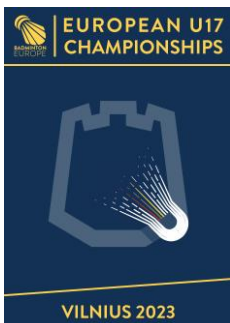


Invitation
to compete in
2023 European U17 Championships
To be organised on behalf of Badminton Europe by
the Lithuanian Badminton Federation

Venue	SEB Arena Azuolyno St. 7 07196 Vilnius Lithuania
Dates of Championships	Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 August 2023
Meetings	Team Managers meeting: Monday 7 August at 20.00 in the big meeting room at the venue / hotel Urbihop. All participating Members must be present at the TMM. Technical Official briefing: Monday 7 August at 21.00 in the big meeting room at the venue / hotel Urbihop.
Organization contact	BEC: events@badmintoneurope.com Local organizer: info@eu17vilnius2023.lt
Tournament websites	BEC: http://events.badmintoneurope.com/cms/?cmsid=340&pageid=5801 Local organiser: http://www.eu17vilnius2023.lt
Sportity	Password: EU17C23
Referee	TBC
Deputy Referees	TBC TBC
Committee of Management	Renna Unt (BEC), Tamara Geeraerts (BEC), Rafal Glinicki (BEC), Tadas Ivanauskas (LBF), Algirdas Kepezinskas (LBF) and the Referee.



<p>Entry deadline</p>	<p>Entries must be made online no later than 11 July 2023 at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT) via the link below:</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/26C05297-A2B1-43D4-AAA0-5E90376562F0</p> <p>Entries can only be submitted in accordance with “Eligibility” below. Any submitted entries not in accordance with this section will be removed and not included into the event.</p> <p>Please consult the Badminton Europe office in case of any doubt connected to the amount of entries of which your association is entitled to.</p> <p>Compliance with GCR 7.9: <i>“In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary processes.”</i></p>
<p>Entry fee</p>	<p>Euro 30,- per player in singles and Euro 50,- per pair in doubles. The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice.</p>
<p>Seeding and Draw</p>	<p>The seeding will be made according to Appendix VI (Regulations for the European U17 Championships) regulation 7.</p> <p>The seeding will be announced on 24 July 2023. The BEC European U17 ranking of 24 July 2023 (week 30) will be used.</p> <p>The draw will be conducted and published on 25 July 2023.</p>
<p>Regulations</p>	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the regulations of the Confederation as laid down in Appendix VI – Regulations for the European U17 Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>The 2023 European U17 Championships shall be played as a simple knock-out draw.</p>
<p>Flooring</p>	<p>6 Yonex court mats on GreenSet Cushion Flex floor</p>
<p>Shuttles</p>	<p>Yonex AS-50</p>
<p>Stringing</p>	<p>Yonex will provide a stringing service at the event.</p>



Provisional schedule	<i>Tuesday 8 August</i>	<i>13.00</i>	<i>Last 128 / Last 64</i>
	<i>Wednesday 9 August</i>	<i>09.00</i>	<i>Last 64</i>
	<i>Thursday 10 August</i>	<i>09.00</i>	<i>Last 32 / Last 16</i>
	<i>Friday 11 August</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>QF</i>
		<i>16.00</i>	<i>SF</i>
	<i>Saturday 12 August</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Finals</i>
	Please note that this is only a provisional schedule. The final schedule will be published shortly after the entry deadline.		
Substitution	After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from any Member as long as that Member does not exceed the quota of players for that specific event.		
	The Member withdrawing the player is given first opportunity to substitute the player and should inform Badminton Europe immediately after the withdrawal. If the Member withdrawing the player doesn't wish to replace the player, all the Members who didn't reach their quota will be offered the spot and can nominate a player within a given deadline.		
	If more than one Member decides to nominate a player, the player with the highest European U17 Ranking (ranking date of the acceptance ranking to be used) in that event shall be selected. If two or more players have the same ranking or no ranking, Badminton Europe shall draw lots to decide which player will be accepted.		
	If more than one player/complete pair withdraws in a particular event after the draw has been made, the position of each substituting player/complete pair shall be decided by drawing lots during the Team Managers' Meeting.		
	In doubles events, if only one player of a pair withdraws after the draw has been made and gets substituted, this new combination keeps their position in the draw.		
	Withdrawals arising after the team managers' meeting until play begins in a particular event will be dealt with as soon as they arise.		

Eligibility

All Badminton Europe Members are eligible to compete in the event.

Members entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships and placed 1-8 in the previous European U17 Team Championships* are allowed to enter:

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| -3 men's singles | -2 men's doubles |
| -3 women's singles | -2 women's doubles |
| -3 mixed doubles | |

** Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine finished 1-8 in 2021. They are entitled to the maximum amount of entries, as well as the host Lithuania.*

Members entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships, but not placed 1- 8 in the previous European U17 Team Championships are allowed to enter:

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| -2 men's singles | -2 men's doubles |
| -2 women's singles | -2 women's doubles |
| -2 mixed doubles | |

Members not entering a team in the European U17 Team Championships are allowed to enter:

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| -1 men's singles | -1 men's doubles |
| -1 women's singles | -1 women's doubles |
| -1 mixed doubles | |

Participants in the 2023 European U17 Championships shall be restricted to players born in **2007 or later**.

In doubles events where two players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each player will be counted as ½ an entry for the respective Member in that particular event.

Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Members and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with BWF GCR § 7.5.

Acceptance of nomination for entry to the European U17 Championships shall count as international representation as described in BWF GCR § 6.

In addition to the eligibility items listed in BWF GCR § 6.3.1., we will also consider players who have been living in their Member's country for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament as eligible for the European U17 Championships.

As per decisions made by the BEC Board of Directors any Federation currently declared not in Good Standing, shall not be eligible to receive funding from BEC nor enter to any activity organised or sanctioned by BEC.

<p>Partner request</p>	<p>If a player is looking for a partner for the doubles and/or the mixed doubles event, please write and e-mail to events@badmintoneurope.com before the entry deadline stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the player • BWF-ID (must be set up in advance) • Country • Gender • Event in which a partner is requested <p>Partnerships (if possible) will be made by Badminton Europe after the entry deadline by drawing lots amongst all players requesting a partner.</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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>First aid in case of injury during the event, will be provided by organizer.</p> <p>Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalisation due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.</p> <p>It is recommended that associations of players or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>



Clothing and advertising

Players need to ensure that their clothing complies with the existing BWF Regulations and Badminton Europe's Appendix VI – "European U17 Championships" § 11 and § 12. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR for each breach.

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 European U17 Ranking 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.

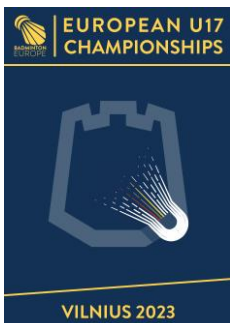
In doubles matches it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour.

In doubles matches it is mandatory that, from the semi-finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other. The pair ranked lower on the European U17 Ranking (total amount of points) will be required to wear clothing of a significant different colour. Where both pairs have the same or no amount of points the pair listed lower in the draw will be required to change the colour of clothing.

The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

The name of the player's association on the back is optional.
(if used, please note that it must comply with BWF rules)

In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.



Visa Application

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Lithuania to make sure that visa applications are made not later than **1 June 2023**.

Send your request for a visa support letter: visa@eu17vilnius2023.lt
Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com

It is the responsibility of the Member to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge. The fact that visas cannot be obtained, will NOT be accepted as an excuse for a withdrawal.

Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Lithuania; the final decision is made the Government of Lithuania.

Accreditations

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.

Every person who will need to access the venue will have to get an accreditation.

One accreditation will be issued freely for each player of your delegation and for up to 5 nominated team officials (non-transferable).

In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the accreditation form you will find on the tournament website (coming soon) including photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, portrait format).

Deadline: **18 July 2023**

In case you need **more than 5 accreditations** for team officials, additional ones can be bought at a rate of **75€ each**.

Accommodation

There will be 3 official hotels available for players and team officials:

Urbihop Hotel*** (next to the venue)

Ažuolyno St. 7

07196 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 75** per room/night
- Price double/twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 95** per room/night
- Price double/twin room + extra bed (incl. breakfast): **€ 120** per room/night

Art City Inn***

J. Jasinskio St. 14

01112 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 60** per room/night
- Price twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 85** per room/night
- Price triple room (incl. breakfast): **€ 110** per room/night

Courtyard by Marriott****

Rinktinės g. 3

09234 Vilnius

Lithuania

- Price single room (incl. breakfast): **€ 95** per room/night
- Price twin room (incl. breakfast): **€ 120** per room/night

Hotel bookings need to be done using the hotel booking form on the tournament website (coming soon).

Deadline: **30 June 2023**

More information regarding payment details and cancellation policy will also be published on the tournament website.

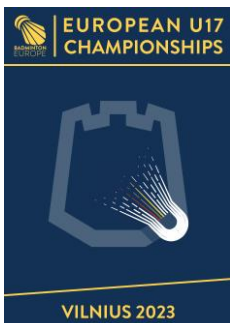
Catering

Catering (lunch / dinner) will be provided in the venue, but needs to be ordered in advance.

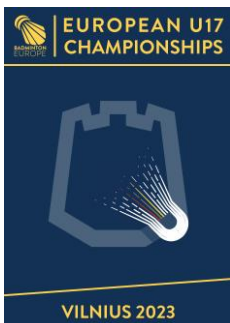
Meal orders need to be done using the catering form on the tournament website (coming soon).

Deadline: **20 July 2023**

More information regarding menu and prices will also be published on the tournament website.



Transport	<p>Transfers to official hotels, airport, train stations and venue are provided for participants staying in official hotels.</p> <p>Official point of arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vilnius International Airport (VNO)• Vilnius Central Train station <p>Transport bookings need to be done using the transport booking form on the tournament website (coming soon).</p> <p>Deadline: 18 July 2023</p> <p>If not staying in one of the official hotels, airport transfers can be requested for a fee. More information about this and transport in general will be published on the tournament website soon.</p>
Media enquiry	<p>Contact person: Audrius Kepezinskas More information will follow on the tournament website.</p>
Practice Facilities	<p>4 practice courts will be made available in an adjacent hall in the competition venue from 3 to 12 August 2023.</p> <p>Reservation: A practice form will be made available after the draw. BEC will be in charge of allocating the different training slots for each team.</p> <p>Practice schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start: this is the time when you are allowed to enter the courts, no entrance will be allowed before this time• End: at this time, your whole team must be off the courts <p>Thank you for strictly respecting your training schedule.</p> <p>Deadline: 30 July 2023</p> <p>Besides the practice courts in the competition venue, it will be possible to book additional practice time in another hall for a small fee. More information about this venue, booking process and prices will be published on the tournament website.</p>



Safeguarding policy

Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) recognizes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Vulnerable People participating in the 2023 European U17 Team Championships and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and complies with best practice.

In particular, BEC is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all Vulnerable People to participate in its 2023 European U17 Team Championships to the best of their abilities. The safeguarding policy recognizes that the welfare and interests of Vulnerable People are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all Vulnerable People are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities organised by BEC, its Members or partner organisations.

As part of its safeguarding commitment, BEC will:

- ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose concern
- ensure that it maintains and stores securely all confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns provided to or created by BEC

Any incident/concern can be reported to Tamara Geeraerts, Welfare Officer for the 2023 European U17 Team Championships (tamara.geeraerts@badmintoneurope.com +45 31 71 82 83)