



Invitation to compete in 2024 European Senior Championships To be organized on behalf of Badminton Europe by Royal Belgian Badminton Federation

Dear Members,

Badminton Europe would like to invite you to compete in the 2024 European Senior Championships to be held from 25 to 31 August 2024 in Heusden – Zolder, Belgium.

Badminton Europe and the Royal Belgian Badminton Federation invite all Badminton Europe Members to send their Senior players to compete in the 2024 European Senior Championships.

Key dates

- 25 May 2024 Deadline for discounted price hotels.
- 9 July 2024 Closing date for entries for the 2024 European Senior Championships.
- 25 July 2024 Deadline for Visa, transport and accreditation requests
- 6 August 2024 Provisional seeding will be published.
- 8 August 2024 Final seeding will be published.
- 8 August 2024 Withdrawal deadline without penalty
- 9 August 2024 Draws will be conducted and published.
- 9 August 2024 Deadline to nominate team manager / representative.
- 13 August 2024 Deadline for booking practice courts.
- 24 August 2024 Team Managers' Meeting – at 17.00 in Holiday park Molenheide.



1. General Details

Organizer	Royal Belgian Badminton Federation Kraanbeekstraat 52 3400 Ezemaal, Belgium Phone: +32 4 68 21 73 49 E-mail: secretary@belgian-badminton.be Website: www.belgian-badminton.be
Venue	Sportcomplex de Velodroom Kerkstraat 151 3550 Heusden-Zolder Belgium
Dates of Championships	25 - 31 August 2024
Organization contact	Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com Royal Belgian Badminton Federation: info@esc2024.be
Tournament websites	BEC - 2024 EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST - 2024 EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Referee Team	<p><u>Referee</u></p> <p>Ilkka Vainio (FIN) - vainioilk@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Deputies</u></p> <p>Christos Evangelidis (GRE)</p> <p>John op het Veld (NED)</p> <p>Emese Tollas (BEL)</p>
Committee of Management	Niklas Pedersen (BEC), Kathy-Karmen Kale (BEC), Rafal Glinicki (BEC), Jan Claes (RBBF), Guy Delforge (RBBF) and the Referee.
Insurance	<p>Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalization due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>

2. Entry Details

Regulations	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in App. IX - European Senior Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>Regulations CLICK HERE</p>
Tournament software	2024 European Senior Championships
Participation Fee	<p>Player entered in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 event: Euro 75, - • 2 events: Euro 90, - • 3 events: Euro 120, -

	<p>The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice. Each Player will receive accreditation and a commemorative towel.</p>
<p>Entries</p>	<p>All 5 events will be played at the Championships in the following age groups: 35+/ 40+/ 45+/ 50+/ 55+/ 60+/ 65+/70+/75+/80+</p> <p>A player is eligible to compete, provided he or she fulfils the age requirement before 1 January of the year in which the Championships are played. (youngest players must be born in 1988 or earlier).</p> <p>A player is eligible to enter an event for players younger than the age group he or she qualifies to play in. He or she may, however, not play in the same event in more than one age group.</p> <p>Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group:</p> <p>8 players in men's singles</p> <p>8 players in women's singles</p> <p>A maximum of 16 players in each doubles event (men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles).</p> <p>A Member may enter a maximum of eight pairs comprising only their own players. However, a Member may enter a maximum of sixteen pairs comprising one of their players partnering a player from another Member, provided always that the total number of players from any Member does not exceed sixteen players in any event. Entries may be submitted only by a Member.</p> <p>The minimum entry in each event will be 8 players/pairs. Any event not having an entry of 8 players/pairs may be put together with the age group below.</p> <p>Each Member entering players shall, at least fourteen days before the start of the tournament, nominate their team manager/representative. (When a country only enters one player, that player will be accepted as team manager).</p> <p><u>Partner Wanted:</u> 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 stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the player • BWF-ID (must be set up in advance) • Country • Gender • Event (incl. age group) in which a partner is wanted

Partnerships will be made after the entry deadline by drawing lots amongst all players entered as “partner wanted”.

