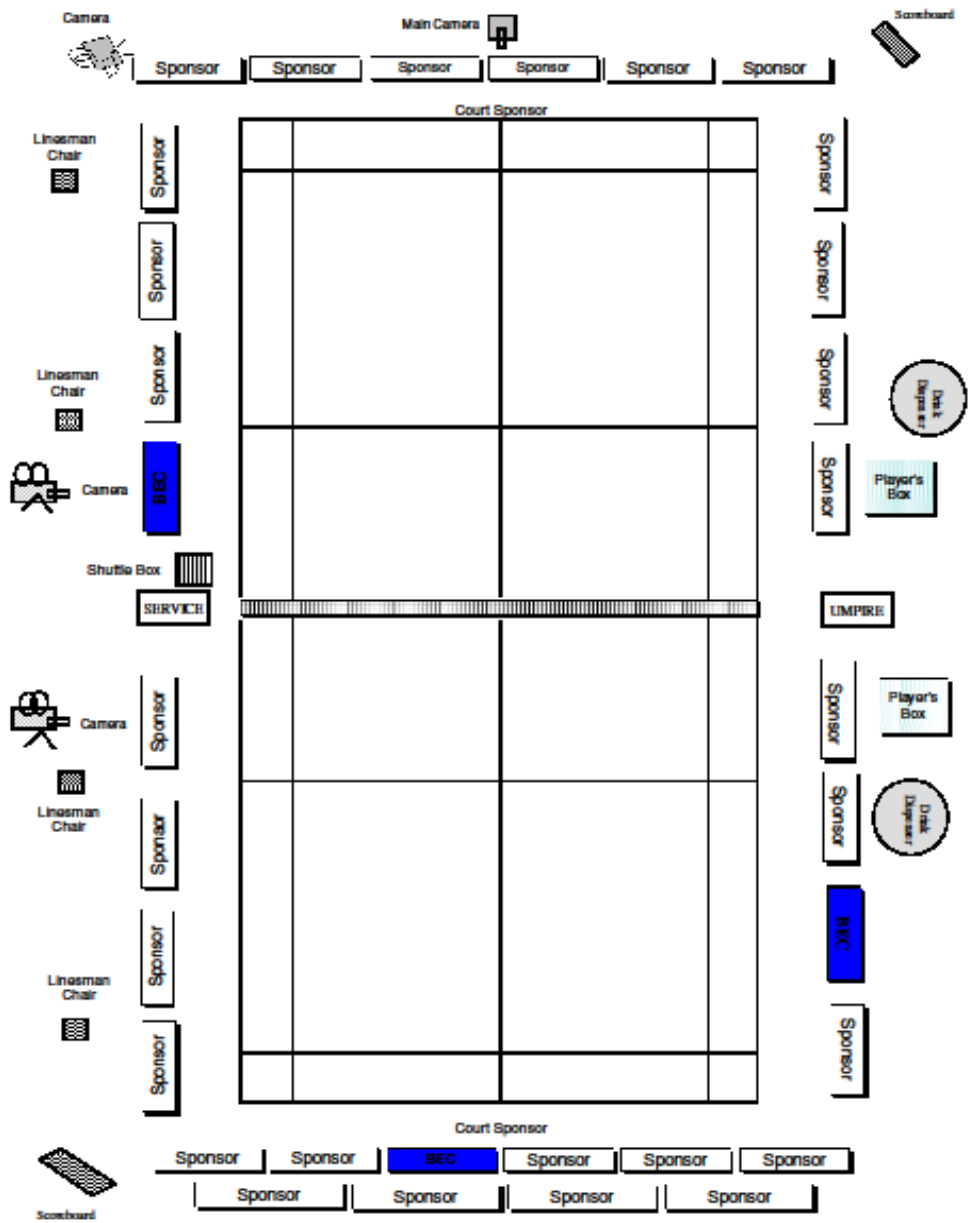
- 28.1 *The Badminton Europe Board of Directors interprets any ambiguous regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors is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

29. **Validity**

- 29.1 *These BEC Elite Circuit Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.*

ADOPTED by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors on 18 February 2024
Valid from 22 April 2024

APPENDIX 1: A-BOARD PLAN - BE CIRCUIT



Appendix 2

Table of Offences and Administrative fines

The below table includes offences of the above regulations with their respective administrative fine. These will be imposed by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee and are issued automatically according to Administrative fine procedure as defined in Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations, once reported to Badminton Europe. All below-mentioned administrative fines will be issued to the Member responsible for organizing the tournament.

