



Invitation to compete in 2026 European Championships To be organized on behalf of Badminton Europe by Spanish Badminton Federation

Dear Members

Badminton Europe and Spanish Badminton Federation would like to invite all eligible players to compete in the 2026 European Championships to be held from 6 to 12 April 2026 in Huelva, Spain. To compete for the titles of European Champions.

- 17 February 2026 BWF World Ranking decides eligibility for participation
- 24 February 2026 Deadline for Members to confirm participation (1st phase)
- 2 March 2026 Deadline for Members to confirm participation (2nd phase)
- 5 March 2026 Deadline for Members to confirm participation (final)
- 6 March 2026 Wild card entries will be announced (if applicable)
- 6 March 2026 Last day to apply for VISA
- 6 March 2026 Deadline for booking accreditation
- 6 March 2026 Deadline for booking transport
- 6 March 2026 Deadline for booking hotels
- 10 March 2026 BWF World Ranking used for seeding
- 13 March 2026 The seeding will be announced
- 17 March 2026 The draw will be conducted and published
- 24 March 2026 Deadline for booking practice courts
- 5 April 2026 Team Managers' Meeting – at 18.00 in the official hotel - Hotel NH Luz Huelva



1. General Details

Organizer	<p>Spanish Badminton Federation</p> <p>Federación Española de Badminton Calle Ferraz 16. 5º Izq. 28008 Madrid Spain</p> <p>E-mail: info@badminton.es</p> <p>Website: www.badminton.es</p>
Venue	<p>Carolina Marin Sports Palace</p> <p>Av. de las Fuerzas Armadas, S/N 21007 Huelva Spanien</p>
Dates	<p>6 – 12 April 2026</p>
Organization contact	<p>Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Spanish Badminton Federation: Ec26@badminton.es</p>
Tournament websites	<p>2026 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>
Referee Team	<p><u>Referee</u></p> <p>Ian Ross (ENG)</p> <p>E-mail: bwfreferee@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Deputy Referees</u></p> <p>Sebastien Bourdin (FRA) - bourdin.sebastien@gmail.com</p> <p>Tomasz Rogowski (POL) - trogowski19@gmail.com</p>
Committee of Management	<p>Niklas Pedersen (BEC), Cecilie List (BEC), Birgit Bijleveld (BEC), Alberto Prada (FESBA) and the Referee.</p>

Insurance	<p>Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalization due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>
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2. Entry Details

Regulations	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in Appendix I (Regulations for European Championships) and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>Regulations can be found here</p> <p>The European Championships will be played as a knockout competition.</p>
Entry fee	<p>Player entered in 1 individual event EURO: € 75, -</p> <p>Player entered in more individual events EURO: € 120, -</p> <p>The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.</p>
Entries	<p>Badminton Europe will conduct the entry using the following timetable:</p> <p>24 February 2026 – Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not eligible players/pairs will enter.</p> <p>2 March 2026 – Deadline for Members to confirm whether or not 2nd phase players/pairs will enter.</p> <p>5 March 2026 – Final deadline for Members to confirm entries.</p> <p>6 March 2026 – Badminton Europe will announce Wild Card entries (if applicable).</p> <p>The eligible players/pairs will be determined by Badminton Europe as per the regulations for the European Championships, therefore there will be no entry form as such.</p>

Eligibility Date	The BWF World Ranking list of 17 February 2026 shall be used for deciding eligibility for the European Championships.
Eligibility	<p>The BWF World Ranking list of the “Eligibility Date” shall be used to allocate places in the European Championships.</p> <p>Regulations 3.2.3 to 3.2.6 in Badminton Europe’s “Appendix A: Eligibility and processing of entries for European Championships” shall be considered in turn until a total of 40 players in each of the single events and 28 doubles pairs in each of the doubles events are allocated, or the entries have been exhausted.</p>

3. Tournament Details

Seeding Date	The seeding will be announced on 13 March 2026 using the BWF World Ranking list published on 10 March 2026 .
Draw Date	The draw will be conducted and published on 17 March 2026 .
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50
Practice Shuttles	All players participating in the tournament, will receive 3 shuttles – AS-50 (not necessarily the tournament speed) per player, they will be distributed when the players arrive for their main hall practice.
Courts	3 YONEX court mats
Practice	An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event’s website and should be send to events@badmintoneurope.com before 24 March 2026 . Main hall practice will be allocated on 5 th and 6 th of April. To be guaranteed allocation, all participants must be available for practice on 5 April - 08.00 local time.
Stringing	Badminton Europe’s official event partner and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide stringing service throughout the whole event.
Player’s lounge	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available at the venue.

