

# **BADMINTON EUROPE JUNIOR CIRCUIT**

## **Regulations**

### **1. Description**

- 1.1 *The Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Junior Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players under 19 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 Junior Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments in accordance with § 4.1.*

### **2. Organisation and responsibility**

- 2.1 *A BEC Junior 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 Junior Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*
- 2.2 *Any Covered Person as defined in BWF Judicial Procedures failing to comply with these BEC Junior 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 3.*
- 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 Junior 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 Junior 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 Junior Circuit tournaments. However, Badminton Europe will not approve more than 2 (two) tournaments per Member played within a calendar year.*

*3.2 The organisers of the BEC Junior 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>*

*3.2.1 The tournament cannot be played in fewer than 3 (three) days, and in no more than 5 (five) days, unless this is approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*

*3.3 The organisers of the BEC Junior 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.*

*3.4 No changes of the information in § 3.3 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*

*3.5 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 Junior Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Junior 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 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.*

- 3.6 *It is mandatory for tournaments 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.*

- 3.7 *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](mailto:social@badmintoneurope.com) and [events@badmintoneurope.com](mailto: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 Junior Circuit Ranking shall be as follows:*

*For a Tournament defined as*

	<b>Junior International Grand Prix</b>	<b>Junior International Challenge</b>	<b>Junior International Series</b>	<b>Upgraded Junior Future Series</b>
<b>Winner</b>	250 points	150 points	100 points	75 points
<b>Losing finalist</b>	200 points	120 points	80 points	60 points
<b>Losing semi-finalist</b>	150 points	90 points	60 points	45 points
<b>Losing quarter-finalist</b>	100 points	60 points	40 points	30 points
<b>Losing round of sixteen</b>	50 points	30 points	20 points	15 points
<b>Losing round of 32</b>	25 points	15 points	10 points	7 points
<b>Losing round of 64</b>	15 points	9 points	6 points	4 points
<b>Losing round of 128</b>	5 points	3 points	2 points	1 point

*The grading of the tournaments are indicated in the BWF and Badminton Europe Junior Calendar and made in accordance with BWF regulations and 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 one match, they receive no points.*

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

## 5. **Ranking**

- 5.1 *The BEC Junior Circuit Ranking is a yearly based ranking, which starts after the first tournament of the calendar year has been played and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the same calendar year. This ranking restarts every year.*
- 5.2 *For each player, the 6 (six) BEC Junior Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, will count for the BEC Junior 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 Junior Circuit tournaments in that calendar year.*
- 5.4 *Badminton Europe shall maintain and publish the Current BEC Junior 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 Junior Circuit**

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

- 6.1 *All 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 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 § 6.1.4.*
- 6.1.2 *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 § 6.1.4.*
- 6.1.3 *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 § 6.1.4.*
- 6.1.4 *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.*

- 6.1.5 *If the amount of entries exceeds the maximum amount as listed in § 6.1.1 - 6.1.3, a selection of entries will be made in the following order:*
- 1) *Points on the BWF World Junior Ranking.*
  - 2) *Foreign players without points on the BWF World Junior 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.*

*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”.*
- 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 – “Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct”.*

## **7. Venue**

- 7.1 *All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*
- 7.2 *All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played on mats or floors marked solely for badminton and have separate nets for each court.*
- 7.3 *Scoring devices must be used throughout the tournament.*
- 7.4 *As per regulation § 7.1 of the BEC U17 Circuit Regulations, the semi-finals and finals of a BEC Junior Circuit tournament and of a BEC U17 Circuit tournament can be played at the same time and on the same courts. Otherwise, no other tournament is allowed to be played at the same time on the courts for the U19 tournament unless it is approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.*
- 7.5 *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.*
- 7.6 *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.*

7.7 *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 brand and type of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.*

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 and line judges**

9.1 *Umpires must be provided for all matches.*

9.2 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC Junior Circuit tournaments – preferably Badminton Europe uniforms.*

9.3 *Service judges must be provided for semi-finals and finals.*

9.4 *Line judges must be provided for semi-finals and finals. At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match.*

9.5 *Line judges must be minimum 14 years old.*

## **10. Referees**

10.1 *All BEC Junior Circuit tournaments shall have a referee who does not belong to the Member who organises the tournament (foreign referee).*

10.2 *Badminton Europe will appoint the referee for all BEC Junior Circuit tournaments.*

10.3 *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.*

10.4 *The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee for accommodation with full board.*

