

Dear Member Associations

We are pleased to share with you information of an upcoming opportunity for National and Continental Umpires to officiate at the first **Special Olympics European Badminton Tournament 2026** to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, which will be delivered in collaboration with the following organisations:

- Badminton World Federation
- Special Olympics International
- Badminton Europe
- Special Olympics Europe Eurasia
- Azerbaijan Badminton Federation
- Special Olympics Azerbaijan

To compliment the team of National Umpires from the host nation, we are seeking to appoint **four** International Umpires from the European region.

Please can you circulate the below information with your umpire workforce and encourage anyone with an interest or experience to complete the application form below no later than **26th October 2026**.

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

Name of Event: Special Olympics European Badminton Tournament 2026

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Dates: 16th/17th November 2026 – 21st/22nd November 2026

Schedule

Date	Description
17 November TUE	Arrival (all day)
18 November WED	Technical Official Training
19 November THU	Divisioning & Competition Day 1
20 November FRI	Competition Day 2
21 November SAT	Competition Day 3
21 November SAT (night) or 22 November SUN (all day)	Departure

Desired Qualification and Experience

BEC Accredited, BEC Certificated or BWF Level, or
National Level Umpire with demonstrated experience in Special Olympics

What will be covered by the host

Airport transfers in Baku

5 nights' twin sharing accommodation with breakfast

Lunch and dinner on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st November

What will not be covered

Flight cost will be on participant's own expenses.

International airport: Heydar Aliyev International Airport

Following the application deadline, a final selection process and confirmation email will be sent to successful candidates only.