



**TO:    Umpire Correspondents, Badminton Europe Members**  
**RE:    Umpire Nominations for the 2024 European Senior Championships**

Dear All,

Badminton Europe (BEC) is pleased to invite you to nominate umpires for the following BEC event:

**2024 European Senior Championships**

Location:    Heusden-Zolder, Belgium  
Date:         25 – 31 August 2024

For this event, the following umpires can be nominated:

- BWF umpires
- BEC Accredited/Certificated umpires
- National umpires for the BEC Accredited assessment
- National umpires who have some international experience and would like to gain more
- Umpires who have been removed from BEC's list of active umpires

**Travel Support**

Badminton Europe introduces a new staggered system of travel support for all foreign umpires appointed for BEC events.

The basic grant consists of 250 Euros per umpire (increased from 200 Euros) which will be paid to the umpire's Member's account after the event. It is therefore hoped that the Member will assist their umpire/-s with their travel costs and visa expenses (if needed).

Umpires requiring a visa to travel to the BEC Event, to which they are appointed, will receive an additional support of 50 Euros.

To additionally support umpires coming from remote European destinations in comparison to the host nation, the following Members are entitled to an increased travel support of 350 Euros (+50 Euros for visa expenses if applicable): ***Iceland, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Türkiye, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Israel and Azerbaijan.***

**Appraisal of BEC Accredited umpires**

Badminton Europe will take the opportunity of using this event to evaluate/appraise its umpires to get an overview of the umpires' skills, strengths and weaknesses. Badminton Europe would like to offer its best umpires the possibility of "moving up" in the international umpire scale – find its best umpires and have them assessed for upgrading within BEC and within BWF. The appraisal will consist of a theoretical and practical part (written test and umpiring at the event).

Appraisals will be carried out in the following way:

- BEC Accredited umpires will be appraised by the members of the BEC Umpire Assessment Panel – the appraisal will be used for selections towards the coming assessments towards the BEC Certificated level.



- The appraisal will be conducted over 3 days, but the selected umpires need to be available for the entire tournament. The appraisal dates will be informed, to the selected umpires.

Following the event, the members of the BEC Assessment Panel will submit written reports to Badminton Europe upon the umpires who they have been appraising.

### **Point of arrival**

The official point of arrival for the event is Eindhoven airport (EIN - Netherlands). Depending on the number of passengers, a minibus or bus will be provided from the airport

Umpires selected for the event will have to arrive latest by 16.00 on Saturday 24 August 2024.

### **Accommodation/Briefing**

Umpires will be provided with bed and breakfast accommodation in twin rooms. The hotel in which technical officials are accommodated is Hotel Soete Wey. In addition, umpires will be provided with full board during the event.

The umpire briefing will take place on 24 August 2024 at 20.00 hotel Soete Wey (TO hotel)

### **Umpire Clothing**

BEC umpires must bring their BEC polos while BWF umpires will receive them before the tournament.

Please state the umpire's preferred clothing size for a polo shirt on the nomination form should a special uniform be provided. Additional clothing will not be brought to the event, so please make sure that the indicated sizes are correct.

### **Nominations**

Nominations must be made using the link here: [nominations for ESC24](#). Each Member can nominate a maximum of SIX umpires for the event.

Any changes to the nominations, or any enquiries, must be made to the Badminton Europe office - [umpires@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:umpires@badmintoneurope.com)

It is possible that the number of nominations will exceed the number of umpires required. Therefore, please do not book any travel until umpire appointments have been confirmed. Umpires can be asked to depart on different days, so travel cannot be booked until after the selection is announced. The closing date for receiving umpire nominations is **Wednesday 12 June 2024**. The selection will be announced shortly after the deadline.

Thank you in advance for your nominations!

Kind regards,

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Chair of the TOC

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Events Manager