

BADMINTON EUROPE CIRCUIT 2010/2011

Regulations

1. Definition

- 1.1. *All International Challenge, International Series and Future Series tournaments in Europe which are accepted by BADMINTON EUROPE and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) must be part of the Badminton Europe Circuit.*

2. Description

- 2.1 *The BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations. Players from European Member Associations earn points for the Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments which is in accordance with the BWF regulations for sanction.*

- 2.2 *At the end of the season a Circuit Final will be carried out subject to suitable sponsorship arrangements being made.*

To decide which players/pairs are to be invited for the Circuit Final, the Circuit Ranking from 5th May 2011 will be used. The players/pairs will be invited according to the "Regulations for Badminton Europe Circuit Finals".

Should invited players decide not to participate in the Circuit Final reserve players will be invited according to the Circuit Ranking from 5th May 2011.

Seeding for the Circuit Final will be according to the first World Ranking published after the end of the Circuit season.

- 2.3 *The Circuit season runs from 3rd May 2010 – 1st May 2011.*

- 2.4 *Circuit tournaments are BWF ranking tournaments.*

3. Organisation and responsibility

- 3.1 *A Circuit tournament may be organised by a club or some other specific body, but the Member Association must have the ultimate authority and is liable under BADMINTON EUROPE Disciplinary Regulations to ensure that the tournament is run in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with these Circuit Regulations and BWF Regulations.*

- 3.2 *Any Member Association failing to comply with these Circuit Regulations may be penalised following the BADMINTON EUROPE'S Disciplinary Regulations. The possible penalties shall be: administrative fines, a fine of up to double amount of tournament's prize money (but not exceeding maximum fine as defined by BADMINTON EUROPE Disciplinary Regulations) and in cases of no prize money of up to 5.000,00 EUR, withdrawal of sanction. Administrative fines shall be imposed by BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport.*

- 3.3 *It is required that every event in a particular Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.*

BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

- 3.4 *The organising Member Association can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member Association organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.*
- 3.5 *The organising Member Association can decide to cancel its tournament. This must be done in writing to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 6 months before the start of the tournament. Cancelling the tournament later than 6 months before the start, for another reason than the one listed in § 3.4 shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.*
- 3.6 *Member Association and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.*

4. Rights

- 4.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with the event.*
- 4.2 *The organising Member Association will be granted license to the rights and commercial activities of the event until one day after the event. BADMINTON EUROPE will however retain the right to the following activities in connection with the event:*
- 4.2.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE flag, A-boards and Circuit banner must displayed on prominent places in the hall. Organisers of the Circuit tournaments are responsible for the safekeeping of this equipment.*
- 4.2.2 *In case of streaming and/or TV-production from the tournament, BADMINTON EUROPE reserves the rights to have A-boards allocated as listed in Appendix 2. BADMINTON EUROPE furthermore reserves the rights of having the logo of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit sponsor and of BADMINTON EUROPE under the net on the TV-covered court.*
- 4.2.3 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall retain the right to publish results, photographs and reports on the Internet and elsewhere and to do so at times determined solely by BADMINTON EUROPE.*

- 4.2.4 *Any rights from the tournaments regarding betting or games of chance belong to BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 4.2.5 *BADMINTON EUROPE retains the right to produce a video stream. The organisers are allowed to produce and utilise a non-exclusive video stream.*
- 4.2.6 *BADMINTON EUROPE reserves the right to have the logo of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit sponsor and of BADMINTON EUROPE on the official invitation, programme, posters and press releases as well as on the event webpage.*

5. Participating tournaments

- 5.1 *In the season 2010/2011 BADMINTON EUROPE has no limitation of either International Challenge, International Series or Future Series tournaments. However BADMINTON EUROPE will not approve more than 2 tournaments on Continental level per Member Association.*
- 5.2 *The organisers of the Circuit tournaments must have their dates approved by BADMINTON EUROPE for sanction by BWF. A request for approval must be made at least 9 months before the start of the tournament. The request must be in line with the BWF Sanction Policy.*

It is allowed to upgrade a tournament (i.e. from International Series to International Challenge), but this must be done not later than 3 months before the first day of the tournament. However, the organisers shall have the liberty to increase the approved prize money at any time, but when the prize money is increased, it can not be decreased any more.

