



Invitation to compete in 2026 European Senior Championships To be organized on behalf of Badminton Europe by Italian Badminton Federation

Dear Members,

Badminton Europe would like to invite you to compete in the 2026 European Senior Championships to be held from 19 to 27 September 2026 in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy.

Badminton Europe and the Italian Badminton Federation invite all Badminton Europe Members to send their Senior players to compete in the 2026 European Senior Championships.

Key dates

- 14 July 2026 Closing date for entries for the 2026 European Senior Championships.
- 7 August 2026 Deadline for Accommodation.
- 21 August 2026 Deadline for Visa, transport and accreditation requests.
- 25 August 2026 Provisional seeding will be published.
- 28 August 2026 Final seeding will be published.
- 31 August 2026 Withdrawal deadline without penalty.
- 1 September 2026 Draws will be conducted and published.
- 1 September 2026 Deadline to nominate team manager / representative.
- 4 September 2026 Deadline for booking practice courts.
- 18 September 2026 Team Managers' Meeting – at 17.00.



1. General Details

Organizer	<p>Italian Badminton Federation</p> <p>Federazione Italiana Badminton Viale Tiziano 70</p> <p>00196 Rome</p> <p>Italy</p> <p>Phone: +39 06 83800 707/708</p> <p>E-mail: federazione@badmintonitalia.it</p> <p>Website: www.badmintonitalia.it</p>
Venue	<p>PalaPirastu</p> <p>Impianti sportivi PalaPirastu</p> <p>Palestre CONI A e B, Via Rockefeller 34</p> <p>09126 Cagliari CA, Italy</p>
Dates of Championships	<p>19 – 27 September 2026 (Dates are pending entries)</p>
Organization contact	<p>Badminton Europe Confederation: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Italian Badminton Federation: eurobadmintonca2026@gmail.com</p>
Tournament websites	<p>BEC - 2026 EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>HOST - Italian Badminton Federation</p>

Referee Team	<p><u>Referee</u></p> <p>Julien Nys (BEL) - julien@badmintonvlaanderen.be</p> <p><u>Deputies</u></p> <p>John op het Veld (NED)</p> <p>Jean-Marc Chancerel (FRA)</p> <p>Laufey Sigurdardottir (ISL)</p>
Committee of Management	<p>Niklas Pedersen (BEC), Cecilie List (BEC), Birgit Bijleveld (BEC), Maurizio Fuccaro (ORG), Feliziani Francesco (ORG) and the Referee.</p>
Insurance	<p>Any medical treatment necessary away from the sports hall (e.g. at hotels or hospitalization due to serious illness or injury) is at the players or officials own expense.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members or individual participants cover these risks by medical insurance.</p>

2. Entry Details

Regulations	<p>The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Badminton Europe regulations as laid down in App. IX - European Senior Championships and the Laws and Regulations as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.</p> <p>Regulations CLICK HERE</p>
Tournament software	<p>2026 European Senior Championships</p>
Participation Fee	<p>Player entered in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 event: Euro 90, - • 2 events: Euro 120, - • 3 events: Euro 150, - <p>The entry fees are payable after receipt of the invoice. Each Player will receive accreditation and a commemorative towel.</p>

Entries

All 5 events will be played at the Championships in the following age groups: 35+/40+/45+/50+/55+/60+/65+/70+/75+/80+

A player is eligible to compete, provided he or she fulfils the age requirement before 1 January of the year in which the Championships are played. (youngest players must be born in 1990 or earlier).

A player is eligible to enter an event for players younger than the age group he or she qualifies to play in. He or she may, however, not play in the same event in more than one age group.

Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group:

8 players in men's singles

8 players in women's singles

A maximum of 16 players in each doubles event (men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles).

A Member may enter a maximum of eight pairs comprising only their own players. However, a Member may enter a maximum of sixteen pairs comprising one of their players partnering a player from another Member, provided always that the total number of players from any Member does not exceed sixteen players in any event. Entries may be submitted only by a Member.

The minimum entry in each event will be 8 players/pairs. Any event not having an entry of 8 players/pairs may be put together with the age group below.

Each Member entering players shall, at least fourteen days before the start of the tournament, nominate their team manager/representative. (When a country only enters one player, that player will be accepted as team manager).

Partner Wanted:

If a player is looking for a partner for the doubles and/or the mixed doubles event, please fill in the [2026 ESC - Partner Wanted](#) Form.

Partnerships will be made after the entry deadline by drawing lots amongst all players entered as "partner wanted".

3. Tournament Details

Seeding Date	Seeding shall be done by Badminton Europe who shall seek expert advice. The provisional seeding will be announced on 25 August 2026 . The final seeding will be announced on 28 August 2026 .
Draw Date	The draw will be conducted and published on 1 September 2026 .
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50.
Practice	An online practice booking form will be made available on the BEC event's website and should be done before 4 September 2026 .
Stringing	Badminton Europe's official event partner and equipment supplier, YONEX, will provide stringing service throughout the whole event.
Team managers Meetings	The Team Managers' Meeting (TMM) will be conducted the day before the start of the tournament at 17:00 at one of the official hotels. Further information regarding the venue will be provided after the close of entries. All participating Members must have a representative present at the meeting.
Technical Official briefing	The Technical Officials' Briefing will be conducted the day before the start of the tournament at 20:00 at one of the official hotels. Further information regarding the venue will be provided after the close of entries.
Medal ceremonies	All medals will be presented on 27 September 2026 after all finals have concluded. All medalists are required to be present at the medal ceremonies.
Catering	A players' area will be available, where catering and beverages can be ordered on a daily basis, no ordering in advance is required. Each day, two meal options will be available, including a vegetarian option. The price is €15 per meal.

