



# BADMINTON EUROPE

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**To: Member Associations, Umpire Correspondents**  
**Subject: Umpire Courses**

Dear Member Associations,

Badminton Europe will be organising two umpire courses alongside Circuit tournaments in March and April 2010. Member Associations are invited to nominate participants. Please ensure that all nominations fulfil the necessary entry requirements (these are listed below).

**Here are the details for the two umpire courses –**

**Umpire course in Romania**

Dates: 17 – 21 March 2010

Tournament: Banuinvest International Championships 2010

Location: Timisoara, Romania

Badminton Europe course instructors: Carol Ui Fhearghail and Jan Samuelsson

Closing date for nominations – **15 January 2010**

**Umpire course in Finland**

Dates: 21 – 25 April 2010

Tournament: Finnish Open International 2010

Location: Vantaa, Finland

Badminton Europe course instructors: Peter Ganes and Niels Holm Mortensen

Closing date for nominations – **31 January 2010**

The courses do not offer assessment, they focus on education.

## **Prerequisite / requirement for entry:**

must be **National Grade Umpires** and meet the following criteria:

- Good communication skills in the English language
- Umpiring experience

### **Relevant personal skills also required:**

- Enthusiasm to learn and develop new skills
- Approachability
- Decisiveness
- Good listening skills
- Willingness to take on responsibility
- Initiative
- Candidates should also be in good health and have a reasonable level of physical fitness.

## **Practical Details**

Local organisers will pay for the accommodation and meals for all participants from the arrival day evening until the final day afternoon. However those attending the course must meet their own travel costs and it is hoped Member Associations will assist their candidates with these expenses.

This is a maximum of 12 places on each course.

## **Nominations**

Member Associations should send their nominations to the BEC Office ([umpires@badminton europe.com](mailto:umpires@badminton europe.com)) before the respective closing date. It is important you rank your entries in case some umpires can not be accepted.

Umpires who have been selected to attend the activities will be notified through their national association soon after the entry closing date.

If you have any questions on the content of this information, please contact the Badminton Europe office.

Kind regards,

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