

Under 17- Six-Nations-Tournament

Regulations







Date of Competition:

The Under 17 6-Nations-Tournament will be played in even years on Easter.

Participating Nations

Denmark, England, France, Germany, The Netherlands and Sweden.

Order of Hosting

2018	29 March to 2 April	Under 17		England	
2020	9 to 13 April	Under 17		France	
2022	14 to 18 April	Under 17		<i>Netherlands</i>	
2024	28 March to 1 April	Under 17		<i>Sweden</i>	
2026	2 to 6 April	Under 17		<i>Germany</i>	
2028	13 to 17 April	Under 17		<i>Denmark</i>	

Player Eligibility

U17-Six-Nations: players are eligible provided they remain under 17 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Six-Nation-Tournament is held.

Responsibilities of host nation

1. To provide nations with preliminary information regarding the likely venue, including a contact number, food, eating arrangements, accommodation and costs latest on 1 September the year before.
2. The first information can be published to known addresses but must be send also to the national associations (official address). Later on information can be send to the national officials in charge of this event.
3. To arrange accommodation for all teams and officials. The host nation should do all efforts to arrange special hotel rates for all nations.
4. To provide and pay for the playing hall (minimum of six courts, warming-up courts are recommended) and associated facilities.
5. To provide practice courts on Wednesday afternoon.
6. To provide and pay for transport between the nearest airport (if reasonable) and/or railway station to the hotel.
7. To provide and pay for transport between accommodation and sports hall, if possible up to 4 times a day (recommended) if required.
8. To provide and pay for a reception buffet or official dinner on Friday.

9. To provide and pay for feather shuttlecocks of the appropriate speed. All teams will be given two dozens of shuttles (which will be used for this event) for practise on Wednesday free of charge.
10. To provide suitable trophies for team and individual competitions:
 - trophies for all teams in the team tournament;
 - medals or equivalent for the minimum of 12 players per team for all teams;
 - trophies for the winners, the runner-up in the finals and the runner-up in semi-finals in the individual tournament.
11. To arrange a suitable opening ceremony (optional).
12. To appoint a Referee and Deputy Referee for the competition. The Referee should be able to speak English. If for any reason the Referee is not in the playing area, then the Deputy Referee must be present to take on the Referee's responsibilities.
13. To provide umpires for all matches during the tournament (recommended). At least one official umpire must be present throughout the competition (mandatory). If umpires are on duty, they have to take the lines. If matches are running without umpire players have to take their lines.
14. In the individual event for semi-finals and finals the host has to provide 1 umpire and a minimum of 2 line judges per court.
15. To provide scorers for team tournament and individual tournament (recommended).
16. To pay the cost for all organisation, administration and staffing.
17. To collect from the other nations an entry fee for the team and individual tournament. The size of the entry fee must be agreed annually at the Managers Meeting. *The fee for 2024 is 1.500 EUR.* This fee includes the team fee for all entries for the individual tournament. If the fee will be paid by bank account this must be done 4 weeks before the event.
18. To supply the other nations with the standard ranking forms for the team tournament and individual tournament - see attachments.
19. The host nation has to publish at least one week before the competition (*in 2024 latest on Tuesday 21 March 2024*):
 - for the team tournament: all rankings in singles and level doubles (see team tournament, no. 8);
 - the entries in all individual events, (for each event all entries must listed, in total 5 entry lists) - (it is up to all nations to get well prepared for the seeding at the 1st Managers Meeting in Wednesday, see individual tournament, no. 5).

Responsibilities of other nations

1. To pay the cost of travel to the competition.
2. To pay the cost of accommodation arranged by the host nation.
3. To pay the agreed entry fees to the competition.
4. To provide the host nation with:
5. for the individual tournament:
 - ➔ the entries for all individual events
(see individual tournament, no. 4)

For all entries the entry forms must be used.

for the team tournament:

- ➔ the names of all boys and girls listed in ranking order for singles
 - ➔ the names of all boys and girls listed in ranking order for doubles
 - ➔ all dates of birth of boys and girls
 - ➔ the names of all officials
- (see team tournament, no. 7 and 8)

All entries for individuals and team-event must be done in 2024 latest on 13 March 2024.

