

RULES



**BADMINTON
EUROPE**

A. NAME, MEMBERSHIP AND PRINCIPLES

1. The name of the organisation shall be Badminton Europe Confederation, hereafter called “the Confederation”.
2. The Confederation is a Continental Confederation of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
3. The Confederation is, until otherwise decided by a Delegates Meeting, based in Denmark.
4. The Confederation is a non-profit organisation.
5. The President represents the Confederation. In case the President is unavailable, a Vice-President or another Member of the Board of Directors represents the Confederation.
6. The President, together with either a Vice-President or the Director for Finances or the Secretary General, is entitled to sign contracts or enter into financial obligations on behalf of the Confederation.
7. Members and Associate Members of the Confederation shall be those Member Associations or Associate Members of the Badminton World Federation whose National Olympic Committee is a member of the European Olympic Committees.
8. Members of the Confederation shall not be permitted to bring disputes with the Confederation or with each other before a Court of Justice, and membership of the Confederation shall involve members in renouncing the right to take a dispute before the Courts.

Any such dispute, with the exception of the disciplinary proceedings which shall follow the Disciplinary Regulations of the Confederation (see Rule I), shall be taken first to the Annual Delegates’ Meeting of the Confederation or a properly convened Extraordinary Delegates’ Meeting, then, if necessary, to the Badminton World Federation and finally to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, unless otherwise agreed by the parties in dispute.

9. The Confederation and its Member Associations are fully committed to the principles of the equality of opportunity and the Confederation is responsible for ensuring that no job applicant, employee or volunteer of the Confederation or participant in a Confederation's event received less favourable treatment on grounds such as age, colour, disability, ethnic minority, parental or marital status, nationality, religious belief, social status and sexual preference.

The Confederation will ensure that there will be open access to all those who wish to participate in the sport and that they are treated fairly.

10. Badminton has equal representation of women and men on the field of play. The Confederation supports the active participation of women in Badminton at all levels and the representation of both men and women in the affairs of the Confederation beyond the field of play.

B. OBJECTIVES

1. To promote and develop the game of badminton in Europe.
2. To make regulations for and to conduct European Championships and other European events and activities in co-operation with Member Associations.
3. To control the use of the words Europe, European, Euro or any derivations thereof in connection with any badminton events held by or within the territories of any Member or Associate Member. (See also Rule J.).
4. In connection with BWF, to take responsibility for:
 - a. technical officials training and administration, with the twin aims to answer international requirements in Europe and to supply a resource for BWF training, selection, accreditation and certification.
 - b. administration of events in Europe, with the exception of BWF major events (BWF Level 3 or higher).
 - c. promotion and organisation of a range of development programmes, courses and events within Europe and between the continents.

5. To develop long term and short term planning based upon a generally agreed strategy for development of the game of badminton in Europe and the image of the sport.

C. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

1. The official language of the Confederation shall be English.
2. All official communication between the Confederation and Member Associations shall be through e-mail. Member Associations are required to check their official e-mail address on a daily basis and to immediately report any technical problems or any changes of their official e-mail address to the General Secretary of the Confederation. The Confederation shall notify all Member Associations of any Confederation's official e-mail address change and shall keep a regularly updated list of Member Association's official e-mail addresses published on its web page.

D. GOVERNMENT - THE DELEGATES' MEETING

1. The Confederation shall be governed by a Delegates' Meeting. Each Member Association shall have the right to nominate one delegate, who shall have one vote, and one additional delegate who shall have the right to speak, but not to vote. If the nominated delegate is not present or does not fulfil the conditions to represent the Member Association, the additional delegate may vote, if he fulfils the conditions to represent the Member Association.

Each Member has one vote in the Delegates' Meeting. Only the Members present are entitled to vote. An Associate Member shall have the right to nominate a delegate who shall have the right to speak, but not to vote.

To be entitled to be represented and to vote at the Delegates Meeting, the Member Association must have paid all outstanding fees and fines. Any Member Association with outstanding fees and/or fines shall not be considered to be in good standing and therefore not be eligible for funding or any other support from BEC until such outstanding fees and fines are paid. Each Member Association and Associate Member shall send to the General Secretary of the Confederation not later than eight days preceding the date of the Delegates' Meeting a Power of Attorney identifying their delegate(s) and, where appropriate, who shall have the vote.