It is allowed to downgrade a tournament (i.e. from International Challenge to International Series), but this must be done not later than 6 months before the first day of the tournament. Downgrading of a tournament will not result in a reduction of the sanction fee.

The sanction forms can be found on the following address:

<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com/page.aspx?id=14012>

- 5.3 *The organisers of the Circuit tournaments will have to send all information about their tournament to BADMINTON EUROPE. The information about the tournament must include details and the full name and address of the tournament hall and the exact playing days of the tournament as well as the prize money.*

The Circuit Information Form can be found on the following address:

<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com/page.aspx?id=14012>

- 5.4 *No changes of the information in 5.3 can be accepted unless these changes are approved by BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport.*
- 5.5 *The tournament organiser must have a press officer to liaise with BADMINTON EUROPE on press matters. The name and the email address of the press officer, as announced in the Circuit Information Form, must be confirmed to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 1 month before the tournament is due to begin.*

The press officer must send a written preview of the tournament to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 10:00 AM on the day before the tournament is due to begin. This preview must be of minimum 100 words. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

The press officer must send a written review of the tournament to BADMINTON EUROPE. This review must be of minimum 100 words and must include at least two (2) photos from the final day. This review must reach BADMINTON EUROPE no later than 10:00 AM on the day following the last day of the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 200,00 EUR.

The press officer is furthermore encouraged to send a written article to BADMINTON EUROPE after each tournament day for use on the BADMINTON EUROPE CIRCUIT web site. The written review is encouraged to include at least two (2) photos each.

The articles and photos must be sent by email to jimmy.andersen@badmintoneurope.com

- 5.6 *Tournament organisers must have a web site for the tournament with information about the tournament, the draw and the results.*

The web site must be online at least three months before the start of the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.

The web site must display the entry lists with the information about players/pairs for qualification and the draw immediately after receipt from BADMINTON EUROPE.

- 5.7 *It is mandatory for tournaments organisers to use the Tournament Planner.*

The results must be updated after each round of each event. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

6. Tournament classification

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE Minimum US\$ 15.000 and above

INTERNATIONAL SERIES Minimum US\$ 5.000 and above

FUTURE SERIES From 0 to US\$ 4.999

If the prizes are paid out in Euro (see § 10.3), the exchange rate on the date of issue of the official invitation (but not later than three months before the start of the tournament) has to be considered so that the prize money fund is never lower than the above minimums. Any rounding up shall be in favour of the players.

7. **Points system**

7.1 *The points received for the Circuit Ranking will be as follows:*

	International Challenge	International Series	Future Series
Winner	4000	2500	1700
Runner up	3400	2130	1420
Semi final	2800	1750	1170
Quarter final	2200	1370	920
Last 16	1520	920	600
Last 32	920	550	350
Last 64	360	210	130

Points will be given only for the main draw

7.2 *Byes and Walkovers:*

When players/pairs receive a bye in the first round and then lose in the second round, they will receive the points for having lost in the first round.

When players/pairs withdraw without playing any part of at least one match, they receive no points.

7.3 *A walkover shall be considered to be a win.*

8. **Ranking**

8.1 *In doubles, the players are ranked as pairs.*

For each player/pair, the eight (8) Circuit tournaments, in which the most points are achieved, will count for the Circuit Ranking. If fewer tournaments are played, the total amount of points achieved in these tournaments will count.

If two or more players/pairs have achieved the same number of points according to the Circuit Ranking, the average amount of points earned in all Circuit tournaments will be taken into consideration.

If the average for two or more players/pairs is identical, the player/pair that played the lowest number of Circuit tournaments will be ranked higher. If the players/pairs have played the same number of tournaments, the player/pair with the highest current World Ranking will be ranked higher in the Circuit Ranking.

The players/pairs having achieved the most points according to the 5th May 2011 Circuit Ranking will be invited to participate in the 2011 Circuit Finals.

