

# Under 19 Six-Nations-Tournament Regulations

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## **1 Participating countries**

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

## **2 Dates of playing**

The tournament will be played only in the even years.

The tournament will be held at Easter, starting on Thursday and ending on Monday.

*2014 = Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>*

The team event is played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (*April 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014*).

The individual tournament starts on Saturday afternoon with the Mixed Doubles up to and including the semi-finals and the first round of Men's and Ladies' Singles.

On Sunday Singles are played including quarterfinals followed by Doubles including quarterfinals. Finally the semi-finals in Singles and Doubles are played.

All finals are played on Monday.

For the whole tournament a venue with 6 courts will be used.

## **3 Order of hosting**

2014 France

2016 Sweden

2018 England

2020 The Netherlands

followed by and Denmark and Germany

## **4 Invitation**

Before October 1<sup>st</sup>, the year preceding the tournament, the host nation will send to each participating nation the following information:

1. The venue of the event.
2. *The closing date for all entries for the team event shall be 14 days before the team event starts and will be confirmed at the previous managers meeting.*
3. The maximum number of players allowed in each category of the individual tournament.
4. Arrangements for the accommodation.
5. Any additional special information (special opening hours of shops/supermarkets and/or restaurants) must be send to all nations well-timed.

## 5 Team event

1. All teams will play each other.
2. The order of play is made up by the results of the last European Junior Championships. If two participating teams are runner-up in the semifinals, the team which lost to the European Junior Team Champion will be placed ahead of the other team. If other teams are also ranked equal in the EJTC, the team lost to the Champion will be higher ranked in this team event. 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>Order refer to results of EJTC 2013</i>	
<i>1.</i>	<i>4.</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>5.</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>6.</i>

3. Each team consists of a minimum of 5 men and 5 women and a maximum of 7 men and 7 women.
4. The ranking of men's singles, women's singles and a separate ranking for men and women in the level doubles must be sent to the organiser latest *April 3rd, 2014*. The organiser must send all entries and all important information for the tournament as well as for the managers meeting to all countries well-timed before the competition.
5. Each match consists of nine rubbers: 2 mens singles, 2 womens singles, 2 mens doubles, 2 womens doubles and 1 mixed double.
6. The playing composition of the team shall be given by the captain to the referee at least thirty minutes before the scheduled time of the event.
7. All singles must be played in ranking order.  
In the level doubles the pair with the lower sum of ranking points has to play 1<sup>st</sup> double, the pair with the higher sum has to play 2<sup>nd</sup> double. If the sums are equal the pair with the highest ranked player has to play 1<sup>st</sup> double.
8. The order of play should be agreed by the two team managers. If they cannot agree, the matches will be played at the referee's decision.
9. 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 a later match. If the player is injured or becomes sick after a match, substitution shall require agreement of both team managers.  
Substitution must be made from the players nominated under regulation 3 above, must not have effect of strengthening the doubles or mixed pairing originally proposes and must otherwise conform to published regulations.
10. The final ranking will be made up following the BWF regulations for the Sudirman Cup.
11. The prize ceremony will take place directly *after conclusion of the team event*.

## 6 Individual tournament

1. Each country must give the number of entries in each category in advance.
2. Maximum entries :
  - Singles: 5 players each team, more if possible (up to 32 players)
  - Doubles: 3 pairs each team
  - Mixed doubles: 4 pairs each team, more if possible (up to 24 pairs)
3. Nominations for all individual events shall be submitted to the Referee as follows:  
Friday: 15.00 hours XD  
Saturday: 09.00 hours MS, WS, MD, WD
4. The draw shall be made according to the accepted rules for the international tournaments except the following rules:

### Number of seedings

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

### 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.

## 7 Economy

1. The participating countries pay their own travelling expenses, board and lodging and an entry fee for the individual tournament and for the team tournament. The exact fee has to be decided at the meeting mentioned in 8.5.

2. **2014** entry fees :
  - **300 €** for the team tournament.
  - 30 € for the singles and 38 € for the doubles in the individual tournament.
3. The arranging organisation pays for
  - the shuttles,
  - *2 douzen of shuttles for practise per nation; the shuttles must be given to the nations when starting practise, brand must comply with the shuttles to be used during the tournament*
  - courts,
  - an evening banquet on Sunday,
  - prizes (team and individual event),
  - the referee,
  - umpires for the semi-finals and finals in the individual tournament,
  - linesmen for the semi-finals and finals in the individual tournament, 2 per court,
  - bus-transport between the hotel and the venue and to and from the nearest airport and/or railway station.
4. The host nation has to provide scoreboards and scorers for team tournament and individual tournament.
5. If matches are running with an umpire the umpire has to call all lines.

## **8 Meetings**

There will be a meeting:

1. during the European Junior Championships (the country organising the next 6 Nations Under 19 will send an invitation), concerning
  - the date and the venue of the event;
2. at the start of the tournament, concerning
  - details of the tournament organisation;
  - ranking order of the players (all countries must accept from each other the given ranking order);
3. on Saturday morning, concerning
  - seeding of the mixed doubles;
4. on Saturday afternoon, concerning
  - seeding of singles and doubles;
5. on Sunday after the evening banquet, concerning
  - evaluation of this years' tournament;
  - planning of the next tournament;
  - the amount of the entry fee of next year tournament;
  - eventual changes in the regulations.

## 9 Time schedule

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.

Thursday	09.30	Managers Meeting
	11.00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
	15.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Friday	10.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
	14.30	4 <sup>th</sup> round
	15.00	Entries for Mixed Doubles to Referee
Saturday	09.00	seeding of Mixed Doubles
	09.00	Entries for MS, WS, MD and WD to Referee
	10.00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
	14.00	seeding of Singles and Level Doubles
	15.30	Mixed Doubles including semi-finals
Sunday	09.00	1 <sup>st</sup> round Men's Singles 1 <sup>st</sup> round Women's Singles
	followed by	Men's Singles and Women's Singles including quarterfinals
	followed by	Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles including quarterfinals
	followed by	MS and WS semi-finals
	followed by	MD and WD semi-finals
	19.30	Reception for players and officials
	21.30	Managers Meeting and Disco for the players
Monday	10.00	all finals (2 courts)

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(changes are written in *blue colour*)

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