

SMALL STATES OF EUROPE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGULATIONS



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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. The Small States of Europe Team Championships consist of one event. Any European country shall be entitled to take part if the population of the country is less than 1 million people.
- 1.2. The first-ranked team in the event shall be entitled to call itself the winner of the Small States of Europe Team Championships.
- 1.3. All nominated and present players of the teams, placing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, shall be presented with medals depending on the final placing of their team. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.
- 1.4. One nominated representative for each of the three medal-winning teams shall accompany his/her team at the medal ceremony and shall receive a token from Badminton Malta for his/her team's achievement.
- 1.5. The Small States of Europe Team Champions shall be awarded a trophy which they can keep in possession.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE

- 2.1. A participation fee shall be charged by the Hosting Country which is set at €500 per team.
- 2.2. The hosting country shall provide free transport. This will include airport transfers and trips between the hotel and sports complex for the duration of the event.
- 2.3. Every member association shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players, and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

3. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 3.1. The host country shall be responsible for the organisation of the event.
- 3.2. The Championships shall be conducted under the Laws of badminton and all appropriate Competition Regulations as adopted by the BWF and/or Badminton Europe.
- 3.3. The Referee shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.
 - 3.3.1. The hosting country shall provide accommodation on full board basis for the appointed Referee.
- 3.4. Each country has to nominate at least 1 nationally qualified umpire.

4. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 4.1. Not later than four (4) months before the date of the event, the hosting country shall send an invitation/prospectus to all eligible members.

4.2. Entries may be submitted only by Member Associations and shall be sent not later than the date indicated on the invitation/prospectus.

4.3. The hosting country shall have the power to reject any entry of any member:

4.3.1. Which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close.

4.3.2. Whose entry is considered against the interest of the Championships or the game.

4.3.3. in cases specified in Badminton Europe Rules (e.g., Rule 32.3).

4.3.4. Entries made by Member associations that are not in good standing with BEC /BWF will not be accepted.

5. METHOD OF COMPETITION

5.1. To calculate the overall ranking of each entered team, using the world ranking published immediately before 15 days prior to the commencement of the tournament:

5.1.1. Seeding is done by calculating the sum of the Highest MS/WS/MD/WD/XD WR points of each Team (MA).

5.2. After we do this process all participating teams can/will be ranked from Highest to lowest. Since for Cyprus event we have 9 teams, they will be ranked from 1 to 9 according to the process above

As such we will create 3 groups 1 – 3, 4 – 6, 7 – 9 seeded teams which we will draw them respectively to groups A, B and C separately. 3 groups of 3 teams will be formed as per below:

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
1	A1	B1	C1
2	A2	B2	C2
3	A3	B3	C3

Friday Session 1 we will have the below matches:

1. A2 vs A3
2. B2 vs B3
3. C2 vs C3

Friday Session 2 we will have the below matches:

1. A1 vs A3
2. B1 vs B3
3. C1 vs C3

Saturday Session 1 we will have final matches of group stage:

1. A1 vs A2
2. B1 vs B2
3. C1 vs C2

For the next stage we will use the below format:

	Group Winners (1 – 3) 1	Group Runner up (4 – 6) 2	Group 3rd Place (7 – 9) 3
1	1A	2A	3A
2	1B	2B	3B
3	1C	2C	3C

Saturday Session 2 we will have the below matches:

1. 1A vs 1B
2. 2A vs 2B
3. 3A vs 3B

Sunday Session 1 the below matches

1. 1B vs 1C
2. 2B vs 2C
3. 3B vs 3C

Sunday Session 2 the below matches

1. 1A vs 1C
2. 2A vs 2C
3. 3A vs 3C

All ties will play ALL 5 events

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE

The responsibilities of the Referee in the Championships are:

- 6.1. to oversee the Championships.
- 6.2. to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play are adhered to and that all teams and players comply with the Regulations for play.
- 6.3. to decide on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager.
- 6.4. to uphold the laws of badminton and regulations relevant to the Championships.
- 6.5. The Referee is required to send a written report to the hosting country no later than two weeks after the completion of the event. The report shall use the Badminton Europe Championships template.

7. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 7.1. Players shall be eligible to represent a Member in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulation § 6.

8. TEAM MANAGER

- 8.1. Each member concerned shall appoint a team manager of its team at least 15 days before the event and notify the organising committee.
- 8.2. From the time of arrival at the venue, the team manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the team concerned in connection with the conduct of the Championships.
- 8.3. The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee.

9. NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 9.1. Each competing Member shall, at least 15 days before the date fixed for the commencement of play, nominate to the organisers, the players from whom its team will be selected.
Members must guarantee that all teams and all players entered, satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of €100,00 for every player or team that does not satisfy the conditions set in these Regulations.
- 9.2. Each competing Member shall nominate not fewer than four players and not more than ten players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. There shall be a minimum of two male and two female players and a maximum of ten male and ten female players amongst the nominated players.
- 9.3. Teams shall be required to play ties comprising:
 - one men's singles;
 - one women's singles;
 - one men's doubles;
 - one women's doubles;
 - one mixed doubles.
- 9.4. Each manager shall submit to the Referee the composition of his team for each tie, where the players are from those previously nominated.
 - 9.4.1. Team compositions must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the start of a tie.
 - 9.4.2. Failure to submit a team composition in accordance with 13.4.1 shall result in an administrative fine of €250,00.
- 9.5. The Referee may, upon the request of a Team Manager, allow a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance, provided that the substitute player/pair is lower ranked than the player/pair being replaced.
 - 9.5.1. The ranking of the players/pairs shall be based on the most recent published BWF World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the competition. For ranking in doubles, notional points/ranking shall be taken into consideration.
 - 9.5.2. The ranking of players/pairs not having a ranking or a notional ranking in the BWF World Ranking shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management.
 - 9.5.3. No substitution shall be made after a tie has begun.

10. CONSTITUTION OF MATCHES AND TEAMS

- 10.1. Each tie shall be decided by the results of the two singles and three doubles matches.
 - 10.1.1. In the group stage, all five matches of each tie shall be played.
 - 10.1.2. In the playoff stage, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.
- 10.2. No player shall play in more than two matches.
- 10.3. If, because of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play his/her respective matches.
- 10.4. If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both the same gender or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.

11. ORDER OF PLAY

- 11.1. There are four permissible orders of play:
 - 11.1.1. Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles – Mixed doubles
 - 11.1.2. Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles - Mixed doubles
 - 11.1.3. Mixed doubles - Men's singles – Women's singles – Men's doubles – Women's doubles
 - 11.1.4. Mixed doubles - Women's singles - Men's singles - Women's doubles - Men's doubles
- 11.2. Orders of play 11.1.1 to 11.1.4 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches.
- 11.3. If all four orders of play, 11.1.1 to 11.1.4 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches the order of play 11.1.1 will be used.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. The Referee shall have the power to disqualify at any stage of the Championships:
 - 12.1.1. any team which has seriously failed to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix, the Badminton Europe Rules, or other Badminton Europe Regulations or the BWF Regulations and has by doing so harmed or endangered the fairness of the competition (breach of a regulation which anticipates an administrative fine is not considered as a serious failure to comply with the regulations); or
 - 12.1.2. a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.

12.2. If a player or a team is disqualified, such a player or a team may also be penalised by a fine, suspension and forfeiture of rewards.

12.3. Any Covered Person as defined in BWF Judicial Procedures failing to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix may be penalised following Badminton Europe Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.

12.4. The possible penalties shall be:

12.4.1. administrative fines, imposed by the hosting country.

12.4.2. any penalty as defined by BWF Judicial Procedures

13. CLOTHING REGULATIONS

13.1. Members need to ensure that their players' clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and § 13 and § 14 in these regulations. Any breach of BWF Regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

13.2. Colour of players' clothing

13.2.1. In team matches players must wear team colours. That is each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a tie. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of €50,00 for each tie.

13.2.2. It is mandatory that the opposing teams in each tie wear different colours from each other. The team ranked lower on the overall ranking list in 5.1 will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour. It is suggested that teams have 2 sets of different clothing to avoid having teams play in the same colour. The home team has the right to choose. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of €50,00 for each tie.

13.3. Player names:

13.3.1. The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.

13.4. Member names:

13.4.1. The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is mandatory. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for each breach.

14. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

14.1. Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

15.1. A board made up of 3 host country officials/coaches interprets any dubious regulations included in this document.

15.2. If the host country is involved in the case, then an ad-hoc board made up of 3 officials/coaches from independent (not involved in the case) countries is formed.

15.3. If there is a case where there are not 3 non-involved members in the case, a board with a representative from each country shall be formed. If then, the board is made up of an even number of members, the host country has a casting vote.