<p>Team managers Meetings</p>	<p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on 5 April 2026 - 18.00 at the official hotel - Hotel NH Luz Huelva. All participating Members must be present at the meeting.</p>
<p>Provisional schedule</p>	<p><u>6 April</u> Start of play 16.00 MS and WS (1/32) + XD (1/16)</p> <p><u>7 April</u> Start of play 9.00 MS and WS (1/32) + MD, WD (1/16) and XD (1/8)</p> <p><u>8 April</u> Start of play 9.00 MS and WS (1/16) + WD (1/8)</p> <p><u>9 April</u> Start of play 9.00 MS, WS and MD (1/8) + WD and XD Quarterfinals</p> <p><u>10 April</u> Start of play 13.00 MS, WS and MD Quarterfinals + WD and XD Semifinals</p> <p><u>11 April</u> Start of play 14.00 MS, WS and MD Semifinals + WD and XD Finals</p> <p><u>12 April</u> Start of play 12.00 MS, WS and MD finals</p>
<p>Technical Official briefing</p>	<p>The Technical Official briefing will be held on 6 April 2026 - 11.00 at the venue.</p>
<p>Medal ceremonies</p>	<p>All medals will be presented on Saturday 11 April and Sunday 12 April 2026 after the respective finals. All medalists are required to be present at the medal ceremonies.</p>
<p>Media enquiry</p>	<p>Please contact: Inigo.marin@badminton.es</p>

<p>Catering</p>	<p>There will be daily menus available from 12.30 till 3.00 pm. Prizes is <u>15€</u> per person. Menus can be ordered in advance contacting with the organization: ec26@badminton.es</p>
<p>Physio facilities</p>	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge to players. An appointment system will operate to ensure equal opportunities for all players. Teams can use plinths with their own physiotherapist as well.</p>
<p>Accreditations</p>	<p>In addition to the players' accreditations, max 5 complimentary accreditation badges will be issued to team officials.</p> <p>Additional accreditations for approved team officials will be available for purchase at a fee of € 100,00 each, charged to the respective Member and payable at the tournament.</p> <p>Accreditation must be requested online using the following link: CLICK HERE</p> <p>Submission deadline date: <u>6 March 2026.</u></p>
<p>Clothing and advertising</p>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix I (Regulations for European Championships).</p> <p>In singles matches it is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other. The player ranked lower on the BWF World Ranking used for the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both players have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.</p> <p>In doubles matches it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour.</p> <p>In doubles matches it is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other. The pair ranked lower on the BWF World Ranking used for the seeding will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both pairs have the same or no ranking, the player listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the name of the player shall appear on the back of the shirt. It is mandatory that the name of the player's Member/country shall appear on the back of the shirt.</p>

	<p>The Referee is instructed to pay particular attention to uphold these regulations on clothing. In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p> <p>Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.</p> <p>Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: Anti-Match Fixing</p>
<p>Doping control</p>	<p>Anti-doping testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time, as per BWF and WADA regulations.</p> <p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: Anti-Doping Overview</p>

4. Travel & Visa Details

<p>Official point of arrival</p>	<p>Seville International Airport (SVQ)</p> <p>Seville Railway Station</p> <p>Shuttle bus will be available at Seville International Airport (SVQ) and Seville Railway Station going from the airport/train station to the official hotels and venue.</p> <p>To request transportation, please complete and submit the Transportation Request Form by 6 March 2026.</p> <p>Departure time must be confirmed directly at the Transport Office the day before or we can't guarantee your transport request.</p>
<p>Visa Application</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Spain to make sure that visa applications are made not later than 6 March 2026.</p> <p>Request must be made using the following link: CLICK HERE</p> <p>Please inform that the visa is requested to: Events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Organizers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue "last minute" visas.</p> <p>The fact that visas cannot be obtained will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.</p>
<p>Transport</p>	<p>Transportation between Venue, practice, and hotels will be by shuttlebus, if accommodation has been booked through the organizers. Time schedule will be available on Sportity.</p> <p>Official transportation is only possible if accommodation is booked through the organization.</p> <p>Booking with the form on the tournament site must be sent to: ec26transport@badminton.es</p> <p>Booking deadline: 6 March 2026</p>

Accommodation

AC HUELVA - 4*

Address: Av. de Andalucía, S/N, 21005 Huelva

- Single Room: 135€
- Twin room: 150€

EXE TARTESSOS - 4*

Address: Av. Martín Alonso Pinzón, 13, 21003 Huelva

- Single Room: 135€
- Twin room: 150€

NH LUZ HUELVA - 4*

Address: Alameda Sundheim, 26, 21003 Huelva

- Single Room: 170 €
- Twin room: 190 €

SENATOR HUELVA - 3*

Address: C. Pablo Rada, 10, 21004 Huelva,

- Single Room: 100 €
- Twin room: 124 €

SERCOTEL FAMILIA CONDE (3*)

Address: Alameda Sundheim, 14, 21003 Huelva

- Single Room: 115 €
- Twin room: 124 €

Prices per room per night including breakfast

In the event of lack of vacancies, an adequate hotel will be offered.

Hotels must be booked no later than **6 March 2026**, to guarantee availability.

Booking procedure:

Accommodation can be booked here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Booking conditions:

- A non-refundable 50% deposit is required to reserve.
- Payment up to 100% by **15 March 2026**