

BADMINTON EUROPE U17 CIRCUIT

Regulations

1. Description

- 1.1 *The Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) U17 Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players under 17 years of age throughout the respective calendar year who are eligible to play for BWF Members.*
- 1.2 *The referee shall have the power to check the player's age at any time. This can be done on the 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 defined in § 1.1, such a player shall be penalised by disqualification, removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes.*
- 1.3 *Players from European Members earn points for the BEC U17 Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments in accordance with § 4.1.*

2. Organisation and responsibility

- 2.1 *A BEC U17 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 U17 Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*
- 2.2 *Any Covered Person as defined in BWF Judicial Procedures failing to comply with these BEC U17 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 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.*
- 2.3 *In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior 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.*

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System, an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member in the first published version of the main draw. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member in the first published version of the main draw, 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.

- 2.4 *The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure or due to too few entries in at least one of the events. 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.

- 2.5 *The organising Member can decide to cancel its tournament. This must be done in writing to Badminton Europe no later than 90 days before the start of the tournament.*
 - 2.5.1 *Cancelling the tournament later than 90 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 2.4, shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
 - 2.5.2 *Cancellation of a tournament will not result in any reduction of the sanction fee.*
- 2.6 *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 U17 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 U17 Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

3. *Participating tournaments*

- 3.1 *Badminton Europe has no limitation on the number of BEC U17 Circuit tournaments. However, Badminton Europe will not approve more than 2 (two) tournaments per Member played within a calendar year.*
- 3.2 *Members may apply to Badminton Europe to have a tournament approved for inclusion in the BEC U17 Circuit. All such tournaments must be sanctioned by Badminton Europe.*
- 3.3 *A request for sanction must be made not later than 6 (six) months before the tournament is due to begin. Badminton Europe reserves the right to approve a tournament when special circumstances exist, but not later than 4 (four) months before the start of the tournament.*

*The sanction form can be downloaded from the following website:
<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=23513>*

- 3.3.1 *The tournament cannot be played in fewer than 2 (two) days, and in no more than 5 (five) days, unless this is approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*
- 3.4 *The organisers of the BEC U17 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.*
- 3.5 *No changes of the information in 3.4 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*

3.6 *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 U17 Circuit logo and the logos of BEC U17 Circuit Partners.*

The website must be online at least 3 (three) months 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 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.

3.7 *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.

3.8 *The tournament organizer must share at least a photo from each podium (i.e. 5 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.

4. **Points system**

4.1 *The points system to be used in the BEC U17 Circuit Ranking shall be as follows:*

For a Tournament defined as

	U17 International Grand Prix	U17 International Challenge	U17 International Series
Winner	250 points	150 points	100 points
Losing finalist	200 points	120 points	80 points
Losing semi-finalist	150 points	90 points	60 points
Losing quarter-finalist	100 points	60 points	40 points
Losing round of sixteen	50 points	30 points	20 points
Losing round of 32	25 points	15 points	10 points
Losing round of 64	15 points	9 points	6 points
Losing round of 128	5 points	3 points	2 points

The grading of the tournaments are indicated in the Badminton Europe U17 Calendar and made in accordance with Appendix 2.

4.2 *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.*

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

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

5. Ranking

5.1 *The BEC U17 Circuit Ranking is a yearly based ranking, which starts after the first tournament of the calendar year has been played and ending on the 31st of December of the same calendar year. This ranking restarts every year.*

5.2 *For each player, the 6 (six) BEC U17 Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, will count for the BEC U17 Circuit Ranking. If fewer tournaments are played, the total amount of points achieved in these tournaments will count.*

5.3 *If 2 (two) or more players have gained the same number of points, the highest position in the ranking shall be awarded to the player who has competed in the most BEC U17 Circuit tournaments in that calendar year.*

5.4 *Badminton Europe shall maintain and publish the current BEC U17 Circuit Ranking each week on Monday.*

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

6. Conditions for tournaments taking part in the BEC U17 Circuit

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the BEC U17 Circuit:

6.1 *All 5 (five) events must be played:
men's singles - women's singles - men's doubles - women's doubles and mixed doubles.*