10.5 *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.*

10.6 *The referee must wear the official Badminton Europe or BWF uniform.*

- 10.7 *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>*

- 10.8 *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 here –  
<http://www.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 Junior Circuit tournament, these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*

- 11.2 *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.*

- 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 Junior 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 Junior 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. A player violating these regulations shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.*

13.2 *It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.*

### **14. Seeding**

14.1 *Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe, according to the BWF World Junior Ranking.*

### **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, the 1 (one) week before the tournament is due to begin.*

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

**16. Alterations to the draw and substitutions**

16.1 *Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a BEC Junior 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 Junior 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](mailto:events@badmintoneurope.com).*

**20. Badminton Europe equipment**

20.1 *The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and the BEC Junior 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 Junior Circuit is 500,00 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 Junior Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Junior 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. *Brand and type of shuttles to be used.*
  8. *Number of courts to be used and type of flooring.*
  9. *Clothing and advertising regulations (as in § 13).*
  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. *Availability of Practice facilities – location, duration, available timing and how to book.*
  17. *The name of the official point of arrival (see § 7.5) and prices for transport between official point of arrival and hotels (when applicable).*
  18. *The tournament schedule overview (Appendix 1) and the provisional schedule (see § 6.3).*
  19. *Information about badminton integrity (Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes: Code on The Prevention Of The Manipulation Of Competitions).*
  20. *Information about doping control.*
  21. *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.badmintoneurope.com> all necessary information about the BEC Junior 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 decision by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors is taken.*

24. **Validity**

24.1 *These BEC Junior 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		
<b>4 courts/3 days</b>	<b>Round 64</b>	<b>Round 32</b>	<b>Round 16</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Final</b>	
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>15</b>		

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<b>4 courts/4 days</b>	<b>Round 64</b>	<b>Round 32</b>	<b>Round 16</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Final</b>	
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>76</b>		<b>15</b>		

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
<b>4 courts/5 days</b>	<b>Round 128</b>	<b>Round 64</b>	<b>Round 32</b>	<b>Round 16</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Final</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>54</b>		<b>13</b>	

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<b>5 courts/3 days</b>	<b>Round 64</b>	<b>Round 32</b>	<b>Round 16</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Final</b>	
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>		<b>108</b>		<b>15</b>		

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>15</b>			

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>9</b>			

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<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>15</b>			

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>			

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

## Appendix 2

### BEC Junior Circuit grading criteria

#### **Tournament grading**

The BEC Junior Circuit Tournaments are listed in ranking order based on the below calculation. The ranking order determines, which tournaments are eligible for an up- or downgrade in the following season, in accordance with the regulations listed in the BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System. The calculation is carried out on a yearly basis, based on the average result of the last 2 editions played.

The calculation for the 2023 season is made in 2022, using the average score of the best 2 editions of each tournament in the period 2018-2021, as 2020 and 2021 were extraordinary years due to the Covid-19 pandemic but also the BWF Junior Rankings not being updated. For 2024, we will take the average of the best 2 editions of each tournament in the period 2018-2022 for up/downgrades to make sure that our best Junior tournaments don't have to restart from the bottom because of Covid-19.

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The grading of the BEC Junior 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.

According to the current BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System, Badminton Europe is eligible to upgrade up to 10% of its tournaments to Junior International Grand Prix, up to 15% to Junior International Challenge and divide the remaining tournaments between Junior Future Series, Upgraded Junior Future Series and Junior International Series. Any changes to the current BWF regulations will also result in a change of the number of tournaments within each grade.

Based on the current BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System, Badminton Europe will up- or downgrade tournaments using the following criteria:

<b>Upgrades/downgrades in year x</b>				
	UJFS	JIS	JIC	JIGP
% tournaments (max)*	rest		15%	10%
Cut off	<1000	>1000	>5000	>15000
*based on tournaments sanctioned in year x-2				

A combination of both the available percentages of tournaments in each grade (actual maximum number for year x based on the total number of tournaments sanctioned in year x-2) together with a specific cut-off point will be used to determine the grade of each BEC Junior Circuit tournament.

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

The calculation is done due 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 Junior Team

Championships (EJTC), European U17 Team Championships (EU17TC) and World Junior Team Championships (WJTC). The results are connected to the number of players taking part in the tournament from these nations.

