Dear BEC Members,

This BEC event was first presented back in 1982. With the 40th edition coming up, we hope to welcome participants from as many Members as possible.

We are delighted to announce that this year’s edition of the RSL BEC Summer School will take place in Lahti, Finland from 4 – 11 July 2022.

Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic training centre (POP training centre) will be hosting the event for the first time ever in Finland.

1. One event: two different activities

RSL BEC Summer School 2022 – Training camp

Firstly, the RSL BEC Summer School is a training camp for talented U15 players. The event is run by Badminton Europe, in cooperation with carefully selected high profile staff coaches.

The coaches’ team will be led by an experienced trio:

- Alan McIlvain (Scotland), former national coach of Belgium, Hungary and Scotland;
- Wojciech Szkudlarczyk (Poland), former Polish top player in doubles and now coaching in Poland;
- Huaiwen Xu (Germany), 2 times European Champion and 2 times bronze medallist at the World Championships in women’s singles.

Depending on the number of players attending the camp, 5 to 6 additional staff coaches will be appointed to support the above mentioned trio.
BWF Coach Education - Level 2 Course

Secondly, the RSL BEC Summer School also includes a BWF Coach Education Level 2 course. Candidates who successfully pass the course will become certificated BWF Level 2 Coaches. Criteria to join the BWF Coach Education Level 2 course are as follows: BWF Level 1 coaches or equivalent and relevant badminton coaching experience.

BEC staff and experts will review all applications and CVs.

The experts for the BWF Coach Education course Level 2 are:

- Tom Causer (England), highly experienced tutor within the BWF coach education system;
- Alexander Böök (Sweden), former Swedish top player and experienced tutor within the BWF coach education system.

Depending on the number of participants attending the Coach Education Level 2 course, one additional tutor will be appointed to support the above mentioned duo.

2. Application process and calendar

Applications

Every BEC Member is invited to nominate up to 6 players for the training camp and up to 4 coaches for the Coach Education level 2 course.

It is recommended that the players applying should be in the U15 age group (players born in 2007-2008). However, the emphasis remains to have a high quality group of players attending the RSL BEC Summer School. It is therefore also acceptable to nominate players born between 2006 and 2009.

For nominated coaches and players it is important that they are ranked in order of preference. BEC will only accept applications submitted by our Members. Badminton Europe is working towards gender equity in our sport. We welcome any nominations with equal numbers of female and male players and coaches.

Please keep in mind that there is a limited number of participants at the RSL BEC Summer School. We accept a maximum of 64 players and 24 Level 2 participants!

To apply, follow this link!

Calendar and payment

The closing date to apply is 12 April 2022. Badminton Europe is expected to confirm accepted participants by the end of April. All training sessions are conducted in English, so a basic level of English is mandatory.

Entry Fee: € 450 per participant

Full board and accommodation are included. This amount will be invoiced by Badminton Europe. The full amount must be paid to Badminton Europe in advance upon receipt of invoice. Bank charges have to be paid by the National Associations and will not be accepted by Badminton Europe.

Cancellation of reservations can be accepted until 10 June 2022. Amounts paid, with the exception of reservation fee of € 50 per person (preparation costs, administration, staff etc.) will be refunded before this date. After the 10th of June 2022, no money can be refunded and the full participant fee of € 450 has to be paid.

Players and coaches participate at their own risk and must have health insurance in case medical attention or hospitalization is needed. They must be covered on their own or by National Associations. Neither Badminton Europe nor the POP training centre accept responsibility for this.
3. Practical Informations

Participants are asked to arrive **before 18:00 on Monday 4 July 2022 and depart after breakfast on Monday 11 July 2022. Please, be aware that POP training centre is fully booked before 4th of July**

Players for the camp will reside in shared rooms (max 4 participants per room).
Participants for the Coach Education Level 2 course will reside in double rooms.

The address:

**Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic training Centre**
**Pajulahdentie 167**
**15560 Lahti**
**Finland**

The local organizer will arrange transport from/to the airport/ free of charge.
Pick-up from: Helsinki Airport (Vantaa, Finland).

We hope that the 2022 RSL BEC Summer School will once again be a success, with even more European Members participating in a week full of fun, hard work, and new experiences!

We are looking forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,

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