6.1.1 *If the tournament is played in 2 (two) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 32 in the singles events, 24 in the men's and women's doubles events and 32 in the mixed doubles event. However, the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in § 6.1.5.*

6.1.2 *If the tournament is played in 3 (three) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 64 in the singles events, 32 in the men's and women's doubles events and 48 in the mixed doubles event. However, the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in § 6.1.5.*

6.1.3 *If the tournament is played in 4 (four) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 96 in the singles events, 48 in the men's and women's doubles events and 64 in the mixed doubles event. However, the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in § 6.1.5.*

6.1.4 *If the tournament is played in 5 (five) days, the maximum amount of competitors (players/pairs) accepted in the tournament is 128 in the singles events, 64 in the men's and women's doubles events and 96 in the mixed doubles event. However, the total number of matches per day shall not exceed the numbers stated in § 6.1.5.*

- 6.1.5 *The maximum number of matches allowed per day on*
4 courts - 88 matches
5 courts – 112 matches
6 courts – 128 matches
7 courts – 148 matches
8 courts - 168 matches

A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event, per day are allowed to be played in the tournament.

- 6.1.6 *If the amount of entries exceeds the maximum amount as listed in § 6.1.1-6.1.4, a selection of entries will be made in the following order:*

- 1) *Points on the European U17 Ranking.*
- 2) *Foreign players without points on the European U17 Ranking, drawn by lots (no country can have 2 (two) players/pairs without points participating before all entered countries have at least 1 (one) player/pair without points participating).**
- 3) *Home nation players in order of strength as listed by their Member.*

**Non-European players are taken into consideration based on their BWF World Junior Ranking, comparing these to the Europeans that are ranked based on the European U17 Ranking as listed above.*

The selection of entries shall be done by Badminton Europe.

- 6.2 *The tournament schedule overview, indicating the number of matches played on each day, shall be published in the invitation (Appendix 1).*
- 6.3 *The provisional schedule with times shall be published in the invitation (e.g. 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.*
- 6.4 *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.*
- 6.5 *Tournament organisers shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4: "Specifications for International Standard Facilities". The height of the hall can however be lower, in accordance with § 7.2.*
- 6.6 *Players shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4 – "Players' Code of Conduct".*
- 6.7 *Coaches and officials shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6 – "Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials".*

7. Venue

- 7.1 *All matches in a BEC U17 Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue unless a BEC Junior Circuit tournament is organized at the same dates and in the same city. In this case, semi-finals and finals can be played in the venue of the BEC Junior Circuit tournament.*

- 7.2 *The minimum height for a BEC U17 Circuit tournament is 7 (seven) meters. This height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.*
- 7.3 *Organisers shall propose at least 1 (one) official hotel and 1 (one) official point of arrival (preferably a recognised international airport) for the tournament. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.*
- 7.4 *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 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.*
- 7.5 *The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport from the point of arrival to the hotels, but only if the amount of money to be paid for such transport is published in the invitation.*

8. Shuttles

- 8.1 *The shuttles to be used must be of good quality. Badminton Europe will inform the organiser if the proposed shuttle is accepted.*
- 8.2 *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.*

9. Umpires

- 9.1 *Umpires must be provided for semi-finals and finals.*
- 9.2 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC U17 Circuit tournaments.*

10. Referees

- 10.1 *The organiser may suggest a Referee to Badminton Europe at least 3 (three) months before the start of the tournament.*
- Badminton Europe will inform the organiser if the proposed Referee is accepted.*
- 10.2 *It is the duty of an organiser to contact the Referee and to agree with him/her all necessary details concerning the tournament.*
- The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for full board, lodging and cost of travel.*
- 10.3 *The Referee must wear the official national, Badminton Europe or BWF uniform.*
- 10.4 *The referee is required to send the official BWF Withdrawal Report to Badminton Europe together with the TP-file (as in § 19.1) immediately after the tournament.*

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

10.5 *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 report can be downloaded on <http://badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5938>

11. Entries

11.1 *Entries must be made by a Member of which the player/pair is a member. If a Member enters players for a BEC U17 Circuit tournament, these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*

11.2 *After entering 1 (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.*

11.3 *Tournament organisers have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.*

11.4 *All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.*

11.5 *No player/pair shall enter or be entered in a BEC U17 Circuit tournament and another BWF/Badminton Europe sanctioned tournament in the same week.*

11.6 *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.*

11.6.1 *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.*

11.6.2 *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.*

11.7 *The closing time for entries is Tuesday, 4 (four) weeks before the tournament is due to start, at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time.*

11.8 *No late entries will be accepted.*

12. Entry fees

12.1 *The Member that enters a player/pair into a BEC U17 Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player/pair. 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 payments at tournaments.*

12.2 *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.*

12.3 *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.

