

Brøndby, 03 March 2026

## 2026 RSL BEC Summer School

**Dear BEC Members,**

We are delighted to announce the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the RSL BEC Summer School. The RSL BEC Summer School is an event steeped in tradition, having first been held in 1982. As usual, the BWF Coach Education Level 2 Course will be part of the event. We welcome participants for both the RSL Summer School and the BWF Coaching Education Level 2 Course from as many Members as possible.

We are happy to announce that this year the RSL BEC Summer School and the BWF Coach Education Course will take place again in **Vejen, Denmark from 05 – 12 July**.



### 1. One event, two activities

#### 1.1. 2026 RSL BEC Summer School – Training camp

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. We encourage you to send your most talented young players, as the BEC Summer School provides our earliest chance to observe talented European players, that in the future might be interested in being part of our Team Europe project – Our camps for Europe's most talented U17, U19 and U21 players. The RSL BEC Summer School provides an opportunity for your players to build their profile at the European stage, and to facilitate long term collaborations and friendships amongst the player group.

The coaching team will be led by **Eefje Besselink** (Netherlands).

- Eefje is coaching at her own academy, BadSlice, and owning the badminton foundation Learn to Fly
- She is working across Europe as a coach educator
- She was leading the Summer School in 2025 together with Francisco Dacal.
- As a player, she won five Dutch national youth titles, competed at the World Junior Championships in Vancouver, and played for many years in the Dutch premier league.

Depending on the number of players attending the camp, up to 7 additional coaches will be appointed to support the head coaches.

### **Criteria for the RSL BEC Summer School**

Players put forward for the RSL BEC Summer School must be born between 2010 and 2013.

It is recommended that the players put forward for participation in the RSL BEC Summer School should be in the **U15 age group** (players born in 2011-2012). However, the emphasis remains to have a high-quality group of players attending the RSL BEC Summer School, therefore players born in 2010 and 2013 can also be put forward.

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

The BWF Coach Education Level 2 Course is a coaching course. Candidates who successfully pass the course will become certified BWF Level 2 Coaches. The BWF / BEC Level 2 coaching course will be led by **Wojciech Szkudlarczyk**. (Poland)

- He is certified BWF Level 3 coach and official BWF Level 2 Tutor.
- He delivers coach education courses worldwide, with a strong focus on Europe and the PanAm region.
- He is a former professional doubles player with a career-high world ranking 22 – combining elite playing experience with deep coaching knowledge.
- He has been involved with the Summer School since 2016 – first as a coach, and for the last several years as the leading BWF Level 2 tutor.

### **Criteria for the BWF Coach Education Level 2 Course**

Coaches put forward for the BWF Coach Education Level 2 course must:

- Hold BWF Level 1 coach certificate or equivalent
- Have relevant badminton coaching experience.
- Be able to converse in English.

## **2. Application process**

### **2.1. Applications**

Each BEC Member is invited to nominate:

- up to **6 players for the RSL BEC Summer School**. These players must meet the criteria outlined in section 1.1 above.
- up to **4 coaches for the BWF Coach Education level 2 Course**. These coaches must meet the criteria outlined in section 1.2 above.

BEC will only accept applications submitted by our Members. BEC staff and experts will review all applications and CVs.

**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 encourage you to nominate 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 64 players for the RSL BEC Summer School and 24 coaches for the BWF Coach Education Level 2 course.**

**To apply, follow this [LINK](#)**

## **2.2. Calendar and payment**

The closing date to apply is **31 March 2026**. 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, and within 2 weeks of receipt of the invoice. Bank charges must be paid by the Member and will not be accepted by Badminton Europe.

We hope that cancellations will not be required. However, we understand that unforeseeable circumstances can arise. