

BADMINTON EUROPE JUNIOR CIRCUIT

2009/2010

Instructions

1. Description

- 1.1 *The Badminton Europe Junior Circuit (the Junior Circuit) is a competition open to all badminton players under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the season starts (season = 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010) who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.*
- 1.2 *The referee shall have the power to check the player's age at any time. This can be done on 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 immediately disqualified and all of his current season's results removed from the Junior Ranking.*
- 1.3 *Players earn points according to the scale of their success in tournaments which have been approved by BADMINTON EUROPE for inclusion in the Junior Circuit.*
- 1.4 *At the end of the season a Circuit Final will be carried out subject to suitable sponsorship arrangements being made. Players will be invited according to the "Regulations for Badminton Europe Circuit Finals".*

2. Organisation and responsibility

- 2.1 *A Junior Circuit tournament may be organised by a club or some other specific body, but the Member Association must have the ultimate authority to ensure that the tournament is run in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with Junior Circuit Instructions and BWF Competitions Regulations. Only the organising Member Association is liable to pay any fine subject to these Instructions but can reimburse the payment from the organising body.*
- 2.2 *Any Member Association failing to comply with the Junior Circuit Instructions may be penalised following BADMINTON EUROPE's disciplinary procedure. The possible penalties shall be: conditions imposed on future Junior Circuit tournament, downgrading of the tournament, a fine of up to double amount of the tournament's prize money (but no less than 500,- EURO), withdrawal of sanction for up to 3 (three) years.*
- 2.3 *It is required that every event in a particular Junior Circuit tournament has at least 12 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries), except for women's doubles where at least 8 competitors (pairs) must participate. If the required number of competitors is not met, the Junior Circuit tournament is cancelled by written notice of BADMINTON EUROPE no later than the day after receipt of entries. The Organiser must notify BADMINTON EUROPE about the number of entered competitors no later than 3 (three) days after the closing day for entries. BADMINTON EUROPE is not*

liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of a cancellation of a tournament.

If an event (due to late incoming withdrawals) has less than 12 competitors (8 in women's doubles), this event shall be played but shall not count towards any ranking.

- 2.4 *The organising Member Association can cancel a tournament if unforeseen circumstances of higher power arise. Such cancellation has to 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.*
- 2.5 *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 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 Junior Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

3. Participating tournaments

- 3.1 *Member Associations may apply to BADMINTON EUROPE to have a tournament approved for inclusion in the Junior Circuit. All such tournaments must be sanctioned by BWF and must not clash with any other tournament in the Junior Circuit.*
- 3.2 *The application must include details of the full name and address of the tournament hall and the exact playing days of the tournament.*
- 3.2.1 *The tournament can not be played in fewer than 3 (three) days, and in no more than 5 (five) days, unless this is approved by BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport.*
- 3.3 *No changes of the information in 3.2 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport.*
- 3.4 *Member Associations shall be advised of all tournaments which comprise the Junior Circuit.*
- 3.5 *Tournament Organisers shall have their own web site with information about the tournament, the entries, the draw and the results.*
- The web site must be online at least three months before the start of the tournament. The web site must display the entry lists and the draw immediately after receiving it from BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 3.6 *It is mandatory for tournaments organisers to use the Tournament Planner. The results must be updated after each round of each event.*

4. **Points System**

4.1 *The points system to be used in the Junior Circuit shall be as follows:*

For Tournament defined as

	<i>Level A</i>	<i>Level B</i>	<i>Level C</i>
<i>Winner:</i>	<i>250 points</i>	<i>100 points</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Losing finalist</i>	<i>200 points</i>	<i>80 points</i>	<i>40 points</i>
<i>Losing semi-finalist</i>	<i>150 points</i>	<i>60 points</i>	<i>30 points</i>
<i>Losing quarter-finalist</i>	<i>100 points</i>	<i>40 points</i>	<i>20 points</i>
<i>Losing round of sixteen</i>	<i>50 points</i>	<i>20 points</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Losing round of 32</i>	<i>25 points</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>5 points</i>

Note: A particular tournament may be downgraded subject to 2.2.

4.2 *Byes and Walkovers:*

Where players receive a bye and then lose in the round of sixteen (i.e. their first scheduled match) they will receive 10 (5) points.

Where players receive a bye and then lose in the quarter-final (i.e. their first scheduled match) they will receive 20 (10) points.

Where players withdraw without playing any part of at least one match, they receive no points.

4.3 *A walkover shall be considered to be a win.*

5. **Ranking**

5.1 *The six (6) Junior Circuit tournaments in which the most points are achieved by each player will count for the Junior Circuit Ranking. If fewer tournaments are played, the total amount of points achieved in these tournaments will count.*

5.2 *If two or more players have gained the same number of points, the place shall be awarded to the player who has competed in the most Circuit tournaments.*

5.2.1 *In the event of a tie after 5.2, the place shall be awarded to the player with the most points after 1st January.*

5.2.2 *In the event of a tie after 5.2.1 the place shall be decided by lot.*

5.3 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall maintain and publish the Current Junior Ranking after each tournament.*

5.4 *After the 2009/2010 Badminton Europe Junior Circuit season is finished, the players having achieved the most points in men's singles and women's singles will be invited to participate in the 2010 Circuit Finals as written in §1.4.*

6. **Conditions for tournaments/players taking part in the Badminton Europe Junior Circuit**

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of the Badminton Europe 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 and 32 in the doubles events.*

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 and 48 in the doubles events.*

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 and 64 in the doubles events.*

6.1.4 *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 European Junior Ranking.*
- 2) Nomination for the European Junior Ranking, but no points.*
- 3) Foreign players, drawn by lots (no country can have two players/pairs participating before all entered countries have at least one player/pair participating).*
- 4) Home nation players in order of strength as listed by their Member Association.*

The selection of entries shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE.

6.2 *Players shall fulfil Appendix 4 of the Competition Regulations of the BWF – “Players’ Code of Conduct”.*

7. Venue

7.1 *All matches in a Junior Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*

7.2 *All matches in a Junior Circuit tournament must be played on mats or floors marked solely for badminton and have separate nets for each court.*

7.3 *No other tournament is allowed to be played at the same time on the courts for the U19 tournament.*

8. Umpires and Line Judges

8.1 *Umpires must be provided for all matches of the main event.*

8.2 *Line Judges must be provided for semi finals and finals.*

9. Referees

9.1 *The organiser may make a recommendation for a BADMINTON EUROPE Referee.*

BADMINTON EUROPE will inform the organiser if the proposed Referee is accepted.

It is the duty of an organiser to contact the Referee and to agree with him/her all necessary details concerning the tournament.

The organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for
- full board, lodging and cost of travel.

9.2 *If BADMINTON EUROPE doesn't agree with the proposed Referee and appoints another Referee then the organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the Referee for*

- full board and lodging and*
- either the costs of travel or EURO 250.— if that is the lower figure.*

9.3 *The Referee is required to send a written report to BADMINTON EUROPE less than two weeks after completion of the tournament. The official referee report can be downloaded on <http://www.badminton-europe.com/page.aspx?id=4506>*

9.4 *It is recommended that all Junior Circuit tournaments shall have a Referee who does not belong to the Member Association who organises the tournament (foreign referee).*

10. Entries

10.1 *If a Member Association enters players for a Junior Circuit tournament these entries shall be made in order of strength and in national ranking order in each event.*

10.2 *After entering a player(s) in the tournaments it is the Member Nation's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Member Associations must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.*

10.3 *Tournament organisers have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.*

10.4 *The Tournament Planner tp-file with all entries listed in order of strength must be sent to BADMINTON EUROPE within three days after the closing date.*

10.4.1 The first and family name of all entrants must be submitted.

10.5 *The closing date for entries must be three weeks before the tournaments is due to start.*

10.6 *No late entries will be accepted.*

11. Entry fees

11.1 *Entries must be made either directly by a Member Association of which the player/pair is a member or must be accompanied by written authorisation from the Member Association of which the player/pair is a member.*

11.2 *The Member Association that enters a player/pair into a 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 by the Member Association by midnight local time on the closing date. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payments at tournaments.*

11.3 *The organiser must acknowledge all entries.*

12. **Seeding**

12.1 *Seeding shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE, according to the European Junior Ranking.*

13. **The Draw**

13.1 *The draw shall be done in accordance with BWF Regulations (see BWF Competition Regulation 12).*

13.2 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall make the draw.*

13.3 *There shall be no qualifying in Junior Circuit tournaments*

14. **Alterations to the Draw and Substitutions**

14.1 *Any alterations to the draw or substitutions at a Circuit tournament shall be done in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 14-15.*

15. **Badminton Europe representative**

15.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall have the right to send a representative to Junior Circuit tournaments. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of BADMINTON EUROPE and the BWF are adhered to and shall have the authority to change the draw if mistakes have been made.*

16. **On-court doctor**

16.1 *A doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament.*

17. **Results of the tournament**

17.1 *The Tournament Planner (TP) file with the final results of all events must be sent by E-mail to BADMINTON EUROPE immediately after the event (see Appendix 1).*

18. **Badminton Europe equipment**

18.1 *The BADMINTON EUROPE flag, A-boards and the Circuit banner must be prominently displayed in the hall. Organisers of the tournament are responsible for the safekeeping of the equipment.*

19. **Sanction fee**

19.1 *The sanction fee for inclusion in the Circuit is EURO 500.— and is payable immediately after acceptance of the tournament into the Junior Circuit.*