- 12.4 *If a player/pair is listed on a “Reserve List”, no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw.*

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the “Reserve List” to the Main 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.

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

13. Clothing

- 13.1 *Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3: Junior Tournament Regulations § 12 to 16.*

- 13.2 *For all BEC U17 Circuit tournaments the name on the back of the shirt is optional.*

14. Seeding

- 14.1 *Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe, according to the European U17 Ranking.*

Non-European players are taken into consideration based on their BWF Junior World Ranking, comparing these to the Europeans that are ranked based on the European U17 Ranking as listed above.

15. The draw

- 15.1 *The draw shall be done in accordance with BWF Regulations (see BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3: Junior Tournament Regulations 3).*

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

- 15.3 *There shall be no qualification in BEC U17 Circuit tournaments.*

16. Alterations to the draw and substitutions

16.1 Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a BEC U17 Circuit tournament shall be done in accordance with BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3: Junior Tournament Regulations § 7.

16.2 The Referee shall promote entries from the reserve list to the main draw until the conclusion of the Team Manager's Meeting.

17. Badminton Europe representative

17.1 Badminton Europe shall have the right to send a representative to BEC U17 Circuit tournaments. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of Badminton Europe and BWF are adhered to.

18. On-court doctor

18.1 A designated doctor or at least a person from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament.

19. Results of the tournament

19.1 It is the responsibility of the referee to make sure that the TP-file with the final results of all events is sent by e-mail to Badminton Europe immediately after the tournament.

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

20. Badminton Europe equipment

20.1 The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and the BEC U17 Circuit banner must be prominently displayed in the hall. Organisers of the tournament are responsible for the safekeeping of the equipment.

21. Sanction fee

21.1 The sanction fee for inclusion in the BEC U17 Circuit is 250,00 EUR and is payable immediately after receiving the respective invoice by Badminton Europe.

22. Invitation

22.1 The tournament invitation must be sent to and approved by Badminton Europe, before being published and sent to all Badminton Europe Members, at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament.

Tournament invitations must include the following information:

1. Name and dates of the tournament, including reference to the tournament classification, the Badminton Europe logo, BEC U17 Circuit logo and the logos of BEC U17 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 § 11.7)*
 - *Date for the draw (as in § 15.2)*
 - *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 and regulation § 2.3 about the minimum amount of entries.*
 7. *The format of the draw.*
 8. *Brand of shuttles to be used.*
 9. *Number of courts to be used.*
 10. *Reference and link to BWF Online Entry System being mandatory for submitting entries.*
 11. *Compliance with BWF GCR 7.9.*
 12. *Entry fees and § 12.1 and § 12.2 about payment of the entry fees.*
 13. *Visa support letter request process and any special information.*
 14. *Address of website.*
 15. *Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel), including payment procedure.*
 16. *The name of the official point of arrival (see § 7.3) and prices for transport between official point of arrival and hotels (when applicable).*
 17. *The tournament schedule overview (Appendix 1) and the provisional schedule (see § 6.3).*
 18. *Information about badminton integrity (Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes: Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results).*
 19. *Information about doping control.*
 20. *Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.*
- 22.2 *In addition to the official invitation sent out by National Associations, Badminton Europe will display on its Circuit website <http://circuit.badminton europe.com> all necessary information about the BEC U17 Circuit Tournaments including closing dates for entries.*

23. Interpretation

- 23.1 *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 fn by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors is taken.*

24. Validity

- 24.1 *These BEC U17 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

Tournament schedule overview

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
4 courts/3 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
Total	88		84		15	