6. If there will be any substitution in advance of the tournament, the organiser and all participating nations must be informed as soon as possible, at the latest at the managers meeting. The affected nation has to present a paper with the new ranking for each affected category (singles and level doubles).
7. All nations have to send back a seeding proposal for all individual events at least 5 days ahead of the event (*in 2024 latest on 23 March 2024*) covering all participating players or pairs, back to the organiser and as copy to all other nations, so everyone has the same overlook of proposals (see individual tournament, no. 6).

General regulations

A player shall be entitled to a break of 30 minutes after any match, but this may be reduced should the Team Managers agree.

Individual tournament

Thursday and Friday

1. The Boys Singles, the Girls Singles and the Mixed Doubles events shall have a maximum of 32 entries, the Boys Doubles and the Girls Doubles events shall have a maximum of 18 entries.
2. Each nation is allowed to enter as follows:

Boys Singles	5	Boy's Doubles	3	Mixed Doubles	5
Girl's Singles	5	Girl's Doubles	3		

The host nation is not allowed to fill up places which are not taken with own players. Only players taking part in the team event are allowed to play the individual tournament. The host nation is not allowed to invite other players (from any nation) to fill vacant spaces.

Additional entries can be accepted on request up to the maximum (see no. 1). The decision will be done at the Managers Meeting on Wednesday. If needed, the decision will be done by lot.

3. Nations may make arrangements to use spare players from other nations in the doubles events.
4. Nominations in ranking order shall be submitted to host nation at least 14 days ahead of the event (*in 2024 latest on 13 March 2024*).
5. The host of the event immediately must send the summaries of all entries in MS, WS, MD, WD and XD to the six nations, so every nation will receive 5 entry lists (*in 2024 latest on 20 March 2024*).

- Each nation has to send a seeding proposal at least 5 days ahead of the event (*in 2024 latest on 26 March 2024*) covering all participating players or pairs, back to the organiser and as copy to all other nations, so everyone has the same overlook of proposals. This will be the basis for the seeding on Wednesday evening before starting the individuals.
- All seeding and draw must be done at the managers meeting on Wednesday afternoon (18.00 hours) .
- The draw shall be made according to the General Competition regulations of Badminton World Federation except the following rules:

Number of seeds

There will be a minimum of 8 seeds in the singles and mixed doubles events and a minimum 4 seeds in each of the level doubles events. Team Managers can agree to increase the number of seeds in one or more events at the meeting.

Placement of seeds

If the managers agree, the seeds must be placed as follows:

up to 16 entries

	position in the draw
seed 1	1
seed 2	16
seed 3	12
seed 4	5
seed 5	7
seed 6	10
seed 7	14
seed 8	3

17 to 32 entries

	position in the draw
seed 1	1
seed 2	32
seed 3	24
seed 4	9
seed 5	13
seed 6	20
seed 7	28
seed 8	5
seed 9	7
seed 10	26
seed 11	18
seed 12	15

There can also be made seeds 3/4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12 or part of it by toss.

Separation of entries

In the case of two players/pairs from one nation they shall be drawn in separate halves of the draw. In the case of three or four players/pairs from one nation they shall be drawn in separate quarters.

- If changes will occur and the draw is already done and these changes will affect the seeding, all team managers have to agree for acceptance of these changes. The change only will be accepted if 4 team managers or more will agree.
- If players have to withdrawal a match in one event, they are allowed to continue play in another event.

Team tournament

Saturday (round 1 and 2), Sunday (round 3 und 4) and Monday (round 5)

1. Each nation shall play all the other nations.
2. The order of play is made up by the results of the last 6 nations *Under 17 Team Championships for the Six-Nations U17*. Order of play is fixed to:

round 1	1 v 6	2 v 4	3 v 5
round 2	1 v 5	2 v 3	4 v 6
round 3	1 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
round 4	1 v 3	2 v 6	4 v 5
round 5	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6

<i>Under 17</i>	
<i>Order refer to results of ETC U17 2022</i>	
1.	<i>France</i>
2.	<i>Denmark</i>
3.	<i>Sweden</i>
4.	<i>England</i>
5.	<i>Germany</i>
6	<i>Netherlands</i>