3. Tournament Details

Seeding Date	Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe who shall seek expert advice. The provisional seeding will be announced on 6 August 2024. The final seeding will be announced on 8 August 2024.
Draw Date	The draw will be conducted and published on Friday 9 August 2024 .
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50.
Practice	An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event’s website and should be done before 13 August 2024 .
Stringing	Badminton Europe’s official event partner and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide stringing service throughout the whole event.
Team managers Meetings	The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held on 24 August 2024 at 17.00 at Holiday park Molenheide (Official accommodation). All participating Members must be present at the meeting.
Technical Official briefing	The Technical Official briefing will be held on 24 August 2024 at 20.00 hotel Soete Wey (T.O hotel)
Medal ceremonies	All medals will be presented on Saturday 31 August 2024 after all finals have concluded. All medalists are required to be present at the medal ceremonies.
Catering	<p>Catering will be offered in the velodrome, at reasonable prices, no need to book in advance.</p> <p>FOOD (Selection may change)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assortment Pinsas • Spaghetti Bolognaise • Pasta scampi

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<p>Thursday Party</p>	<p>There will be a Thursday party, located at Park Molenheide. All-you-can-eat barbeque luxury with buffet dessert and three drinks – 35,- Euro pr person More info to come.</p>
<p>Physio facilities</p>	<p>There will be a Physio present during play for acute injuries.</p> <p>A second physio will be present by appointment, bookable via www.esc2024.be → Physio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massage/physiotherapy – Euro 30,- • Dry needling - Euro 35,- • Osteopathy - Euro 40,- <p>(prices are subject to change)</p> <p>Each treatment lasts a maximum of 30 minutes.</p>
<p>Accreditations</p>	<p>All info should be completed at www.esc2024.be → ACCREDITATION</p> <p>Accreditations will be issued at Park Molenheide and Hasselt, exact location TBC.</p> <p>Both players, coaches, supervisors, and anyone staying at Molenheide will receive accreditation.</p> <p>The deadline for accreditations requests is <u>25 July 2024.</u></p>
<p>Clothing and advertising</p>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for the European Senior Championships, regulations 11-12.</p> <p>Please note clothing must comply with existing BWF regulations, unless exceptions have been given by Badminton Europe.</p> <p>In order to ensure an attractive presentation of badminton, only acceptable badminton sports clothing will be permitted during play.</p> <p>A player who wears shoes that leave markings on a badminton court and is not willing or able to change to acceptable shoes, is not allowed to play his/her match. This will be decided by the Referee immediately before the start of the match and</p>

	<p>consequently the player will be disqualified for this event. The player can still play other events he/she entered.</p> <p>The name of the player and the name of the player's association on the back of the shirt are both optional.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</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>Doping control</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>

4. Travel & Visa Details

Official point of arrival	Eindhoven airport (EIN - Netherlands)
Transport	<p>Contact e-mail: transport@esc2024.be</p> <p>How to book: via www.esc2024.be → TRANSPORT</p> <p>Depending on the number of passengers, a minibus or bus will be provided from the airport to Molenheide. Transport will be arranged according to arrivals and will, if possible, gather several flights, so be advised that waiting time can occur.</p> <p>A shuttle will be provided for transport from Molenheide to the venue and back (20-25min), the hours will be published on the website and Sportity.</p> <p>If you are not staying in the official accommodation, you can also request transport via our website, 10€ airport Eindhoven → Molenheide, further transport the price is depending on where you are staying).</p> <p>The deadline for transport reservations is <u>25 July 2024.</u></p>
Visa Application	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Belgium to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <u>25 July 2024.</u></p> <p>Please send an e-mail to info@esc2024.be to request an official invitation letter mentioning full name, gender, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date, and function at the tournament.</p> <p>Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue “last minute” visas.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Located in the green heart of Houthalen-Helchteren in Limburg, bungalow park Molenheide guarantees a relaxing holiday surrounded by nature. The many indoor attractions, sports and recreation facilities, drinking and eating facilities, the animation team and the bungalows all contribute to an unforgettable holiday. Uniquely, bungalow park Molenheide uses green energy from a biogas installation.</p> <p>You can choose a bungalow for 4, 6, 8 or 10 persons from 4 types of bungalows, with different levels of luxury. Breakfast is an option, but not a must, as each bungalow has a fully equipped kitchen. A breakfast buffet is served in the main</p>

building for those who choose the breakfast option (20€/pp). Your bungalow is never more than five minutes away from the main building.

All prices (from 57€ pr person to 89€ pr person) and different bungalows can be found at https://www.park-molenheide.be/european_senior_championships_2024

All bungalow prices are without breakfast, but breakfast can be booked separately at 20€/pr person.

The discounted hotel rates are only valid until **25 May 2024**.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS (Hasselt) – Non official accommodation

Taxes excluded	Holiday Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Radisson Blu	Park Inn by Radisson	B&B Hotel
Single room	Euro 140	Euro 120	Euro 132,5	Euro 112,5	Euro 110
Double room	Euro 150	Euro 130	Euro 155	Euro 132,5	Euro 120

Breakfast included, Taxes excluded.

To benefit from the ESC2024 discount, please book through the site www.esc2024.be , see booking guide!

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