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
4 courts/4 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	8 / 8	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	88	88	76		15	

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
4 courts/5 days	Round 128	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
Total	80	80	88	54		13	

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
4 courts/5 days	Round 128	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
Total	80	80	88	54		13	

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
5 courts/3 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	112		108		15	

5 courts/4 days	Round 128	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	16 / 16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	112		112	108		15	

6 courts/3 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	128			98		9

6 courts/3 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	112		112		11	

6 courts/3 days	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 64	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 32	-	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 48	16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	112		108		15	

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MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
Total	128		128	76		15	

6 courts/4 days	Round 128	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	32	16	8	4	2	1
Total	128		112	92		15	

Appendix 2

BEC U17 Circuit grading criteria

Tournament grading

The Badminton Europe U17 Circuit Tournaments are listed in ranking order based on the below calculation. The ranking order determines, which tournaments are eligible for an upgrade in the following season. The calculation is carried out on a yearly basis, based on the average result of the last 2 editions played.

The calculation for the 2024 season is made in 2023, using the average score of the last 2 editions of each tournament in the period 2021-2022.

The grading of the Badminton Europe U17 Circuit tournaments is done according to a formula which is explained below. The calculation results in an amount of points for each tournament, and the tournaments are listed in ranking order based on the amount of points received.

Based on these ranking points the tournament will receive a certain level (U17 International Grand Prix, U17 International Challenge or U17 International Series).

If a tournament is a new edition to the BEC U17 Circuit, the tournament will be automatically graded as U17 International Series. If the tournament was organised before, but there was a break of 1 year of organising it, the average score of the previous edition will be considered when assigning a grade.

Each Member can organize two U17 Circuit tournament within a calendar year (regulation 3.1 of the BEC U17 Circuit regulations) and those two tournaments can be any combination of tournament levels.

The calculation is done according to the following formula:

A = number of participating countries

B = number of participating foreign (!) players

The participation factor is calculated based on the results from the most recent European U17 Team Championships (EU17TC). The results are connected to the number of players taking part in the tournament from these nations.

EU17TC (played in 2021)

1. Russia
2. France
3. Denmark
3. Czech Republic

5. Ukraine
5. Türkiye
5. Sweden
5. Spain

C = number of players taking part from countries listed under EU17TC

D = Number of teams ranked 1-2 at EU17TC where C is minimum 6

E = Number of teams ranked 3 at EU17TC where C is minimum 6

F = Number of teams ranked 5 at EU17TC where C is minimum 5

G = **participation factor** = $(6 * D) + (4 * E) + (2 * F)$

H = **quality factor** (level of players) – total amount of BEC European U17 Ranking points of:

The 8 highest ranked men's singles players, the 8 highest ranked women's singles players and the combined amount of ranking points of the 4 men's doubles pairs, the 4 women's doubles pairs and the 4 mixed doubles pair listed first in the seeding report. The sum of the ranking points is then transferred to a quality factor based on the below table.

Player points	Quality factor
0-24999	1
25000-37499	5
37500-49999	10
50000-62499	15
62500-74999	20
75000-87499	25
87500-99999	30
100000-112499	35
112500-124999	40
125000-more	45

I = presentation factor = I1 + I2 + I3 + I4 + I5. A maximum of 13 points can be earned based on the below criteria:

I1 = The tournament provides livescore from all courts throughout the whole tournament on any platform (Tournament Software, other website, embedded in streaming/video from each court,...) – 4 points

I2 = The tournament provides live stream from minimum one court throughout the whole tournament – 3 points

I3 = The tournament has minimum 1 warm up court for players – 2 points

I4 = The tournament provides stringing service in the tournament hall – 1 point

I5 = The tournament provides umpires from QF onwards (1 points) or for all matches (3 points).

Result = ((2 * A) + B + G) * (H + I) = the result amount will be used to list the tournaments in ranking order.

In case two or more tournaments receive the same results, the ranking between them will be decided based on the total amount of BEC European U17 Ranking points of the 8 highest ranked men's singles players, the 8 highest ranked women's singles players and the combined amount of ranking points of the 4 men's doubles pairs, the 4 women's doubles pairs and the 4 mixed doubles pair listed first in the seeding report. The tournament with the higher amount of points will be ranked higher.