The rankings used for the 2022 edition's results are:

<b>EJTC</b> (played in 2022)	<b>EU17TC</b> (played in 2021)	<b>WJTC</b> (played in 2022)
1. Denmark	1. Russia	1. South Korea
2. France	2. France	2. Chinese Taipei
3. Spain	3. Czech Republic	3. Indonesia
3. Ukraine	3. Denmark	3. Japan
5. Germany	5. Ukraine	5. China
5. England	5. Türkiye	5. England
5. Czech Republic	5. Sweden	5. Spain
5. Sweden	5. Spain	5. USA

$C$  = number of players taking part from countries listed under EJTC/EU17TC/WJTC

$D1$  = Number of teams ranked 1-3 at EJTC where  $C$  is minimum 6

$D2$  = Number of teams ranked 1-3 at EU17TC where  $C$  is minimum 6

$D3$  = Number of teams ranked 1-3 at WJTC where  $C$  is minimum 6

$E1$  = Number of teams ranked 5 at EJTC where  $C$  is minimum 5

$E2$  = Number of teams ranked 5 at EU17TC where  $C$  is minimum 5

$E3$  = Number of teams ranked 5 at WJTC where  $C$  is minimum 5

$G$  = **participation factor** =  $(3 * D1) + (2 * E1) + (2 * D2) + (1 * E2) + (6 * D3) + (4 * E3)$

$H$  = **quality factor** (level of players) – total amount of BWF Junior 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.

<b>Player points</b>	<b>Quality factor</b>
<b>0-99999</b>	1
<b>100000-149999</b>	5
<b>150000-199999</b>	10
<b>200000-249999</b>	15
<b>250000-299999</b>	20
<b>300000-349999</b>	25
<b>350000-399999</b>	30
<b>400000-449999</b>	40
<b>450000-499999</b>	45
<b>500000-more</b>	50

$I$  = **presentation factor** =  $I1 + I2 + I3 + I4$ . A maximum of 10 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

**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 BWF Junior 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.

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments based on the results of 2018:

1. Dutch Junior	25800	14. Estonia Junior	2568
2. German Junior	23240	15. Czech Junior	2430
3. Italian Junior	10412	16. Danish Junior	2352
4. Bulgarian Junior	9920	17. 3 borders Junior France	2128
5. Valamar Junior Croatia	7140	18. Portuguese Junior	2070
6. Polish Junior	5808	19. Belgian Junior	1904
7. Hungarian Junior	5423	20. Lithuania Junior	1881
8. Hellas Junior	5270	21. Finnish Junior	1624
9. Cyprus Junior	4960	22. White Nights Junior Russia	1464
10. Swedish Junior	4536	23. Slovenia Junior	1148
11. Spanish Junior	4524	24. Slovak Junior	979
12. Israel Junior	4402	25. Turkey Junior	462
13. Irish Junior	2603	26. Ukraine Junior	322

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments based on the results of 2019:

1. Dutch Junior	23880	14. Irish Junior	2880
2. German Junior	19584	15. Hungarian Junior	2755
3. Italian Junior	11856	16. Slovenia Junior	2280
4. Bulgarian Junior	6540	17. Finnish Junior	2109
5. Croatia Junior	5208	18. German Ruhr Junior	2055
6. Slovak Junior	4830	19. Hellas Junior	2002
7. Polish Junior	4300	20. Lithuania Junior	1620
8. Alpes Junior France	4224	21. Russian Junior	1218
9. Czech Junior	3979	22. Spanish Junior	1065
10. Swedish Junior	3792	23. Cyprus Junior	935
11. Belgian Junior	3708	24. Turkey Junior	680
12. Portuguese Junior	3629	25. Israel Junior	260
13. Danish Junior	3172	26. Ukraine Junior	189

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments based on the results of 2020:

1. Dutch Junior	24915	7. Lithuanian Junior	3266
2. German Junior	21518	8. Polish Junior	2592
3. Slovenia Junior	6552	9. Portuguese Junior	1904
4. Italian Junior	5936	10. Bulgarian Junior Open	990
5. Swedish Junior	5068	11. Spanish Junior Open	345
6. Hungarian Junior	4536	12. Cyprus Junior	185

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

1. Czech Junior	3546	11. Spanish Junior Open	1066
2. Danish Junior Cup	3528	12. Denmark Junior	1032
3. Bulgarian Junior Open	3289	13. Stockholm Junior (SWE)	900
4. Spanish Junior Int.	2860	14. Hungarian Junior	873
5. German Ruhr	1989	15. Slovenia Junior	657
6. Turkey Junior	1944	16. Alpes Junior (FRA)	513
7. Portuguese Junior	1926	17. Croatia Junior	375
8. Finnish Junior	1862	18. Lithuanian Junior	308
9. Bulgarian Junior Int.	1730	19. Ukraine Junior	297
10. Belgian Junior	1344	20. Russian Junior	164