8.2 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall maintain and publish the current Circuit Ranking after each tournament.*

8.2.1 *The Current Ranking can be seen at BADMINTON EUROPE's Circuit website <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com>*

9. **Conditions for tournaments and players taking part in the Badminton Europe Circuit**

Each tournament must accept the following conditions to be part of BADMINTON EUROPE Circuit:

9.1 *All five events must be played:
men's singles - women's singles - men's doubles - women's doubles and mixed doubles.*

9.2 *Maximum matches allowed per day on*

<i>4 courts -</i>	<i>80 matches</i>
<i>5 courts -</i>	<i>100 matches</i>
<i>6 courts -</i>	<i>120 matches</i>
<i>7 courts -</i>	<i>140 matches and</i>
<i>8 courts -</i>	<i>160 matches</i>

A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event, per day is allowed in the main draw. A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day is allowed in the qualification.

9.3 *The players or pairs not directly in the main draw shall play for a limited number of places fixed by the organisers and there shall be one place for each four places in the main draw.*

9.4 *It is recommended that the first day of the competition is Thursday (qualification) and the last day is Sunday (finals only).*

9.5 *Organisers can decide whether they wish to spread the finals over two days, one or two final(s) on the day before the last day of the competition and the rest of the finals on the last day of the competition. Order of play is flexible and determined by the organisers.*

9.6 *The provisional schedule with times shall be published in the invitation (e.g. qualification – Thursday from 10:00 AM, first and second round – Friday from 9:00 AM, finals – Sunday from 12:00 AM), but the provisional times can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport.*

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 15 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 800,00 EUR. Such a final frame schedule can not change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport approve such a change.

9.7 *Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she may be penalised by removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.*

9.8 *If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.*

9.9 *Tournament organisers shall fulfil Appendix 2 of the Competition Regulations of BWF – "Specifications for international standard facilities".*

9.10 *Players shall fulfil Appendix 4 of the Competition Regulations of BWF – “Players’ Code of Conduct”.*

10. Division of prize money

	International Challenge		International Series		Future Series	
	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles
Winner	X	X	X	X	X	X
Runner-up	X	X	X			
Semi-finalist	X					

10.1 *The prize money must be given in cash and handed over to the players/pairs, competing in the finals, at the prize giving ceremony. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.*

10.2 *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation (incl. amount of deduction), and when the prize money is handed out, all players that receive prize money shall also receive a letter/note/documentation from the local tax department that proves that taxes have been paid. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the organisers shall pay out the full amount of prize money.*

10.3 *The exact division of prize money (including deduction) must be listed in the official invitation. The prize money shall be announced in either Euro (€) or US-Dollars (\$) and shall be paid out in the currency which is announced in the official invitation. Failing to pay out the prize money in the announced currency shall result in an administrative fine of 750,00 EUR.*

11. Suggestion for order of play

If there is a full main draw in all events (32 e.g.) the order of play for the quarter finals and semi finals should be:

*Mixed doubles
Women’s singles
Men's singles
Women’s doubles
Men's doubles*

It is recommended that matches don’t start before 9:00 AM on any particular day of the competition.

12. Venue

12.1 *All matches of a Circuit tournament must be played at the same venue.*

12.2 *All matches of a Circuit tournament must be played on portable mats. The floor should preferably be sprung wooden floor.*

12.3 *Organisers shall propose at least one official hotel and one official point of arrival for the venue. Point of arrival must be a recognised international airport unless another point of arrival has been accepted by BADMINTON EUROPE’s Director for Sport. Official hotel shall be of a good standard, but not less than 2 star. The names of the official point of arrival and the official hotel shall be published in the invitation.*

- 12.4 *Free transport shall be provided from the official point of arrival to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the venue (unless the distance between the hotel and the venue does not exceed 1 km). Organisers shall determine the frequency of such free transport and such frequency shall be published, but the players shall not be required to wait more than one hour for the transport to the venue and not more than three hours for the transport from the point of arrival.*
- 12.5 *The organiser is allowed to charge the players for the transport from unofficial hotels and unofficial point of arrival, but it is recommended that the amount of money to be paid for such a transport is published in the invitation.*
- 12.6 *It is recommended that the organiser provide the players necessary conditions for their well-being at the venue (i.e. food at venue, players' lounge, stringing service, free internet connection).*

13. Shuttles

The brand of shuttles to be used must be of good quality and be approved by BWF.