U17 International Grand Prix 5000 points or higher
 U17 International Challenge between 2500 and 4999 points
 U17 International Series below 2500 points

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC U17 Circuit tournaments based on the results of 2021:

1. Serbian U17 International	8864	14. Danish Junior Cup U17	1920
2. Bulgarian U17 International	7104	15. Czech U17 International	1740
3. Austrian U17 Open	6990	16. Slovak Youth U17	1296
4. Polish U17 Open	3638	17. Spanish U17 Open	1232
5. Austrian U17 International	3565	18. Medvode Cup (U17) (SLO)	1121
6. Latvia U17 International	3552	19. Cyprus U17 International	1080
7. German Ruhr U17 International	3536	20. 5th Zagreb U17 Open (CRO)	910
8. U17 Bulgarian Open	3335	21. Denmark Junior (U17)	752
9. Polish U17 International	2916	22. French U17 International	574
10. Turkey U17 Open	2880	23. Spanish U17 International	520
11. Adria U17 International (CRO)	2400	24. I U17 Portugal Open	450
12. Swedish Youth Games (U17)	2220	25. Russian U17 International	147
13. France U17 Open	2058		

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC U17 Circuit tournaments based on the results of 2022:

1. Austrian U17 International	8064	15. JOT U17 (BEL)	3717
2. Austrian U17 Open	7749	16. German U17 Open	3627
3. Polish U17 International	7644	17. 28. Mirna U17 International (SLO)	3135
4. Swedish Youth Games (U17)	5358	18. France U17 Open	2912
5. Polish U17 Open	4992	19. 6th Zagreb U17 Open (CRO)	2912
6. Czech U17 International	4964	20. Slovak Youth U17	2790
7. Medvode Cup U17 (SLO)	4860	21. Lithuanian U17 International	2368
8. Serbian U17 International	4644	22. Estonian U17 International	2294
9. Adria U17 International (CRO)	4625	23. Cyprus U17 International	1701
10. Benalmádena Spanish U17 Open	4464	24. French U17 International 2022	1694
11. II U17 Portugal Open	4420	25. Bulgarian U17 International	1474
12. Denmark Junior (U17)	4290	26. Latvia U17	1311
13. International Youth Tournament (U17) (NED)	4059	27. Danish Junior Cup U17	988
14. German Ruhr U17 International	3782	28. Spanish U17 International	972

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC U17 Circuit tournaments for the season 2024 based on the average score of the edition(s) of each tournament in the period 2021-2022:

Tournament	Average	Grading
<i>Austrian U17 Open</i>	7370	IGP
<i>Serbian U17 International</i>	6754	IGP
<i>Austrian U17 International</i>	5815	IGP
<i>Polish U17 International</i>	5280	IGP
<i>Polish U17 Open</i>	4315	IC
<i>Bulgarian U17 International</i>	4289	IC
<i>International Youth Tournament (U17) (NED)*</i>	4059	IC
<i>Swedish Youth Games (U17)</i>	3789	IC
<i>JOT U17 (BEL)*</i>	3717	IC
<i>German Ruhr U17 International</i>	3659	IC
<i>German U17 Open*</i>	3627	IC
<i>Adria U17 International (CRO)</i>	3513	IC
<i>Czech U17 International</i>	3352	IC
<i>U17 Bulgarian Open*</i>	3335	IC
<i>Mirna U17 International (SLO)*</i>	3135	IC
<i>Medvode Cup U17 (SLO)</i>	2991	IC
<i>Turkey U17 Open*</i>	2880	IC
<i>Benalmádena Spanish U17 Open</i>	2848	IC
<i>Denmark Junior (U17)</i>	2521	IC
<i>France U17 Open</i>	2485	IS
<i>U17 Portugal Open</i>	2435	IS
<i>Latvia U17</i>	2432	IS
<i>Lithuanian U17 International*</i>	2368	IS
<i>Estonian U17 International*</i>	2294	IS
<i>Slovak Youth U17</i>	2043	IS
<i>Zagreb U17 Open (CRO)</i>	1911	IS
<i>Danish Junior Cup U17</i>	1454	IS
<i>Cyprus U17 International</i>	1391	IS
<i>French U17 International</i>	1134	IS
<i>Spanish U17 International</i>	746	IS
<i>Russian U17 International*</i>	147	IS

