



BADMINTON EUROPE

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To: Member Associations
Re: Badminton Europe Scholarships

Dear Member Associations,

Badminton Europe would like to invite players to apply for a scholarship to train at one of the eight Certificated Training Centres. To make the scholarship even more attractive there is no maximum period anymore (it will depend on individual agreement with the Centre); the minimum time remains 2 weeks. Like before, there is no age limit.

Badminton Europe has a network of Certificated Training Centres, they are:

- Bulgarian National Training Centre in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Greve Training Centre in Denmark
- Odense Training Centre in Denmark
- Irish National Training Centre in Dublin, Ireland
- Dutch National Training Centre in Arnhem, Netherlands
- Polish National Training Centre in Warsaw, Poland
- Spanish National Training Centre in Madrid, Spain
- Swedish National Training Centre in Malmo, Sweden

Specific information about these eight training centres can be found on the Development Website <http://development.badmintoneurope.com> in the "Training Centres" section.

Scholarships will be awarded to players who Badminton Europe considers to have the potential to qualify for future World Championships.

Singles and doubles players are invited to apply for Badminton Europe scholarships. If applying as a doubles pair, Badminton Europe recommends that the nomination is for two people as a pair to attend a training centre for the same period.

Criteria

The Criteria to be eligible for a Badminton Europe scholarship are either:

- to be placed in top 15 in a discipline on the European Junior Ranking
- to be placed in top 200 in singles or 100 in doubles on the World Ranking

To be considered for a scholarship there is no age-limit for the players.

The players will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and food in connection with attending a Certificated Training Centre. The scholarship will be in the form of a financial grant to assist players in paying these costs: this will be **a fixed amount of 500 Euros**. Minimum training period is 2 weeks, there is no maximum period.

Refer to the Badminton Europe website, in Development and under Training Centres, to see the costs for all eight Badminton Europe Certificated Training Centres.

Application

It is a condition that the scholarship is used to train at a Certified Training Centre suggested by the player but confirmed by Badminton Europe. Certificated Training Centres have the discretion to accept or decline players who have been awarded a Badminton Europe scholarship. Training sessions for scholarship holders will be integrated with the players of the national team and trained by national coaches.

Scholarships will be awarded on an open application scheme **until 31 December 2013**.

Please complete the attached nomination form as soon as the preferred training dates are known. The completed application for a scholarship to train at a Certificated Training Centre has to reach the BEC Office at least 4 weeks before the preferred start.

Badminton Europe welcomes applicants applying as early as possible.

We hope this development initiative from Badminton Europe receives your support.

Kind regards,

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