

BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

Regulations

1. Definition

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

2. Description

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

3. Organisation and responsibility

- 3.1 *A BEC Elite Circuit tournament may be organised by a group of individuals, a club or some other specific body (private or corporate), but the Member Association must have the ultimate authority and is liable under BADMINTON EUROPE Disciplinary Regulations to ensure that the tournament is run in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with these BEC Elite Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*
- 3.2 *Any Member Association failing to comply with these BEC Elite Circuit Regulations may be penalised following the BADMINTON EUROPE'S Disciplinary Regulations. The possible penalties shall be: administrative fines, a fine of up to double amount of tournament's prize money (but not exceeding maximum fine as defined by BADMINTON EUROPE Disciplinary Regulations) and in cases of no prize money of up to 5.000,00 EUR, withdrawal of sanction. Administrative fines shall be imposed by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*
- 3.3 *It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.*

In accordance with regulation 10.4 in Appendix 6 to BWF's General Competition Regulations, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

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

- 3.4 *The organising Member Association can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member Association organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.*
- 3.5 *If the organising Member Association decides to cancel, postpone or downgrade its tournament, it must be done in writing to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 90 days before the start of the tournament.*
- 3.5.1 *Cancelling, postponing or downgrading International Challenge or International Series tournaments later than 90 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4, shall result in an administrative fine equivalent to 20% of the total prize money (in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations 3.4.2).*
- 3.5.2 *Shall 20% of the total prize money, as per 3.5.1, exceed 1.500 EUR, the case will be brought to the attention of the BEC Disciplinary Committee.*
- 3.5.3 *Cancelling or postponing a Future Series tournament later than 90 days before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4, shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.*
- 3.5.4 *Cancelling or downgrading a tournament will not result in any reduction of the sanction fee.*
- 3.6 *Member Association and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

4. Rights

- 4.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with the event.*
- 4.2 *The organising Member Association will be granted license to the rights and commercial activities of the event until one day after the event. BADMINTON EUROPE will however retain the right to the following activities in connection with the event:*
- 4.2.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE flag, A-boards and BEC Elite Circuit banner must be displayed on prominent places in the hall. Organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are responsible for the safekeeping of this equipment.*
- 4.2.2 *In case of streaming and/or TV-production from the tournament, BADMINTON EUROPE reserves the rights to have A-boards allocated as listed in Appendix 1. BADMINTON EUROPE furthermore reserves the rights of having the logo of the*

BEC Elite Circuit sponsor and of BADMINTON EUROPE under the net on the TV-covered court.

- 4.2.3 *In case of streaming and/or TV-production the floor around the streaming courts must be covered by carpets and there shall be a minimum of 12 A-boards equally distributed around each streaming court.*
- 4.2.4 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall retain the right to publish results, photographs and reports on the Internet and elsewhere and to do so at times determined solely by BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 4.2.5 *Any rights from the tournaments regarding betting or games of chance belong to BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 4.2.6 *BADMINTON EUROPE retains the right to produce a video stream. The organisers are allowed to produce and utilise a non-exclusive video stream.*
- 4.2.7 *BADMINTON EUROPE reserves the right to have the logo of the BEC Elite Circuit sponsor and of BADMINTON EUROPE on the official invitation, programme, posters and press releases as well as on the event webpage.*

5. Participating tournaments

5.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE has no limitation of either International Challenge, International Series or Future Series tournaments. However, BADMINTON EUROPE will not approve more than 3 (three) tournaments on Continental level per Member Association played within 52 weeks., in accordance with the BWF Tournament Sanction Policies (General Competition Regulation Appendix 10).*

5.2 *The organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments must have their dates approved by BADMINTON EUROPE for sanction by BWF. A request for approval must be made at least 9 (nine) months before the start of the tournament. The request must be in line with the BWF 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://badmintoneurope.com/cms/?&pageid=5605>

5.3 *The organisers of the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments must include as much information as possible about their tournament in their sanction application. The information about the tournament must at least include details and the full name and address of the tournament hall and the exact playing days of the tournament as well as the prize money.*

5.4 *No changes of the information in 5.3 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*

5.5 *The tournament organizer must send at least 2(two) photos to 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 jimmy.andersen@badmintoneurope.com and zsofia.horvath@badmintoneurope.com.