Example of a tournament

20 participating countries, so **A = 20**

130 players (all events together) → 105 foreigners + 25 home players, so **B = 105**

Based on EU17TC countries

DEN sends 3 players – this is too few to count

SRB sends 5 players – this is too few to count, so **D = 0**

RUS sends 10 players – this is ok

UKR sends 3 players – this is too few to count, so **E = 1**

TUR sends 5 players – this is ok

FRA sends 7 players – this is ok

CZE sends 1 player – this is too few to count

ENG sends 5 players – this is ok, so **F = 3**

$$\mathbf{G} = (6 * D) + (4 * E) + (2 * F) = (6 * 0) + (4 * 1) + (2 * 3) = 0 + 4 + 6 = \mathbf{10}$$

H = player points: 268357 → transferred to Quality factor = **20**

I1 = The tournament provided live score from all courts throughout the whole tournament = 4

I2 = The tournament didn't provide live stream from minimum one court throughout the whole tournament = 0

I3 = The tournament didn't have an additional warm up court for players = 0

I4 = The tournament provided stringing service in the tournament hall = 1 point

I5 = The tournament provides umpires only from SF onwards = 0

$$\mathbf{I} = I1 + I2 + I3 + I4 + I5 = 4 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 = \mathbf{5}$$

$$\mathbf{Result} = ((2 * A) + B + G) * (H + I) = ((2 * 20) + 105 + 10) * (20 + 5) = (155) * (25) = \mathbf{3875}$$

New tournament grading for 2025 will be published no later than 1 June 2024.

Appendix 3

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
2.5.1	<i>Cancelling the tournament later than 90 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 2.4.</i>	500,00 EUR
3.6	<i>The tournament website must be online at least 3 (three) months before the start of the tournament and display minimum the information listed in the invitation, the Badminton Europe logo, the official BEC U17 Circuit logo and the logos of BEC U17 Circuit Partners.</i>	100,00 EUR
3.6	<i>The tournament website must display (a link to) the entry lists at latest on the Sunday after receipt from Badminton Europe on Friday.</i>	50,00 EUR
3.6	<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>	50,00 EUR
3.7	<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
3.7	<i>The results must, as a minimum, be updated after each round of each event.</i>	50,00 EUR
3.8	<i>The tournament organizer must share at least a photo from each podium (i.e. 5 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>	50,00 EUR
6.4	<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>	100,00 EUR
6.5	<i>Tournament organisers shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 - “Specifications for International Standard Facilities”. (Other than height of the hall)</i>	100,00 EUR
7.1	<i>All matches in a BEC U17 Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue unless a BEC Junior Circuit tournament is organized at the same dates and in the same city. In this case, semi-finals and finals can be played in the venue of the BEC Junior Circuit tournament.</i>	250,00 EUR
7.2	<i>The minimum height for a BEC U17 Circuit tournament is 7 (seven) meters. This height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.</i>	250,00 EUR

7.4	<i>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 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>	100,00 EUR
7.5	<i>The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport from the point of arrival to the hotels, but only if the amount of money to be paid for such transport is published in the invitation.</i>	50,00 EUR
8.1	<i>The shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be of a brand recognized by BWF.</i>	100,00 EUR
8.2	<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>	100,00 EUR
9.1	<i>Umpires must be provided for semi-finals and finals.</i>	250,00 EUR
10.2	<i>It is the duty of an organiser to contact the Referee and to agree with him/her all necessary details concerning the tournament. The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for full board, lodging and cost of travel.</i>	100,00 EUR
12.4	<i>After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main 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 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.</i>	50,00 EUR for each player/pair where no confirmation was requested
18.1	<i>A designated doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament.</i>	100,00 EUR
20.1	<i>The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and the BEC U17 Circuit banner must be prominently displayed in the hall.</i>	50,00 EUR
22.1	<i>The tournament invitation must be approved by Badminton Europe at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament.</i>	100,00 EUR