Delegates must belong to the Member Association that they represent and be appointed by the appropriate body of that Association. Delegates must have the citizenship (passport) of the Member Association that they represent. When the people, originating from a particular Member Association, do not have a unique citizenship (passport), pertaining only to such a Member Association (e.g. Scotland, Wales, England, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar), the citizenship (passport) criteria for such a Member Association shall be fulfilled if a person has any common citizenship (passport), recognised within the territory of such a Member Association, and a domicile in such a Member Association. If the delegate does not fulfil the citizenship (passport) criteria, the delegate must either be a member of the board or constitutional committee of the Member Association, or be an employee of that Member Association. The aforementioned position must have been held for no less than 12 months and must be clearly stated on the power of attorney.

General Secretary of the Confederation and any delegate may challenge whether a particular delegate belongs to the Member Association that he represents. If challenged, the delegate has to prove that he has a position in the Member Association concerned. The scrutineers decide if the proof presented is sufficient.

2. The quorum of a Delegates' Meeting shall be the presence of Delegates representing at least 40 % of the total number of Member Associations. If the quorum is not met, for whatever reason, the Delegates' Meeting shall not be held. When the Annual Delegates' Meeting is not held, the Board of Directors shall arrange for the meeting to be reconvened as soon as is practicable and the agenda shall remain as originally issued. The required quorum for such a reconvened meeting shall be the presence of Delegates representing at least 20 % of the total number of Member Associations. If a Director's term of office should have ceased at the Annual Delegates' Meeting that was not held, such a Director's term of office shall continue until the next Delegates' Meeting.
3. Any Meeting of Delegates shall confirm, by a simple majority vote, the meeting being properly convened, and to accept the content and possibly amend the order of business on the agenda, after which the Chairman conducts the meeting according to Rule D.5.
4. Members of the Board of Directors of the Confederation shall have the right to attend and to speak at the Delegates' Meeting, but they shall have no vote unless nominated to have one under the terms of Rule D. 1 above.

5. All decisions on general matters shall be by a simple majority, i.e. more than half of the votes cast, abstentions not included. Elections shall be by absolute majority, i.e. more than half of the votes present in favour. If there are more than two candidates proposed for one position the two candidates with the most votes in the first round of elections will continue to the second round of elections. Proposals to change the Rules of the Confederation and proposals to exclude an organization from membership of the Confederation or to dissolve the Confederation require a two thirds majority of the votes present.
6. The Chairman of the Delegates' Meeting shall be the President of the Confederation. In the event that the President is not present, a Vice-President shall chair the Meeting. The Chairman shall be responsible for the general conduct of the Meeting, and his rulings on matters of procedure and conduct shall be final, except for matters covered by these Rules.
7. The General Secretary and Confederation's staff members shall have the right to attend and speak at the Delegates' Meeting, but not to vote.

E. THE BUSINESS OF A DELEGATES' MEETING

1. The business of an Annual Delegates' Meeting varies from year to year. There is however a basic mandatory framework which covers the essential business that must be placed before such a meeting. This framework is set out below.
 - a. To confirm the Minutes of the last Delegates' Meeting.
 - b. Business arising from the previous Delegates' meeting.
 - c. To receive the Confederation report.
 - d. I. To accept the audited Accounts for the preceding year.
 - d.II To consider the budget for the current year and financial forecasts for the years to come.
 - e. To receive the Strategic Plan.
 - f. To appoint an Auditor, who shall retire annually, but may be eligible for re-appointment.
 - g. To deal with any proposals to alter the Rules and Regulations of the Confederation.
 - h. To deal with any proposal relating to the dissolution of the Confederation.
 - i. To deal with any other proposals of which due notice has been given.
 - j. To elect Directors of the Board and any other Officers for the appropriate term of office, normally four years.
 - k. To elect the European BWF Vice-President, for four years.
 - l. To deal with any other competent business.

2. Annual Delegates' Meeting shall be held annually, normally in the month of April, but not later than 15 months after the previous Annual Delegates' Meeting and at such other times as the Board of Directors may deem it appropriate.
3. Upon the receipt of a request by at least one third of the Member Associations, the Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary Delegates' Meeting. Such request must specify the business for which the Extraordinary Delegates' Meeting is to be called, and no other business shall be transacted at such Meeting.

The notice of such a meeting shall be sent to all Member Associations at least six weeks before the date of the meeting.