- 5.6 *Tournament organisers must have a website for the tournament with information about the tournament, the draw and the results.*

The website must be online at least 100 days before the start of the tournament and display minimum the information listed in the invitation. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

The website must display the entry lists with the information about players/pairs for qualification and the draw immediately after receipt from BADMINTON EUROPE.

The tournament website shall display the BADMINTON EUROPE logo.

- 5.7 *It is mandatory for tournaments organisers to use the Tournament Planner. Organisers must use the “BWF-license” belonging to its Member Association during the tournament.*

The results must be updated after each round of each event. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

6. **Tournament classification**

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE	US\$ 25,000 or more
INTERNATIONAL SERIES	US\$ 10,000 or more
FUTURE SERIES	up to US\$ 10,000

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

7. **Points system**

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

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

Points will be given only for the main draw

- 7.2 *Byes and Walkovers:*
When players/pairs receive a bye in the first round and then lose in the second round, they will receive the points for having lost in the first round.
When players/pairs withdraw without playing any part of at least one match, they receive no points.

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

8. **Ranking**

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

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

8.2 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall maintain and publish the current BEC Elite Circuit Ranking after each tournament.*

8.2.1 *The Current Ranking can be seen at the BEC Circuit website*

<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com>

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

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

9.1 *All five events must be played:
men's singles - women's singles - men's doubles - women's doubles and mixed doubles.*

9.2 *Maximum matches allowed per day on*

<i>4 courts -</i>	<i>80 matches</i>
<i>5 courts -</i>	<i>100 matches</i>
<i>6 courts -</i>	<i>120 matches</i>
<i>7 courts -</i>	<i>140 matches and</i>
<i>8 courts -</i>	<i>160 matches</i>

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

9.3 *The players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places fixed by BADMINTON EUROPE in cooperation with the organisers.*

9.4 *The provisional schedule with times shall be published in the invitation (e.g. qualification – Thursday from 10:00 AM, first and second round – Friday from 9:00 AM, finals – Sunday from 12:00 AM), but the provisional times can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission.*

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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR. Such a final frame schedule can not change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission approve such a change.

9.5 *Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she will be penalised by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes*

or prize money. *BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.*

- 9.6 *If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.*
- 9.7 *Tournament organisers shall fulfil Appendix 2 of the General Competition Regulations of BWF – “Specifications for International Standard Facilities”.*
- 9.8 *Players shall fulfil Appendix 4 of the General Competition Regulations of BWF – “Players’ Code of Conduct”.*
- 9.9 *Coaches and officials shall fulfil Appendix 9 of the General Competition Regulations of BWF – “Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials”.*

10. *Division of prize money*

International Challenge	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 2000	\$ 2000	\$ 2250	\$ 2250	\$ 2250
Runner up	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 1500	\$ 1500	\$ 1500
Semi-finalist	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 625
Quarter-finalist	\$ 200	\$ 200			
International Series	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 1000	\$ 1000	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 1200
Runner up	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
Semi-finalist	\$ 300	\$ 300			
Future Series	MS (%)	WS (%)	MD (%)	WD (%)	XD (%)
Winner	20	20	20	20	20

- 10.1 *The prize money must be given in cash, based on the above division and must be handed over to the players/pairs, after their last match in the tournament. Players/pairs competing in the finals, shall receive the prize money at the prize giving ceremony. Failing to hand out the prize money according to the regulations, shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.*
- 10.2 *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation (incl. amount of deduction), and when the prize money is handed out, all players that receive prize money shall also receive a letter/note/documentation from the local tax department that proves that taxes have been paid. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the organisers shall pay out the full amount of prize money.*
- 10.3 *The exact division of prize money (including deduction) must be listed in the official invitation. The prize money shall be announced in either Euro (€) or US-Dollars (\$) and shall be paid out in the currency which is announced in the official invitation. Failing to pay out the prize money in the announced currency shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.*

11. **Suggestion for order of play**

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

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

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

12. **Venue**

12.1 All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.

12.2 All matches of a BEC Elite Circuit tournament must be played on portable mats. All court mats used for the tournament shall be of the same color. The floor should preferably be sprung wooden floor.

12.3 Scoring devices, preferably electronical, must be used throughout the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

12.4 Organisers shall propose at least one official hotel and one official point of arrival for the venue. Point of arrival must be a recognised international airport unless another point of arrival has been accepted by the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit Commission. Official hotel shall be of a good standard, but not less than 2 stars. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.