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

1. Croatia Junior	10605	14. Spanish Junior Int.	1512
2. Alpes Junior (FRA)	6402	15. Cyprus Junior	1417
3. Stockholm Junior (SWE)	6000	16. Irish Junior	1275
4. 3 Borders Junior (FRA)	5160	17. Polish Junior Open	1220
5. Portugal Junior	4800	18. Hungarian Junior	1190
6. Danish Junior Cup	4309	19. Slovenia Junior	1105
7. Bulgaria Junior Open	3973	20. Latvia Junior	858
8. German Ruhr Junior	3597	21. Israel Junior	585
9. Czech Junior	3075	22. Estonian Junior	532
10. Slovak Junior	1824	23. Turkey Junior	462
11. Bulgaria Junior Int.	1764	24. Denmark Junior	330
12. Lithuanian Junior	1691	25. Spanish Junior Open	221
13. Belgian Junior	1570	26. Faroe Games Junior	114

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments for the season 2023 based on the average score of the best 2 editions of each tournament in the period 2018-2021:

1. Dutch Junior	25358	17. Belgian Junior	2806
2. German Junior	22379	18. Spanish Junior Open	2795
3. Italian Junior	11134	19. Irish Junior	2742
4. Bulgarian Junior Open	8230	20. Lithuanian Junior	2574
5. Croatia Junior	6174	21. Estonian Junior*	2568
6. Polish Junior	5054	22. Alpes Junior (FRA)	2368,5
7. Hungarian Junior	4980	23. Israel Junior	2331
8. Swedish Junior	4802	24. 3 Borders Junior (FRA)*	2128
9. Slovenia Junior	4416	25. German Ruhr Junior	2022
10. Czech Junior	3763	26. Finnish Junior	1986
11. Hellas Junior	3636	27. Bulgarian Junior Int.**	1730
12. Danish Junior Cup	3350	28. Russian Junior	1341
13. Cyprus Junior	2948	29. Turkey Junior	1312
14. Slovak Junior	2905	30. Denmark Junior**	1032
15. Spanish Junior Int.**	2860	31. Stockholm Junior (SWE)**	900
16. Portuguese Junior	2850	32. Ukraine Junior	310

\*No edition in either 2018 or 2019

\*\*No edition before the Covid-19 pandemic

According to the above, Dutch Junior 2023 and German Junior 2023 will be upgraded to a Junior International Grand Prix tournament, while Italian Junior 2023, Bulgarian Junior Open 2023, Croatia Junior 2023 and Polish Junior 2023 will be upgraded to a Junior International Challenge tournament. The Ukraine Junior 2023 will become an Upgraded Junior Future Series tournament.

Tournaments which had no edition before the Covid-19 pandemic are not downgraded.

Please see below the ranking order of the BEC Junior Circuit tournaments for the season 2024 based on the average score of the best 2 editions of each tournament in the period 2018-2022 and since there were 35 BEC Junior Circuit tournaments sanctioned in 2022:

17. Dutch Junior	25358	18. Cyprus Junior	3189
18. German Junior	22379	19. German Ruhr Junior	2826
19. Italian Junior	11134	20. Belgian Junior	2806
20. Croatia Junior	8873	21. Spanish Junior Open	2795
21. Bulgarian Junior Open	8230	22. Irish Junior	2742
22. Alpes Junior (FRA)	5313	23. Lithuanian Junior	2574
23. Polish Junior Open	5054	24. Israel Junior	2494
24. Hungarian Junior	4980	25. Spanish Junior Int.**	2186
25. Swedish Junior	4802	26. Finnish Junior	1986
26. Slovenia Junior	4416	27. Bulgarian Junior Int.**	1747
27. Portugal Junior	4215	28. Estonian Junior	1550

28. Danish Junior Cup	3919	29. Russian Junior	1341
29. Czech Junior	3763	30. Turkey Junior	1312
30. 3 Borders Junior (FRA)	3644	31. Latvia Junior*/**	858
31. Hellas Junior	3636	32. Denmark Junior**	681
32. Stockholm Junior (SWE)**	3450	33. Ukraine Junior	310
33. Slovak Junior	3327	34. Faroe Games Junior*/**	114

\*Only 1 edition

\*\*No edition before the Covid-19 pandemic

According to the above, Dutch Junior 2024 and German Junior 2024 will be upgraded to a Junior International Grand Prix tournament, while Italian Junior 2024, Croatia Junior 2024, Bulgarian Junior Open 2024, Alpes Junior 2024 and Polish Junior Open 2024 will be upgraded to a Junior International Challenge tournament. The Ukraine Junior 2024 will become an Upgraded Junior Future Series tournament. Tournaments which had no edition before the Covid-19 pandemic are not downgraded.

