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To: Member Associations, Umpire Correspondents
Subject: Umpire Course and Assessment

Dear Member Associations,

Badminton Europe (BEC) is introducing new procedures in the education, assessment and upgrading of umpires at a European level. Please review the attached document for an explanation of the new system of progression.

Badminton Europe will be organising two umpire courses and one assessment towards the end of 2009. Member Associations are invited to nominate participants for these activities. Please ensure that all nominations fulfil the necessary entry requirements (these are outlined in the attached procedures document and also listed below for convenience).

Here are the details for the two umpire courses –

Umpire course in Slovakia

Dates: 22 – 25 October 2009

Tournament: Slovak Open

Location: Presov, Slovakia

Umpire course in Iceland

Dates: 5 – 8 November 2009

Tournament: Iceland International

Location: Reykjavik, Iceland

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.

Next steps: Complete the nomination form for Slovakia or Iceland Course and submit to the Badminton Europe office **before 10 August 2009**.

Here are the details for umpire assessment for BEC Accredited level –

Umpire assessment for BEC Accredited Level in Slovenia

Dates: 7 – 13 November 2009

Tournament: European Under 17 Championships

Location: Medvode (near Ljubljana), Slovenia

Please note: the umpire Assessment in Slovenia is the last time it will be possible to attend a BEC Accredited Level Assessment without having previously attended a BEC Umpire's Course.

Umpire assessment for BEC Accredited Level in Poland

Dates: 16 - 21 February 2010

Tournament: European Men's and Women's Team Championships

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Prerequisite / requirement for entry: Must have attended a BEC umpire course within 36 months of the commencement of the assessment.

Next steps: Complete the nomination form for assessment in Slovenia and submit to the Badminton Europe office **before 10 August 2009**. Nomination forms for the assessment in Poland will be distributed later in 2009

Here are the details for umpire assessment for BEC Certificated level –

Next Certificated Umpire Assessment -

Umpire assessment for BEC Certificated Level in England

Dates: 12 – 18 April 2010

Tournament: European Championships

Location: Manchester, England

Prerequisite / requirement for entry: Must have been an active BEC Accredited Umpire for normally 24 months

Next steps: Nomination forms for the assessment will be distributed later in 2009

Here are the details for being proposed for umpire assessment for BWF Accredited Level -

Umpire appraisals will take place at the 2010 European Men's and Women's Team Championships.

Umpire Appraisals

Dates: 16 - 21 February 2010

Location: Warsaw, Poland



Prerequisite / requirement for entry: Must have been an active BEC Certificated Umpire for normally 24 months.

The proposal for BWF Accredited Umpire Level assessment is made to BWF by Badminton Europe. Proposals will be based on a satisfactory Record of Work and/or positive recommendation following an Umpire Appraisal at a BEC Event. BEC Certificated Umpires who have the ambition to advance to BWF Accredited Umpire Level should be nominated to officiate at this event. Appraisals are intended to assess the level of European umpires at specific BEC Events and are carried out by members of the BEC Umpire Assessment Panel.

Next steps: Nomination forms to be an umpire at the 2010 European Men's and Women's Team Championships will be distributed later in 2009

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 and assessment.

Nominations

Member Associations should send their nominations to the BEC Office (umpires@badmintoneurope.com) by **10 August 2009**. Please use the different forms attached to make nominations. It is possible to nominate umpires for a course and then assessment, just use different forms. 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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