



# 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 during the latter part of 2010. Member Associations are invited to nominate participants.

Attending an umpire course is now a prerequisite to being assessed for Badminton Europe Accredited Umpire level.

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 Ukraine**

Dates: 15 – 19 September 2010

Tournament: Kharkov International 2010

Location: Kharkov, Ukraine

Badminton Europe course instructors: Pencho Stoynov and Peter Ganes

Closing date for nominations – **21 June 2010**

**Umpire course in Italy**

Dates: 13 – 17 December 2010

Tournament: Italian International 2010

Location: Rome, Italy

Badminton Europe course instructors: Preben Noeies and Malcolm Banham

Closing date for nominations – **1 September 2010**

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

If you nominated umpires for the courses that were scheduled to take place in Romania or Finland earlier this year, please nominate the candidates again.

## **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@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:umpires@badmintoneurope.com)) before the respective closing date. Please use the different forms if nominating candidates for different courses. 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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