

Brøndby, 15 February 2023

## RSL BEC Summer School 2023



### Dear BEC Members,

This BEC event was first presented back in 1982. With the 40<sup>th</sup> edition coming up, we hope to welcome participants from as many Members as possible.

We are delighted to inform you that this year's edition of the RSL BEC Summer School will take place in **Caldas da Rainha, Portugal from 10 – 17 July 2023.**

### 1. One event: two different activities

#### 1.1. RSL BEC Summer School 2023 – Training camp

Firstly, the RSL BEC Summer School is a training camp for talented U15 players. The event is run by Badminton Europe, in cooperation with selected high profile staff coaches.

The coaches' team will be led by an experienced duo:

- **Alan McIlvain** (Scotland), former national coach of Belgium, Hungary and Scotland;
- **Huaiwen Xu** (Germany), 2 times European Champion and 2 times bronze medallist at the World Championships in women's singles.

Depending on the number of players attending the camp, 6 additional staff coaches will be appointed to support the above mentioned duo. Be aware that applying for a staff coach position does not mean that the candidate will automatically be selected, even if the coach has players selected to the camp.

#### 1.2. BWF Coach Education Level 2 Course

Secondly, the RSL BEC Summer School also includes a BWF Coach Education Level 2 course. Candidates who successfully pass the course will become certified BWF Level 2 Coaches. The criteria to join the BWF Coach Education Level 2 course are as follows:

- BWF Level 1 coach certificate or equivalent

- relevant badminton coaching experience.
- Being able to converse in English.

BEC staff and experts will review all applications and CVs.

The experts for the BWF Coach Education course Level 2 will be confirmed shortly.

Depending on the number of participants attending the Coach Education Level 2 course, one additional tutor will be appointed to support the above mentioned duo.

## 2. Application process and calendar

### 2.1. Applications

Every BEC Member is invited to nominate up to **6 players for the training camp and up to 4 coaches for the Coach Education level 2 course.**

It is recommended that the players applying should be in the **U15 age group** (players born in 2008-2009). However, the emphasis remains to have a high quality group of players attending the RSL BEC Summer School. It is therefore also acceptable to suggest players born between 2007 and 2010.

**BEC will only accept applications submitted by our Members.**

**For registered coaches and players, it is important that they are ranked in order of preference. Be aware that applying for players or coaches does not mean that the candidates will automatically be selected.**

Badminton Europe is working towards **gender equity** in our sport. We welcome any candidates with equal numbers of female and male players and coaches.

Please keep in mind that there is a limited number of participants at the RSL BEC Summer School. We accept a maximum of **54 players and 24 Level 2 participants!**

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### 2.2. Calendar and payment

The closing date to apply is **12 April 2023**. Badminton Europe is expected to confirm accepted participants by the end of April. All training sessions are conducted in **English**, so a basic level of English is mandatory.

**Entry Fee: € 450 per participant**

Full board and accommodation are included. This amount will be invoiced by Badminton Europe. The full amount must be paid to Badminton Europe in advance upon receipt of invoice. Bank charges must be paid by the National Associations and will not be accepted by Badminton Europe.

After the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, the full participant fee of € 450 has to be paid, even in case of late cancellation.

However, and as an exceptional case, if a participant needs to cancel between the date of the confirmation sent by BEC and the 10<sup>th</sup> of June: a reservation fee of € 50 per person (preparation costs, administration, staff etc.) will be invoiced.

Players and coaches participate at their own risk and must have health insurance in case medical attention or hospitalization is needed. They must be covered on their own or by National Associations. Neither Badminton Europe nor the Federação Portuguesa de Badminton accept responsibility for this.

### 3. Practical Informations

Participants are asked to arrive **before 15:00 at the airport on Monday 10 July 2023 and will depart after breakfast on Monday 17 July 2023.**

The local organizer will arrange transport from/to the airport/ free of charge on 10 July and on 17 July. Pick-up from: Airport Humberto Delgado, (Lisbon, Portugal).

Players for the camp will be accommodated in shared rooms (max. 4 participants per room).

Participants for the Coach Education Level 2 course will be accommodated in double rooms.

Staff coaches for the training camp will be accommodated in single rooms.

The address:

[Caldas da Rainha, Training Centre](#)  
Avenida Vasco da Gama Parque Desportivo de 2500-282  
Caldas da Rainha  
Portugal



We hope that the 2023 RSL BEC Summer School will once again be a success, with even more European Members participating in a week full of fun, hard work, and new experiences!

We are looking forward to receiving your application.

*As per decisions made by the BEC Board of Directors, any Federation currently declared not in Good Standing shall not be eligible to receive funding from BEC nor enter to any activity organised or sanctioned by BEC.*

Kind regards,

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