4. Any Member Association wishing to have a matter placed on the agenda of the Annual Delegates' Meeting shall send this proposal by e-mail to the General Secretary so that it is received not less than three months before the date of the meeting. The General Secretary must confirm receipt of proposals.
5. The agenda for the Annual Delegates Meeting shall include any proposals as set out in accordance with Rule E.1, or matters as set out in accordance with Rule E.4, and shall be circulated not later than 6 weeks before the date of the meeting.
6. No amendment, except one of wording which does not alter the meaning or intent of the original proposal, shall be accepted by the Chairman of the Delegates' Meeting, unless
 - a. it has been properly circulated by the proposer to all other Member Associations and Associate Members and to the General Secretary at least four weeks before the Annual Delegates' Meeting, or
 - b. if proposed at the Annual Delegates' Meeting, a motion to enter into the matter has previously been carried by a majority of two thirds.
7. Any decision taken by a Delegates' Meeting cannot be rescinded or amended until the next following Delegates' Meeting. If any decision made by a Delegates' Meeting is subsequently found to contravene any existing Rule or Regulation (which was not the subject of the decision) then that decision shall be held in abeyance until the next succeeding Delegates' Meeting.
8. All Rules, Regulations and Elections approved by the Delegates' Meeting shall take effect the day following the Meeting, unless the decision of the Delegates' Meeting includes another provision in this respect.

F. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Between Delegates' Meetings the general business of the Confederation shall be managed by a Board of Directors elected by the Delegates' Meeting, and shall specifically include the allocation of all Confederation's events, the appointment of Non- Board of Directors officers and the employment of staff.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make any amendments to all Confederation's Regulations, except to these Rules, to Disciplinary Regulations of the Confederation and to such regulations the Delegates' Meeting so decides.

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Director of Finance, nine Directors and one player representative.

The European BWF Vice-President may attend at all the Board of Directors meetings and shall be included in all the communications of the Board of Directors, but shall have no vote.

If the President is incapacitated for a period of time, a Vice-President appointed by the Board of Directors will act as President. If the President is unable to complete his term of office, a Vice-President appointed by the Board of Directors will act as President until the next Delegates' Meeting.

3. All Board of Directors Members shall be elected for a period of three years. They will retire at the end of the period for which they are elected, but may be re-elected for a further term of office if properly nominated for election. If a Board of Directors member does not complete the term of office, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting.

The European BWF Vice-President shall be elected for a period of four years at an Annual Delegates' Meeting the year before an Olympic Games, but there shall be a transitional period as defined by BWF. The European BWF Vice-President may be re-elected for a further term of office if properly nominated for election. If the European BWF Vice-President does not complete the term of office, an Acting Vice-President shall be appointed by Board of Directors from within the Board of Directors and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next Delegates' Meeting.

4. Nominations for election of Board of Directors members and European BWF Vice-President may be made by the Board of Directors or by any Member Association by e-mail only. Nominations must be received by the General Secretary not later than three months before the date of the Delegates' Meeting. The General Secretary must confirm receipt of nominations. The names of the candidates and the National Association to which they belong, as well as the name of the proposer, will be mentioned on the Agenda.
5. The Board of Directors has no power to co-opt Members.
6. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as may be necessary, and may also make decisions by e-mail or other communication methods. For a meeting of the Board of Directors six shall form a quorum. The President, and in his absence a Vice-President, chairs the Board of Directors Meetings.

G. THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND STAFF

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a General Secretary and such other staff as it deems necessary. The General Secretary and staff have no vote in the Board of Directors.
2. The General Secretary is responsible for the daily management of the activities of the Confederation and for carrying out the business of the Confederation in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and decisions of the Delegates' Meeting and the Board of Directors. Special tasks will be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.

H. HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

1. An ADM shall have the power to elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for services rendered to the Confederation in the past.
2. Nominations for the position as Honorary Vice-President may be made by the Board of Directors or by any Member Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and must be done in accordance with Rule E.4.
3. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to attend and speak at Delegates' Meetings but shall have no vote.

I. FEES AND PENALTIES

1. Each Member Association shall pay an Annual Administration Fee based upon a scale of units. The administration fee, including the value of the unit, shall be determined by the Delegates' Meeting on the proposal of the Board of Directors every year.
2. The scale of units on which the administration fees are based is set out in the following table.

