EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPENDIX IX

BADMINTON EUROPE

REGULATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION

1.1 Individual European Senior Championships shall be played in even years and shall all be conducted in accordance with existing Rules and Regulations adopted by Badminton Europe. The tournament will be played in the age groups 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+ and the events played shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles,

1.2 The winners of each event shall be regarded as European Senior Champions and they shall be presented by Badminton Europe with gold medals to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 Any Member Association may apply to stage the European Senior Championships and such application shall be sent to Badminton Europe.

2.2 The allocation of the Championships shall be made by Council at a date of its choosing.

2.3 The venue shall provide sufficient conditions according to the Specifications for International Play.

3. RIGHTS

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. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Badminton Europe may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association and/or commercial organisations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE

4.1 Council shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association.

4.2 A sanction fee shall be charged by Badminton Europe (see Financial Regulation D).

4.3 Every Member Association taking part in the European Senior Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

4.4 An entry fee shall be paid for each competitor in singles events and each pair in doubles events and mixed doubles. Entry fees are listed in Financial Regulation D.

4.5 The organising Association is exempted from paying an entry fee for their participating players/pairs.

4.6 If a player departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such action conflicts with the player's ability to play or complete his/her scheduled matches, the player's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

4.7 If a medal winning player is not present at the medal ceremony, for any reason whatsoever, the player's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

5. GENERAL ORGANISATION

5.1 Badminton Europe shall be responsible for the organisation of the European Senior Championships.

5.2 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of badminton and all appropriate Competition Regulations as adopted by the BWF and/or Badminton Europe.

5.3 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by Badminton Europe.

5.4 Umpires shall be appointed by Badminton Europe. The organising association shall be offered the opportunity to apply to provide a number of suitably qualified umpires up to a maximum of one third of the number required for the event.

5.5 Badminton Europe shall appoint a Committee of Management of at least four persons, of whom two shall be from Badminton Europe, and one shall be nominated by the organiser. In addition, the Referee shall be member of this Committee. The Committee of Management shall be in overall charge of the Championships.

6. FILING OF ENTRIES

6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the Championships, Badminton Europe shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete.

6.2 Entries may be submitted only by Member Associations and shall be sent so as to reach the address quoted in the letter of invitation not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.

6.3 Every Member Association is entitled to enter a maximum of four players in each singles event and a maximum of eight players in each doubles event.

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

6.5 The main draw of each event shall be limited to a maximum of 64 players/pairs. In case the number of entries exceeds 64, a qualifying tournament will take place on the day before the Championships.

6.6 Any event not having an entry of 8 players/pairs may be put together with the age group below. No Member Association can have more entries than listed in 6.3-6.4 after age groups have been merged. If merging age groups means that a Member Associations has more entries than it is entitled to, it must confirm its entries to Badminton Europe within three days from being notified by Badminton Europe.

6.7 Council shall have the power to reject an entry of any Member Association:

6.7.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;

6.7.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Championships or the game; or

6.7.3 in cases specified in Badminton Europe Rules (e.g. Rule I.3 and I.8)

7. SEEDING

7.1 Seeding shall be done by the Badminton Europe Sport Department who shall seek expert advice.

8. SUBSTITUTIONS

8.1 After the closing date for entries a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from any Member Association as long as that Member Association does not exceed the quota of players for that specific event.

9. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

9.1 Participation shall be restricted to players in good standing with their Member Associations and a player's eligibility to compete shall be in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 8.2 to 8.4. A player is eligible to compete, provided he or she fulfils the age requirement on 1 January of the year in which the Championships are played. The referee shall have the power to check the player's age at any time. This can be done on referee's own initiative or by request from a third party. Photo identification (e.g. passport) is considered as being valid documentation for age check. If the referee discovers that a player breaches the age requirement as defined above, such a player may be penalised by disqualification, ban from competition, removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes.

10. DRAW & TIMETABLE

10.1 The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated not later than three weeks before the commencement of the Championships.

10.2 The draw shall be made in accordance with the BWF Competition Regulation paragraph 12.

10.3 The tournament shall be played as a simple knock-out draw.

11. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

11.1 Any participant (Member Association, Player or Official) failing to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix may be penalised following the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

11.2 The possible penalties shall be:

11.2.1 Administrative fines, imposed by Badminton Europe's Director for Sport,

11.2.2 Any penalty as defined by the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

12. CLOTHING REGULATIONS

12.1 Clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

12.2 Colour of players clothing's;

12.2.1 In singles matches it is recommended that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other.

12.2.2 In doubles matches it is recommended for doubles partners to wear the same colour. It is recommended that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear different colours from each other.

12.3 Player names;

12.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.

12.4 Association names;

12.4.1 The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is optional.

13. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

13.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with the existing BWF Regulations.

14. RESPONSIBILITY OF REFEREE

14.1 The responsibilities of the Referee in the Championships are:

14.1.1 to be in charge of the Championships;

14.1.2 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all players comply with the Regulations for play;

14.1.3 to make decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager;

14.1.4 to uphold the laws of badminton and regulations relevant for the Championships.

14.1.5 the Referee is required to send a written report to Badminton Europe no later than two weeks after the completion of the event.

15. TEAM MANAGER

15.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Championships.

15.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.

15.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to Badminton Europe.

15.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association and team in connection with the conduct of the Championships.

15.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. Failure to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 250,00 EUR.

16. PENALTIES

16.1 The Referee shall have the power to disqualify at any stage of the Championships:

16.1.1 any player which has seriously failed to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix, the BE Rules or other BE Regulations or the BWF Regulations and has by doing so harmed or endangered the

fairness of the competition (breach of a regulation which anticipates an administrative fine is not considered as a serious failure to comply with the regulations); or

16.1.2 a player breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.

16.2 If a player or a pair is disqualified, such a player or pair may also be penalised by a fine, ban from competition and return of awarded prizes.

16.3 Any participant (Member Association, Player or Official) failing to comply with the regulations set in this Appendix may be penalised following the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

16.4 The possible penalties shall be:

16.4.1 administrative fines, imposed by Badminton Europe's Director for Sport,

16.4.2 any penalty as defined by the Badminton Europe's Disciplinary Regulations.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

17.1 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.

17.2 Council has power on behalf of Badminton Europe to make and publish amendments to these Regulations. These Regulations and any future amendments take effect on the day following the day of the adoption.

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