Regulation	Offence / Breach of following regulation	Amount administrative fine
3.5.1	<i>Cancelling, postponing or downgrading International Challenge or International Series tournaments later than 120 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4.</i>	<i>20% of the total prize money</i>
3.5.3	<i>Cancelling or postponing a Future Series tournament later than 120 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4.</i>	<i>1.000,00 EUR</i>
4.2.1	<i>The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and BEC Elite Circuit banner must be displayed on prominent places in the hall.</i>	<i>250,00 EUR</i>
4.2.2	<i>In case of multicamera streaming and/or TV-production from the tournament, Badminton Europe reserves the rights to have A-boards allocated as listed in Appendix 1 around the streamed court(s).</i>	<i>500,00 EUR / streamed court</i>
4.2.3	<i>In case of single camera streaming from the tournament, Badminton Europe reserves the rights to have at least 1 (one) Badminton Europe A-board allocated around each streamed court within camera view.</i>	<i>250,00 EUR / streamed court</i>
4.2.4	<i>In case of streaming and/or TV-production the floor around the streaming courts must be covered by carpets and there shall be a minimum of 12 A-boards equally distributed around each streaming court.</i>	<i>250,00 EUR</i>
4.2.8	<i>Badminton Europe reserves the right to have the logo of the BEC Elite Circuit sponsor, the BEC Elite Circuit and of Badminton Europe on the official invitation, programme, posters and press releases as well as on the event webpage.</i>	<i>500,00 EUR</i>
5.2	<i>The organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments must have their dates approved by Badminton Europe for sanction by BWF. A request for approval must be made at least 9 (nine) months before the start of the tournament. The request must be in line with the BWF Tournament Sanction Policy.</i>	<i>250,00 EUR</i>
5.6	<i>The tournament organizer must share at least a photo from each podium (i.e. 5 photos) and 2 (two) additional action photos with Badminton Europe after the completion of the finals. The photos must reach Badminton Europe no later than 10:00 AM on the day following the last day of the tournament.</i>	<i>50,00 EUR</i>
5.7	<i>The tournament website must be online at least 100 days before the start of the tournament and display minimum the information listed in the invitation, the Badminton Europe logo, the official BEC Elite Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Elite Circuit Partners.</i>	<i>250,00 EUR</i>

5.7	<i>The tournament website must display (a link to) the entry lists with the information about players/pairs for qualification at latest on the Sunday after receipt from Badminton Europe on Friday.</i>	100,00 EUR
5.7	<i>The tournament website must display (a link to) the draws including the schedule at latest on the Sunday after receipt from Badminton Europe on Tuesday.</i>	100,00 EUR
5.8	<i>It is mandatory for tournament organisers to use the Tournament Planner. Organisers must use the “BWF-license” belonging to its Member during the tournament.</i>	500,00 EUR
5.8	<i>The results must, as a minimum, be updated after each round of each event.</i>	100,00 EUR
9.4	<i>The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser’s website.</i>	500,00 EUR
9.7	<i>Tournament organisers shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 - “Specifications for International Standard Facilities”.</i>	500,00 EUR
10.1	<i>The prize money must be given either in cash or by bank transfer, based on the above division. When paid out in cash, the prize money must be handed over to the players/pairs after their last match in the tournament. Players/pairs competing in the finals, shall receive the prize money at the prize giving ceremony. When paid out by bank transfer, the prize money must be paid out on the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs’ provided bank accounts. Any costs related to the bank transfer must be paid by the tournament organiser.</i>	1.000,00 EUR
10.3	<i>The prize money shall be paid out in the currency which is announced in the official invitation.</i>	250,00 EUR
12.1	<i>All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.</i>	1000,00 EUR
12.2	<i>All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played on portable mats, which are approved by the BWF (minimum approval level 3). However, court mats of 15m of length (0,80m behind each backline) are also allowed for a BEC Elite Circuit tournament. All court mats used for the tournament shall be of the same colour and of an acceptable quality. The floor should preferably be sprung wooden floor.</i>	1000,00 EUR
12.3	<i>Scoring devices must be used throughout the tournament. For International Challenge tournaments the scoring devices have to be electronical.</i>	500,00 EUR
12.4	<i>Organisers shall propose at least 1 (one) official hotel and one official point of arrival for the tournament. Point of arrival must be a recognised international airport unless another point of arrival has been accepted by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee. Official hotel shall be of a good standard, but not less than 2 (two) stars. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.</i>	500,00 EUR