The shuttles must be provided by the staging organisation free of charge. The same brand and quality of shuttles must be used throughout the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.

At least two speeds of shuttles must be provided. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.

There must be sufficient shuttles to run the complete tournament with each speed. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.

14. Umpires and line judges

- 14.1 *Experienced umpires must be provided for all rounds of the main event and the qualifying event. Failing to provide umpires for all rounds of the main event and for all rounds of the qualifying event shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.*
- 14.2 *At least 3 (three) foreign umpires must be umpiring at the tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
- 14.3 *Umpires are required to wear black uniforms at all Circuit tournaments – preferably Badminton Europe uniforms.*
- 14.4 *Service judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR.*
- 14.5 *Line judges must be provided for the whole tournament (main draw and qualification). Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.*

At least 2 (two) line judges must be provided per match, preferably working in 2 (two) shifts. Failing to provide at least 2 (two) line judges per match shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR.

Line judges must be minimum 14 years old. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.000,00 EUR

- 14.6 *It is recommended for International Series and Future Series tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires).*
- 14.7 *It is mandatory for International Challenge tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 3 per court (i.e. 5 courts – minimum 15 umpires) and that at least 1/3 of all umpires are foreign umpires or minimum BADMINTON EUROPE accredited umpires. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 1.500,00 EUR. It is recommended for International Challenge tournaments that the minimum number of umpires shall be 4 per court.*
- 14.8 *It is recommended that the organisers prepare a sum of at least 20% of the amount of total prize money, to be equally divided between the umpires as a reward for their work.*
- 14.9 *At the conclusion of each Circuit Season statistics will be made which compares the ratio of players entered and umpires sent to Circuit Tournaments.*

The total number of players entered by a Member Association for all Circuit Tournaments will be calculated at the conclusion of each Circuit Season. Every entered player shall count towards the total number of players entered by a Member Association, even if a particular player is participating in doubles only, if a particular player withdraws from the tournament or if the same player participates at several Circuit Tournaments. A player who participates in more than one event at a particular Circuit Tournament shall count as one player entered.

The total number of umpires sent by a Member Association for all Circuit Tournaments will be calculated at the conclusion of each Circuit Season. A tournament organised by a Member Association is not included in the calculation.

The required ratio should be 1 umpire per every 12 players entered. Any decimal places shall be discarded.

- 14.10 *If the ratio described in 14.9 shows that a Member Association has sent too few umpires to reach the required ratio, penalties will be imposed as per the table below:*

Ratio of Umpires	Penalty
<i>13 players per umpire</i>	<i>100,00 EUR</i>
<i>14 players per umpire</i>	<i>200,00 EUR</i>
<i>15 players per umpire</i>	<i>300,00 EUR</i>
<i>16 players per umpire</i>	<i>400,00 EUR</i>
<i>17 players per umpire</i>	<i>500,00 EUR</i>
<i>18 players per umpire</i>	<i>600,00 EUR</i>
<i>19 players per umpire</i>	<i>700,00 EUR</i>
<i>20 players per umpire</i>	<i>800,00 EUR</i>
<i>21 players per umpire</i>	<i>900,00 EUR</i>
<i>22 or more players per umpire</i>	<i>1.000,00 EUR</i>
<i>30 or more players per umpire</i>	<i>2.000,00 EUR</i>
<i>50 or more players per umpire</i>	<i>5.000,00 EUR</i>

Ex. 1: Member Association X has entered 200 players and sent 17 umpires in a Circuit Season. This gives a ratio of $200/17 = 11$ players per umpire. The Member Association will not be penalised.

Ex. 2: Member Association Y has entered 200 players and sent 11 umpires in a Circuit Season. This gives a ratio of $200/11 = 18$ players per umpire. The Member Association will be given a penalty of 600,00 EUR.

Note: All penalties below the amount of 1.500,00 EUR shall be imposed as administrative fines.

