



**TO:    Umpire Correspondents, Badminton Europe Members**  
**RE:    Umpire Nominations for the 2026 European Championships**

Dear All,

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

**2026 European Championships**

Location:    Huelva, Spain  
Date:         6 - 12 April 2026

For this event, the following umpires can be nominated:

- BWF umpires
- BEC Accredited/Certificated umpires

**Travel Support**

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).

Umpires requiring a visa to travel to the BEC Event, to which they are appointed, will receive an additional support of 50 Euros.

To additionally support umpires coming from remote European destinations in comparison to the host nation, all Members are entitled to an increased travel support of 350 Euros (+50 Euros for visa expenses if applicable) with the exception of Portugal.

**Assessment towards BEC Certificated level**

Badminton Europe will offer umpire assessment at this event. There will be assessment for BEC Certified level. In accordance with Badminton Europe's "Procedure for education and upgrading of Umpires" – found on the website through this link: <https://badmintoneurope.com/web/corporate/nuwa-appraisals-assessments> - an umpire can be assessed towards the BEC Certificated Umpire level after being active as a BEC Accredited Umpire for normally 24 months and have a positive recommendation following an Appraisal at a BEC Event. Umpires are not eligible for assessment if aged 55 or over.

The assessment of the selected umpires will consist of a written theoretical test as well as a practical part.

**Point of arrival**

The official point of arrival for the event is Seville International Airport (SVQ) and Seville Railway Station. Shuttle bus will be available to the hotel and venue.

Umpires selected for the event will have to arrive either Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April or latest 09.00 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026.



### **Accommodation/Briefing**

Umpires will be provided with bed and breakfast accommodation in twin rooms. The hotel in which technical officials are accommodated is Hotel Senator Huelva, C. Pablo Rada, 10, 21004 Huelva. And will be provided with lunch in the venue and 15€ allowance for dinner.

The umpire briefing will take place at the venue on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00.

### **Umpire Clothing**

BEC/BWF umpires must bring their BEC polos. Additional clothing will not be brought to the event.

### **Nominations**

Nominations must be made using the link here: [nominations for EC26](#). Each Member can nominate a maximum of two umpires for the event.

Any changes to the nominations, or any enquiries, must be made to the Badminton Europe office - [umpires@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:umpires@badmintoneurope.com)

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. Umpires can be asked to depart on different days, so travel cannot be booked until after the selection is announced.

The closing date for receiving umpire nominations is **Monday 23 February 2026**. 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