12.5 Free transport shall be provided from the official point of arrival to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 km). Organisers shall determine the frequency of such free transport and such frequency shall be published, but the players shall not be required to wait more than one hour for the transport to the venue and not more than three hours for the transport from the point of arrival.

12.6 The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport from unofficial hotels and unofficial point of arrival, but it is recommended that the amount of money to be paid for such a transport is published in the invitation.

12.7 It is recommended that the organiser provide the players necessary conditions for their well-being at the venue (i.e. food at venue, players' lounge, stringing service, free internet connection).

13. **Shuttles**

The brand of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.

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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 750,00 EUR.

At least two speeds of shuttles must be provided. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

There must be sufficient shuttles to run the complete tournament with each speed. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

14. Umpires and line judges

14.1 Experienced umpires must be provided for all rounds of the main event and the qualifying event. Failing to provide umpires for all rounds of the main event and for all rounds of the qualifying event shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.

14.2 At least 3 (three) foreign umpires must be umpiring at the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

14.3 Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all BEC Elite Circuit tournaments – preferably Badminton Europe uniforms.

14.4 Service judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 750,00 EUR.

14.5 Line judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR. All line judges officiating at the same BEC Elite Circuit tournament are required to wear the same color of uniforms.

At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match, preferably working in 2 (two) shifts. Failing to provide at least 2 (two) line judges per match shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

Line judges must be minimum 14 years old. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR

14.6 It is mandatory for International Series and Future Series tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires). Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

14.7 It is mandatory for International Challenge tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires) and that at least 1/3 of all umpires are foreign umpires or minimum BADMINTON EUROPE accredited umpires. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 750,00 EUR. It is recommended for International Challenge tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 4 per court.

15. Referees

15.1 All BEC Elite Circuit tournaments shall have a referee who does not belong to the Member Association who organises the tournament (foreign referee).

15.2 BADMINTON EUROPE will appoint the referee for all BEC Elite Circuit tournaments.

- 15.3 *BADMINTON EUROPE is responsible to cover the travel expenses for the appointed referee and a daily allowance of 40,00 EUR for the number of tournament days + 1 extra day.*
- 15.4 *The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee for
- accommodation with full board*
- 15.5 *No travel booking can be made by any referee before confirmation has been given by BADMINTON EUROPE. If travel booking is made without receiving confirmation from BADMINTON EUROPE, the appointed referee will not be reimbursed his/her travel expenses Confirmation must be given no later than 6 (six) weeks before the tournament is due to begin.*
- 15.6 *A deputy referee must be appointed by the organiser no later than 6 (six) weeks before the tournament and must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*
- 15.7 *The Referee must wear the official BADMINTON EUROPE or BWF uniform.*
- 15.8 *The referee is required to send a written report to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than two weeks after completion of the tournament.*

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

16. Entries

- 16.1 *If a Member Association enters players for a BEC Elite Circuit tournament, these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*
- 16.2 *Where qualifying rounds are necessary, the names of players to play in the main event must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 16.3 *If the host Association does not have an entry in the main draw in an event they may elect to include a wildcard entry in that event (in accordance with regulation 5.10 in the BWF General Competition Regulations). The nomination of a wildcard entry must be made in connection with the entries being submitted online in accordance with regulation 16.4.*
- 16.4 *All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.*
- 16.5 *After an entry has been submitted online, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to the entering Member Association confirming the receipt of the entry/entries. This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries.*
- 16.5.1 *The Member Associations shall contact Badminton Europe immediately if such confirmation is not received after the entry has been submitted online. Any objection to the entries should be notified to Badminton Europe.*
- 16.5.2 *Following the close of entries if no objection is received by Badminton Europe by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time the entries shall deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.*
- 16.6 *The closing time for entries is Tuesday, four weeks before the tournament is due to start, at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time.*

16.7 *No late entries will be accepted.*

17. Entry fees

17.1 *The Member Association that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.*

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 Association. The invoice 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.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Waiting List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place, the organisers must have this promotion confirmed by the association/associations of the respective player/pair. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Member Associations or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

18. Clothing

18.1 *Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations 19 to 23. A player violating these regulations shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.*

18.2 *The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. - A player failing to wear the name on the back of his/her shirt when mandatory shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*