<p>Players Party</p>	<p>Join us for the Players Party Friday 25-09-2026. Enjoy an evening with a luxurious buffet-style dinner and ad libitum drinks in a relaxed and social atmosphere.</p> <p>Price: €45 per person.</p> <p>More information will follow.</p>
<p>Physio facilities</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Accreditations</p>	<p>Contact e-mail: eurobadmintonca2026@gmail.com</p> <p>Accreditation form can be found online on the tournament website, which must be filled out, and sent to the contact e-mail.</p> <p>Accreditations will be issued at the tournament office in the main venue</p> <p>Both players, coaches, supervisors, and anyone staying will receive accreditation.</p> <p>The deadline for accreditations requests is <u>21 August 2026</u>.</p>
<p>Clothing and advertising</p>	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the regulations for the European Senior Championships, regulations 11-12.</p> <p>Please note clothing must comply with existing BWF regulations, unless exceptions have been given by Badminton Europe.</p> <p>In order to ensure an attractive presentation of badminton, only acceptable badminton sports clothing will be permitted during play.</p> <p>A player who wears shoes that leave markings on a badminton court and is not willing or able to change to acceptable shoes, is not allowed to play his/her match. This will be decided by the Referee immediately before the start of the match and consequently the player will be disqualified for this event. The player can still play other events he/she entered.</p> <p>The name of the player and the name of the player's association on the back of the shirt are both optional.</p> <p>In applying regulations on clothing and designs and advertising on players' clothing the decision of the Referee shall be final.</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.</p>

	<p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.</p> <p>Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
<p>Doping control</p>	<p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
<p>Safeguarding policy</p>	<p>Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) recognizes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of Vulnerable People participating in European Championships and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities and complies with best practice.</p> <p>In particular, BEC is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all Vulnerable People in European Championships to the best of their abilities. The safeguarding policy recognizes that the welfare and interests of Vulnerable People are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all Vulnerable People are protected from abuse whilst participating in activities organised by BEC, its Members or partner organisations.</p> <p>As part of its safeguarding commitment, BEC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose concern • ensure that it maintains and stores securely all confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns provided to or created by BEC

	Any incident/concern can be reported to Birgit Bijleveld, Welfare Officer for the 2026 European Senior Championships (Birgit.Bijleveld@badmintoneurope.com , +45 53 56 62 76)
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4. Travel & Visa Details

Official point of arrival	Cagliari Elmas (CAG)
Transport	<p>Contact e-mail: escbadminton2026@treemmesport.com</p> <p>Booking will be done through the online form, that can be found on the event website, which need to be sent to the contact e-mail.</p> <p>Depending on the number of passengers, a minibus or bus will be provided from the airport to hotels. Transport will be arranged according to arrivals and will, if possible, gather several flights, so be advised that waiting time can occur.</p> <p>A shuttle will be provided for transport from the official hotels to the venue and back, the hours will be published on the website and Sportity.</p> <p>The deadline for transport reservations is <u>21 August 2026.</u></p>
Visa Application	<p>It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Italy to make sure that visa applications are made not later than <u>21 August 2026.</u></p> <p>Please send an e-mail to eurobadmintonca2026@gmail.com to request an official invitation letter mentioning full name, gender, date of birth, nationality, passport number and expiry date, and function at the tournament.</p> <p>Please copy: events@badmintoneurope.com</p> <p>Organisers are unable to send supporting letters at a late stage and Embassies are no longer prepared to issue “last minute” visas.</p>

Accommodation

Holiday Inn Cagliari****

Address: Viale Umberto Ticca, 23, 09122 Cagliari CA, Italy

Single: € 180, -

Twin: € 245, -

Cesar's Hotel****

Address: Via Charles Darwin, 2/4, 09126 Cagliari CA, Italy

Single: € 175, -

Twin: € 240, -

Trippel: € 305, -

Phi Hotel Sighientu****

Address: Via Serchio, 139, 09045 Quartu Sant'Elena CA, Italy

Single: € 200, -

Twin: € 290, -

Sardegna Hotel****

Address: Via Lunigiana, 50, 09122 Cagliari CA, Italy

Single: € 205, -

Twin: € 300, -

Hotel Califfo***

Address: Via Leonardo Da Vinci, 124, 09045 Quartu Sant'Elena CA, Italy

Single: € 145, -

Twin: € 195, -

Trippel: € 275, -

Prices per room per night including breakfast

In the event of lack of vacancies, an adequate hotel will be offered.

Hotels must be booked no later than 07 August 2026 – 11.00 CET.

Booking procedure:

Accommodation Must be booked though: escbadminton2026@treemmesport.com

Payment policy

- 50% confirmatory deposit not refundable to be paid upon signing of the contract
- 40% deposit to be paid by July 15th, 2026
- 10% balance to be paid by August 14th, 2026

Cancellation policies

- The confirmatory deposit is in no case refundable.
- From the signing of the contract to July 15th, a reduction of up to 15% of the total number of room nights will be allowed without penalty, any exceeding reduction charge at 100%.
- From July 16th to August 14th, a reduction of up to 10% of the total number of room nights will be allowed without penalty, any exceeding reduction charged at 100%.
- From August 15th, any reduction will be charged the full amount of the room nights subjected to reduction.
- Name changes for confirmed room will always be permitted until September 4th, 2026.