14.11 *Regulation 14.9 and 14.10 will only apply for Member Associations entering a minimum of 24 players during a Circuit Season.*

14.12 *Penalties in 14.10 will not be imposed to Member Associations sending umpires to at least 1/3 of all Circuit Tournaments during a Circuit Season.*

15. **Referees**

15.1 *All Circuit tournaments shall have a referee who does not belong to the Member Association who organises the tournament (foreign referee).*

15.2 *BADMINTON EUROPE will appoint the referee for all Circuit tournaments.*

15.3 *For International Challenge tournaments BADMINTON EUROPE is responsible to cover the travel expenses for the appointed referee.*

15.4 *For International Challenge tournaments the organiser is responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee for*
- accommodation with full board and
- a daily allowance of 25,00 EUR

15.5 *For International Series and Future Series tournaments the organiser is responsible to cover the travel expenses for the appointed referee. If the travel expenses for the appointed referee exceed 250,00 EUR, the additional costs will be covered by BADMINTON EUROPE.*

15.6 *For International Series and Future Series tournaments the organiser is furthermore responsible to cover the expenses for the appointed referee for*
- accommodation with full board and
- a daily allowance of 25,00 EUR

15.7 *No travel booking can be made by any referee before confirmation has been given by BADMINTON EUROPE. If travel booking is made without receiving confirmation from BADMINTON EUROPE, all travel expenses must be covered by the organising Member Association.*

15.8 *A deputy referee must be appointed by the organiser and must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE.*

15.9 *Referees must wear the official BADMINTON EUROPE or BWF uniform.*

15.10 *The referee is required to send a written report to BADMINTON EUROPE no later than two weeks after completion of the tournament.*

The official referee's report for Circuit tournaments can be downloaded here –
<http://circuit.badminton-europe.com/page.aspx?id=14012>

16. **Entries**

16.1 *If a Member Association enters players for a Circuit tournament, these entries shall be made in order of strength in each event.*

- 16.2 *Where qualifying rounds are necessary, the names of players to play in the main event must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE.*
- 16.3 *The Tournament Planner TP-file with all entries listed in order of strength must be sent to BADMINTON EUROPE (see Appendix 1) the day after the closing date. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*
- 16.3.1 *The given names and family names of all entrants as well as their BWF player numbers must be submitted.*
- 16.4 *The closing date for entries is Tuesday, three weeks before the tournament is due to start.*
- 16.5 *No late entries will be accepted.*

17. Entry fees

- 17.1 *The Member Association that enters a player into a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn by the Member Association by midnight local time on the closing date. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.*

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member Association. The invoice must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed the organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to BADMINTON EUROPE.

All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Waiting List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place, the organisers must have this promotion confirmed by the association/associations of the respective player/pair. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

All entries must be confirmed by the National Association.

The organiser must acknowledge all entries.

18. Advertising on clothing and colour of clothing

- 18.1 *Advertising on clothing and colour of clothing shall be regulated by BWF Competition Regulations 19 to 23.*
- 18.2 *For all Circuit tournaments the name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals. For International Challenge tournaments, the name on the back of the shirt is mandatory for all matches in the main draw. A player failing to wear the name on the back of his/her shirt when mandatory shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*

18.3 *It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same colour. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.*

19. **Seeding**

19.1 *Seeding of the draw shall be done by BADMINTON EUROPE.*

20. **The draw**

20.1 *The draw will be done in accordance with BWF Regulations. See BWF Competition Regulation 12.*

20.2 *The qualification rounds will be done in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 13.*

20.3 *The organisers must advise all players required to play in qualifying rounds of the day of their first match in the tournament, at least 15 days before the tournament begins. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*

20.4 *BADMINTON EUROPE will make the draw on Tuesday, the week before the tournament is due to begin.*

21. **Alterations to the draw and substitutions**

21.1 *No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 5.8.*

22. **Withdrawals**

22.1 *Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).*

22.2 *After entering a player(s) in the tournament it is the Member Association's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Member Associations must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.*

The tournaments organisers will have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

22.3 *The payment of withdrawal fees shall be collected by the BWF and the amount shall be forwarded to the organisers after US\$ 50,00 per withdrawal is retained by the BWF. However, if the player was entered by the Member Association under whose jurisdiction the competition is held, then the whole payment shall be retained by the BWF.*