12.5	<i>Free transport shall be provided between the official point of arrival and the official hotel and between the official hotel and the venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 (one) km). Organisers shall determine the frequency of such free transport and such frequency shall be published, but the players shall not be required to wait more than 1 (one) hour for the transport to the venue and not more than 3 (three) hours for the transport from the point of arrival.</i>	500,00 EUR
13.1	<i>The brand and type of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.</i>	750,00 EUR
13.2	<i>The shuttles must be provided by the staging organisation free of charge. The same brand and quality of shuttles must be used throughout the tournament.</i>	750,00 EUR
13.3	<i>At least 2 (two) speeds of shuttles must be provided.</i>	500,00 EUR
13.4	<i>There must be sufficient shuttles to run the complete tournament with each speed.</i>	500,00 EUR
14.1	<i>Experienced umpires must be provided for all rounds of the main event and the qualifying event.</i>	1.000,00 EUR
14.2	<i>It is mandatory that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 (three) per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires).</i>	500,00 EUR
14.4	<i>Service judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification).</i>	750,00 EUR
14.5	<i>Line judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). All line judges officiating at the same BEC Elite Circuit tournament are required to wear the same colour of uniforms.</i>	500,00 EUR
14.5	<i>At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match, preferably working in 2 (two) shifts.</i>	500,00 EUR
14.5	<i>Line judges must be minimum 14 years old.</i>	250,00 EUR
14.6	<i>It is mandatory for Future Series tournaments to have at least 3 (three) foreign umpires and at least 2 (two) Badminton Europe accredited umpires umpiring at the tournament.</i>	500,00 EUR
14.7	<i>It is mandatory for International Series tournaments to have at least 3 (three) foreign umpires and at least 3 (three) Badminton Europe accredited umpires umpiring at the tournament.</i>	500,00 EUR
14.8	<i>It is mandatory for International Challenge tournaments to have at least 1 (one) foreign umpire per court and at least 5 (five) Badminton Europe accredited umpires in total umpiring at the tournament.</i>	750,00 EUR
14.9	<i>The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the umpires' accommodation in double rooms in a minimum 3-star hotel and with full board or a daily allowance covering a full board for all tournament days.</i>	250,00 EUR for each umpire
14.10	<i>An umpire invitation must be sent to and approved by Badminton Europe at least 90 days before the first day of the tournament.</i>	100,00 EUR
15.4	<i>The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee's accommodation in a single room in a minimum 3-star hotel with full board.</i>	750,00 EUR

15.6	<i>A deputy referee must be appointed by the organiser no later than 6 (six) weeks before the tournament and must be approved by Badminton Europe.</i>	100,00 EUR
17.4	<i>After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have a promotion from the “Waiting List” to the Main Draw or Qualification draw confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion within 48h after the message has been received by the organisers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been received. If no confirmation is given within this timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.</i>	250,00 EUR for each player/pair where no confirmation was requested
20.3	<i>The organisers must advise all players required to play in qualifying rounds of the day of their first match in the tournament, at least 8 (eight) days before the tournament begins.</i>	250,00 EUR
24.1	<i>A designated doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament.</i>	500,00 EUR
27.1	<i>The tournament invitation must be approved by Badminton Europe at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament.</i>	250,00 EUR