3. All teams are allowed to enter eight boys and eight girls for the team tournament.
4. In a single team match each team is allowed to nominate a maximum of six boys and six girls for the matches.
5. Each tie shall consist of nine matches: 2 boys singles, 2 girls singles, 2 boys doubles, 2 girls doubles and 1 mixed double.
6. No player shall play in more than 2 matches in any one tie and these must be in separate disciplines.
7. Players for both singles and doubles shall play in rank order declared prior to the competition.
8. The ranking for 1st and 2nd boys doubles and girls doubles will be done as follows:
 - All nations have to enter a separate ranking for doubles, which should include all players to be used in boys doubles and girls doubles. These ranking lists can be different to the ranking lists in boys singles and girls singles.
 - The 2 nominated boys doubles have to play in that order, the pair with the lower total of ranking points has to play 1st double, the pair with the higher total has to play 2nd double (the same for girls doubles). If the total is equal, the double with the highest ranked player (ranking for doubles) has to play 1st double.
9. Team managers shall submit the composition of their team to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of their match. The Referee and match control have to check the composition, especially if the order in BD, GD, BS and GS complies with the accepted entries (see no. 7 and 8).
10. If a team is not playing matches in BS, GS, BD or GD in the correct ranking order (see no. 7 and 8), in the affected two matches the 1st single /1st double will be counted for the tie as played, but the 2nd single/2nd double will be lost by the team not playing in the correct ranking order.

11. The order of play of each tie shall be agreed by the team managers save that the 1st single/1st double shall always be played before the 2nd single/2nd double. If managers cannot agree, the Referee shall decide the order of play.
12. In the case of an injury during play where the tie is conceded countries shall be allowed to play a substitute if the injured player is due to play in a later match. If the player is injured or becomes sick after a match, substitution shall require agreement of both team managers.

Substitutions must be made from the players nominated under *no. 4* above, must not have effect of strengthening the doubles or mixed pairing originally proposes and must otherwise conform to published regulations.

If players have to withdrawal a match, they are allowed to continue play in the next coming team match.
13. The final ranking shall determined by:
 - a) the total number of ties won;
 - b) the difference between total matches won and total matches lost;
 - c) the difference between total games won and total games lost;
 - d) the difference between total points won and total points lost;
 - e) the result of the tie between the tied teams.
14. The prize ceremony will take place directly after conclusion of the team event.

Changing the regulations

The above regulations shall only be changed at meetings between the officials from participating nations. These meetings shall be held every year of the competition.

Time Schedule for the competition:

The order of play and starting times of all days are fixed as Team Managers decisions and can only be changed at one of the Managers Meetings.

All lunch breaks must be in good relationship with starting time of matches.

<i>Wednesday</i>	tbc 18.00	practise at the venue Managers Meeting. Countries not being able to take part in the meeting should be aware that it is a decision forum. Questions and comments can be sending to the organiser beforehand. including seeding for all individual events including draw for Mixed Doubles draw for Singles and Level Doubles as agreed in meeting
<i>Thursday</i>	09.30 followed by followed by	<i>Mixed Doubles including quarter-finals Men's Singles and Women's Singles including quarterfinals Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles including quarterfinals</i>
<i>Friday</i>	10.00 followed by 19.00 21.30	<i>all semi-finals all finals including prize ceremony Reception/Dinner for players and officials Managers Meeting/Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	11.00 15.30	<i>1st round 2nd round</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	10.00 14.30	<i>3rd round 4th round</i>
<i>Monday</i>	10.00	<i>5th round</i>

The exact timing on Thursday will depend on the number of courts available and may cause restrictions due to meal arrangements.

Summary of actions in advance of the event (selection)		
timing / latest	who has to act	what to do
1 st September the year before	host nation	to provide nations with first information for the next event (venue, accommodation etc.)
4 weeks ahead of the event	all nations	to arrange the payment of entry fee
14 days ahead of event <i>in 2024 = 14 March 2024</i>	all nations	to provide host nation with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the names of all players in ranking order including all dates of birth ➤ all rankings of boys and girls can be used for level doubles for team tournament (this ranking can be different to ranking for singles) ➤ the names of all officials ➤ to send all entries for the individual events
one week before the event <i>in 2024 = 21 March 2024</i>	host nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ to send 5 entry lists with entries in the individuals to all nations ➤ to publish all rankings of boys and girls for level doubles for team event to all nations
5 days ahead of the event <i>in 2024 = 23 March 2024</i>	all nations	➤ to send seeding proposal covering all participating players or pairs, back to the organiser and as copy to all other nations, so everyone has the same overlook of proposals to the host nation
as soon as possible, at the latest at the managers meeting	all nations	to inform about any substitution as well as sending a revised ranking in all affected categories

Meaning of colouring

necessary adjustments due to the merger of the regulations - April 2022 (Netherlands proposal)

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