<u>Number of Players</u>	<u>Units</u>
Up to 2999	1
3000 - 4999	2
5000 - 9999	4
10000 - 14999	6
15000 - 24999	10
25000 - 49999	20
50000 and above	25

The latest numbers of players as accepted by the Badminton World Federation apply.

3. Annual administration fees are due on 31st of January. Failure to pay the administration fee due shall result in the Member Association and its players being banned from any competitive event organised by the Confederation.
4. Sanction fees shall be determined by the Delegates' Meeting on the proposal of the Board of Directors. Sanction fees shall be payable to the Confederation immediately after allotment of a receipt of an invoice. Sanction fees will not be refunded.
5. Entry fees for participation in a Confederation's event shall be decided by the Board of Directors. Fees for participation shall be due on receipt of entry and must be paid not later than the start of play in the relevant event.
6. The Confederation may impose a penalty on any Member Association, Player or Official who acts against the interests or reputation of the Confederation or who breaks these Rules, any Regulation of the Confederation, any decision, previously made public by the Confederation, or any BWF Regulation.

7. Penalty shall not be imposed if the Disciplinary Regulations of the Confederation were not followed. Disciplinary procedure shall be based on the rules of a fair trial and shall respect fundamental rights of all parties. The right to appeal shall be subject to restrictions as set by the Disciplinary Regulations of the Confederation.
8. All parties are required to respect and follow any final decisions, resulting out of disciplinary proceedings as set in the Disciplinary Regulations of the Confederation, without attempting to hinder their application.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to refuse entries to Confederation's events, Circuit Tournaments or any other Confederation's activities from Member Associations who have not paid all outstanding fees and fines or who violate the previous paragraph.

9. All payments to the Confederation must be made in the Confederation's official currency without any deductions.

J. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS OF THE CONFEDERATION

1. All rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with any event of the Confederation, organised by the Confederation and/or promoted by any of its Member Associations or any other body, shall belong to the Confederation.
2. The words Europe, European, Europa, Euro or any derivation thereof is the property of the Confederation when used in connection with a badminton promotion, and shall be subject to the terms set out in the following paragraph.

The Confederation may grant licences and/or concessions in respect of these rights. The Confederation shall enter into an agreement with the promoting Member Association, or other promoting body, for the use of such rights as may be appropriate on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed.

3. The allocation of a European Championship shall only be final when both the Organiser and the Confederation have agreed and signed the contract for the event. The contract and the relevant Appendix of the Confederation Statute Book shall alone specify the terms of organising the event.

K. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. It is the responsibility of the Member Association staging an event authorised and sanctioned by the Confederation to provide Public Liability Insurance. If such insurance is not available then the Member Association shall arrange for the provision of governmental guarantees of a similar nature. Whether provided by insurance or governmental guarantees the Member Association shall ensure that the funds available will be sufficient to cover all amounts which the National Association shall become liable to pay as compensation for loss of or damage to property, or injuries to persons, for which the Member Association may be liable.
2. The Member Association involved shall indemnify the Confederation against any claims submitted by any participant for any cause whatsoever.

L. INDEMNITY

The Confederation shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Directors and members of staff from and against any costs, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any action instituted in any jurisdiction at any time against the Confederation or any of the above such persons as a direct result of the activities of such persons where they are/were acting within their scope of the Confederations responsibilities on behalf of the Confederation.

M. DISSOLUTION OF THE CONFEDERATION

1. The Confederation shall not be dissolved except by a Delegates' Meeting specially convened for that purpose. No proposal for dissolution shall be carried unless two thirds of the votes are in favour.
2. In the event that the proposal for dissolution is carried, the assets of the Confederation, after settling all liabilities, shall be distributed to charity organisations in the country where the office of the Confederation is located.
3. Any proposal for the dissolution of the Confederation, and the result of the vote, shall be reported immediately to the Badminton World Federation.

N. ALTERATION OF THESE RULES

1. The rules of the Confederation may be altered from time to time at a Delegates' Meeting, provided due notice of the proposal containing such alteration is given (Rule E.4 refers).
2. No such proposal shall be carried unless two thirds of the votes present are in favour.
3. As provided in Rule E.8 all such alterations, inter alia, if approved, take effect on the day following the Delegates' Meeting, unless the decision of the meeting includes a provision to vary this stipulation.

ADOPTED by BEC ADM on 18th of April 2015, Paris, France

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