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Badminton Austrian Open 2026

UMPIRE INVITATION



21ST TO 24TH MAY 2026
RAIFFEISEN SPORTPARK GRAZ

International Series Tournament
Part of the BEC Elite Circuit



To: Badminton Europe Member Associations
From: Austrian Badminton Association (ÖBV)
Subject: Umpires for Austrian Open 2026

Date: 21.12.2025

We have the pleasure to invite one of your Umpires to the

Austrian Open 2026

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Date	Thursday, May 21 st to Sunday, May 24 th 2026	
Venue	Raiffeisen Sportpark Graz (raiffeisen-sportpark.at) Hüttenbrennergasse 35, 8010 Graz	
Accommodation	Best Western Plaza Graz (https://plazahotels.de/hotel-graz/) Conrad-von-Hötzendorf-Straße 60, 8010 Graz (approx. 700m from the venue) Umpires are expected to share twin rooms with a colleague. For extra nights the room rates will be: Single € 129.- / Twin € 149.- incl. breakfast.	
Transport	Transport will be provided from and to Graz Airport (GRZ) or Graz Main Station (Graz Hbf). No transport between hotel and venue (10min walking distance). Umpires are expected to arrive on Wednesday, May 20 th before the Umpires Briefing (time of arrival at the airport should be latest 05:00pm to be able to attend the briefing) and depart no later than Monday, May 25 th .	
Referee Team	Aurore LEQUATRE (BEL) Ewald CEJNEK (AUT)	
Provisional Schedule	Thursday, May 21 st – 09:00am – Qualification 1 st + 2 nd round Friday, May 22 nd – 09:00am – Qualification 3 rd round + Main Draw 1 st round Saturday, May 23 rd – 09:00am – Main Draw 2 nd round + Quarterfinals Sunday, May 24 th – 09:00am – Semifinals The Finals will start on Sunday, May 24 th app. at 03:00pm.	
Compensation	The organizer will cover the accommodation costs. Officials will receive meal vouchers (breakfast at the hotel, lunch and dinner at the TO-restaurant at the venue) during the tournament.	

Briefing

The TO (Umpires + Line Judges) Briefing will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 07:00pm at the venue.

Reception

A welcome reception is planned for Wednesday, May 20th after the Briefing (app. 08:00pm) at the hotel.

Intent to participate

If you intend to send an umpire to our tournament please inform us before

March 13th 2026
via the [online form](#).



Travel details to be sent as soon as available (latest by May 1st).

Confirmation

We will be accepting a maximum of 16 foreign umpires.
As we intend to offer neutrality through a range of attending nations acceptance will be subject to ensure that.

The TOC-Austria will do the selection shortly after the deadline.

Please don't make any travel arrangements before receiving confirmation of participation.

Kind regards
Ewald Cejnek

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