23. **Badminton Europe representative**

23.1 *BADMINTON EUROPE shall have the right to send a representative to Circuit tournaments. The representative shall have the power to ensure that the rules and regulations of BADMINTON EUROPE and BWF, are adhered to, and shall have the authority to change the draw if mistakes have been made.*

24. ***On-court doctor***

24.1 *A doctor or at least people from First Aid must be present during the whole tournament. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*

25. ***Everyday results***

25.1 *Everyday results must be sent by email to BWF and at the end of the tournament a whole draw with results as an excel file and the TP-file must be sent to BWF (see Appendix 1).*

The TP-file with the final results of all events, including qualification, must furthermore be sent by e-mail to BADMINTON EUROPE immediately after the event (see Appendix 1).

26. ***Sanction fee***

26.1 *The sanction fee for inclusion in the Circuit is 500,00 EUR plus 10 % of the prize money and is payable immediately after acceptance of the tournament into the Circuit.*

27. ***Invitation and entry form***

27.1 *Tournament invitations/entry forms must be approved by BADMINTON EUROPE at least three months before the tournament. Failing to send tournament invitation/entry form to BADMINTON EUROPE for approval at least three months before the first day of the tournament shall result in an administrative fine of 500,00 EUR.*

After being approved by BADMINTON EUROPE, the invitations/entry forms will be published (see also § 5.6) and sent to BWF for distribution to all BWF Member Associations. The invitations/entry forms must include the following information (see also § 5):

1. *Name of tournament organiser, telephone, fax number and e-mail address.*
2. *Name of referee, telephone and e-mail address*
3. *Date of the tournament.*
4. *Venue: full name of venue with full name and address of the tournament hall with the number of courts to be used.*
5. *Number of entries accepted in the tournament (main and qualification) and regulation 3.3 about minimum amount of entries.*
6. *Brand of shuttles to be used.*
7. *Clothing and advertising regulations.*
8. *Entry fees and § 17.1 about the payment of the entry fees.*
9. *§22.1 about withdrawals.*
10. *Advice to Member Associations about getting visas in time.*
11. *Prize money, currency and exact division (see § 10.3).*
12. *If the tournament organisers, due to local tax rules, have to deduct taxes before paying out the prize money, this shall be clearly announced in the invitation as stated in § 10.2.*
13. *Address of web site.*
14. *Full name and address as well as costs of the accommodation (official hotel) and the name of the official point of arrival (see § 12.3).*
15. *Information about betting and the possible consequences for players and officials placing bets on an event of which they form a part.*
16. *The provisional time schedule, the information about the final frame schedule (see § 9.6) and the requirement for players' departure, with possible penalty (see § 9.7)*
17. *Any other information deemed necessary by the organisers.*

In addition to the official invitation sent out by Member Associations, BADMINTON EUROPE will display on its Circuit web site <http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com> all necessary information about the 2010/2011 Circuit tournaments including closing dates for entries and dates of seeding/draws.

28. **Interpretation**

28.1 The BADMINTON EUROPE Council interprets any dubious regulations included in this document. If a quick decision is needed, BADMINTON EUROPE's Director for Sport may make an interpretation which is valid until the decision by the BADMINTON EUROPE Council is taken.

29. **Validity**

29.1 These Circuit Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.

Appendix 1 to the Circuit Regulations:

Ref. 16.3 The TP-file of the Tournament Planner with all entries entered must be sent for acceptance (16.2) and seeding/draw to:

Jimmy Andersen, Events Manager, Badminton Europe, Broendby DK
Tel. +45 43 26 21 65 Fax +45 43 26 21 67
email: jimmy.andersen@badmintoneurope.com

Ref. 25 Results of tournaments must be sent:

1. Each day to
Badminton World Federation
Stadium Badminton Kuala Lumpur
Batu 3 ½ Jalan Cheras
56000 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia Fax : +603-9284 7155
email : v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org and
s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org
2. Immediately at the end of the tournament to
Jimmy Andersen TP-file (ranking) - details above
BWF - details above

The actual Circuit Ranking will be displayed the following week after each tournament on the web site

<http://circuit.badmintoneurope.com>

Valid from 30 July 2010 (draft validity date)

APPENDIX 2: A-BOARD PLAN - BEC CIRCUIT