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

19. Seeding

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

20. The draw

20.1 *The draw will be done in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations 12.*

- 20.2 *The qualification rounds will be done in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulation 13.*
- 20.3 *The organisers must advise all players required to play in qualifying rounds of the day of their first match in the tournament, at least 15 days before the tournament begins. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.*
- 20.4 *BADMINTON EUROPE will make the draw on Tuesday, two weeks before the tournament is due to begin.*

21. Alterations to the draw and substitutions

- 21.1 *No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations 5.9.*

22. Withdrawals

- 22.1 *Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).*
- 22.2 *Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).*
- 22.3 *After entering a player(s) in the tournament it is the Member Association's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Member Associations must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.*

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

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

23. Badminton Europe representative

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

24. On-court doctor

- 24.1 *A doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR*

25. **Everyday and final results**

25.1 *Everyday results must be sent by email to BWF and at the end of the tournament a whole draw with results as an excel file and the TP-file must be sent to BWF.*

The results must be sent to –

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

25.2 *The TP-file with the final results of all events, including qualification, must furthermore be sent by e-mail to BADMINTON EUROPE immediately after the tournament.*

The results must be sent to zsofia.horvath@badmintoneurope.com

26. **Sanction fee**

26.1 *The sanction fee for inclusion in the BEC Elite Circuit is 500,00 EUR plus 10 % of the prize money and is payable immediately after acceptance of the tournament into the BEC Elite Circuit.*

27. **Invitation**

27.1 *The tournament invitations must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE at least 100 days before the tournament. Failing to send the tournament invitation to BADMINTON EUROPE for approval at least 100 days before the first day of the tournament shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.*

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

1. *Name of the tournament, including reference to the tournament classification and the BADMINTON EUROPE logo*
2. *Name of tournament organiser, telephone and e-mail address.*
3. *Name of referee and e-mail address of the referee.*
4. *Key dates of the tournament.*
 - *Entry deadline (as in §16.6)*
 - *World Ranking date for M&Q-report (Thursday after the entry deadline)*
 - *Date for publication of M&Q-report (Friday after the entry deadline)*
 - *World Ranking date for seeding/draw (Thursday the week before the draw)*
 - *Last day for making withdrawals without being fined (as in §22.1)*
 - *Date for the draw (as in §20.4)*
 - *Date for the team managers meeting.*
5. *Venue: full name and address of the tournament venue.*
6. *Number of entries accepted in the tournament (main tournament) and regulations 3.3 about the minimum amount of entries.*
7. *Brand of shuttles to be used.*
8. *Number and brand of courts to be used.*
9. *Clothing and advertising regulations.*
10. *Reference and link to BWF Online Entry System for submitting entries.*
11. *Entry fees and § 17.1 about the payment of the entry fees.*
12. *§22.1 and §22.2 about withdrawals and “no shows”.*
13. *Visa support letter request process and any special information.*
14. *Prize money to be paid in cash, currency and exact division (see § 10).*

15. *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation as stated in § 10.2.*
16. *Address of web site.*
17. *Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel), payment procedure and the name of the official point of arrival (see § 12.4).*
18. *Availability of Practice facilities – duration and available timing*
19. *Information about betting and the possible consequences for players and officials placing bets on an event of which they form a part. (see BWF’s “Players’ Code of Conduct” and “Code of Conduct for Coaches & Officials”).*
20. *The provisional time schedule, the information about the final frame schedule (see § 9.4) and the requirement for players’ departure, with possible penalty (see § 9.5)*
21. *Cancellation of the tournament in case of force majeure in accordance with regulation 3.4.*
22. *BADMINTON EUROPE waiver in accordance with regulation 3.6.*
23. *Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.*

In addition to the official invitation sent out to Member Associations, BADMINTON EUROPE will display on its BEC Circuit web site <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com> all necessary information about the BEC Elite Circuit tournaments including closing dates for entries and dates of seeding/draws.

28. Interpretation

- 28.1 *The BADMINTON EUROPE Board of Directors interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuits Commission may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the BADMINTON EUROPE Board of Directors is taken.*

29. Validity

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

ADOPTED by the Badminton Europe Board of Directors on 13 October 2017
Valid from 1 January 2018

APPENDIX 1: A-BOARD PLAN - BE CIRCUIT

