

TO: Umpire Correspondents, Badminton Europe Members

RE: Umpire Nominations for the Qualification of the 2026 European Men's & Women's

Team Championships

Dear All,

Badminton Europe (BEC) is pleased to invite you to nominate umpires for the following BEC event:

Qualification for the 2026 European Men's & Women's Team Championships

Format: 11 groups in 8 different countries (see the overview on page 3)

Places: Bulgaria, Czechia, England, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Portugal

Dates: 3-5 Dec (groups in Estonia)

4-6 Dec (groups in Bulgaria, England)

4-7 Dec (groups in Portugal, Ireland, Czechia)

5-7 Dec (groups in Lithuania, Germany)

For this event, the following umpires can be nominated:

- BWF umpires
- BEC Accredited/Certificated umpires
- National umpires who have some international experience and would like to gain more

Arrival/departure

This will depend on each group but it is likely that arrival will have to be the day before play starts and departure on the evening of the last day or the day after. The hours of arrival/departure will be confirmed once all the umpires have been appointed to their respective groups.

Travel Grant

Badminton Europe provides a travel grant for all foreign umpires appointed for BEC events. The grant consists of 250 Euros per umpire which will be paid to the umpire's Member's account after the event. It is therefore hoped that the Member will assist their umpire/-s with their travel costs and visa expenses (if needed).

To additionally support umpires coming from remote European destinations in comparison to the host nation, an increased travel support of 350 Euros (+50 Euros for visa expenses if applicable) can be provided in certain cases. We will contact the relevant umpire's Member directly if this applies.

Accommodation

Umpires will be provided with accommodation in twin rooms and with full board or daily allowance.

Umpire Clothing

BEC/BWF umpires must bring their BEC polos. National umpires should bring their own clothing.













Nominations

Nominations must be made using the link here: <u>Nominations EMWTCQ26</u>. Any changes to the nominations, or any enquiries, must be made to the Badminton Europe office - <u>umpires@badmintoneurope.com</u>

It is possible that the number of nominations will exceed the number of umpires required. Therefore, please do not book any travel until umpire appointments have been confirmed.

The closing date for receiving umpire nominations is **Sunday 21 September**. The selection will be announced shortly after the deadline.

Thank you in advance for your nominations!

Kind regards

Sven Serré Chair of the TOC Niklas Pedersen Event Manager















Estonia will host two qualification groups in Tallin on 3-5 December

Venue: Kalev Sports Hall Address: Juhkentali 12, Tallinn

Bulgaria will host one qualification group in Sofia on 4-6 December

Venue: Badminton Sport Hall "Europe" Address: 1000 Sofia, 7 Iskarsko Shose Blvd.

England will host one qualification groups in Milton Keynes on 4-6 December

Venue: National Badminton Centre

Address: Bradwell rd, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA

Czechia will host one qualification groups in Prague on 4-7 December

Venue: Sports hall Repy

Address: Na Chobote 1420/16, 163 00, Prague

Ireland will host one qualification group in Dublin on 4-7 December

Venue: Baldoyle Badminton Centre

Address: Unit 4 Grange Ave, Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Baldoyle, Dublin, D13 E8Y2

Portugal will host two qualification group in Caldas da Rainha on 4-7 December

Venue: Badminton High Performance Sports Centre – Joaquim Lopes

Address: Av. Vasco da Gama N.º1, Caldas da Rainha

Lithuania will host one qualification group in Druskininkai on 5-7 December

Venue: LSC Sports Complex "Druskininkai"

Address: M. K. Čiurlionio g. 115, Druskininkai, Lithuania

Germany will host two qualification groups in Kelkheim-Fischbach on 5-7 December

Venue: Staufenhalle

Address: Rathausplatz 7, 65779 Kelkheim-Fischbach