### 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 EJC countries

FRA sends 7 players – this is ok

DEN sends 5 players – this is too few to count

GER sends 3 players – this is too few to count

RUS sends 10 players – this is ok, so **D1 = 2**

SCO sends 8 players – this is ok

ENG sends 3 players – this is too few to count

TUR sends 1 player – this is too few to count

CZE sends 5 players – this is ok, so **E1 = 2**

Based on EU17C countries

DEN sends 3 players – this is too few to count

SRB sends 5 players – this is too few to count

RUS sends 10 players – this is ok

UKR sends 3 players – this is too few to count, so **D2 = 1**

FRA sends 5 players – this is ok

TUR sends 7 players – this is ok

CZE sends 1 player – this is too few to count

ENG sends 5 players – this is ok, so **E2 = 3**

Based on WJTC countries

INA sends 0 players – this is too few to count

CHN sends 1 player – this is too few to count

THA sends 3 players – this is too few to count

JPN sends 2 players – this is too few to count, so **D3 = 0**

HKG sends 7 players – this is ok

FRA sends 3 players – this is too few to count

KOR sends 1 player – this is too few to count

DEN sends 2 players – this is too few to count, so **E3 = 1**

$$G = (3 * D1) + (2 * E1) + (2 * D2) + (1 * E2) + (6 * D3) + (4 * E3) = (3*2) + (2*2) + (2*1) + (1*3) + (6*0) + (4*1) = 6 + 4 + 2 + 3 + 0 + 4 = 19$$

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

*I1 = The tournament provided livescore from all courts throughout the whole tournament on any platform = 4*

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

*I3 = The tournament didn't have a warm-up court for players = 0*

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

$$I = I1 + I2 + I3 + I4 = 4 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 5$$

$$\underline{\underline{Result = ((2 * A + B) + G) * (H + I) = ((2 * 20 + 105) + 19) * (20 + 5) = (164) * (25) = 4100}}$$

### 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.

<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Offence / Breach of following regulation</b>	<b>Amount administrative fine</b>
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
3.5	<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 Junior Circuit logo and the logos of BEC Junior Circuit Partners.</i>	250,00 EUR
3.5	<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>	100,00 EUR
3.5	<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
3.6	<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
3.6	<i>The results must, as a minimum, be updated after each round of each event.</i>	100,00 EUR
3.7	<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>	200,00 EUR
6.5	<i>Tournament organisers shall fulfil BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.4 - “Specifications for International Standard Facilities”.</i>	250,00 EUR
7.1	<i>All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.</i>	500,00 EUR
7.2	<i>All matches in a BEC Junior Circuit tournament must be played on mats or floors marked solely for badminton and have separate nets for each court.</i>	500,00 EUR
7.3	<i>Scoring devices must be used throughout the tournament.</i>	250,00 EUR

7.4	<i>As per regulation § 7.1 of the BEC U17 Circuit Regulations, the semi-finals and finals of a BEC Junior Circuit tournament and of a BEC U17 Circuit tournament can be played at the same time and on the same courts. Otherwise, no other tournament is allowed to be played at the same time on the courts for the U19 tournament unless it is approved by the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee.</i>	250,00 EUR
7.6	<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>	250,00 EUR
7.7	<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>	100,00 EUR
8.1	<i>The brand and type of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.</i>	250,00 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>	250,00 EUR
9.1	<i>Umpires must be provided for all matches.</i>	500,00 EUR
9.3	<i>Service judges must be provided for semi-finals and finals.</i>	500,00 EUR
9.4	<i>Line judges must be provided for semi-finals and finals. At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match.</i>	250,00 EUR
9.5	<i>Line judges must be minimum 14 years old.</i>	250,00 EUR
10.4	<i>The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee for accommodation with full board.</i>	500,00 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>	100,00 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>	250,00 EUR
20.1	<i>The provided Badminton Europe flag, Badminton Europe A-boards and the BEC Junior Circuit banner must be prominently displayed in the hall.</i>	100,00 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>	250,00 EUR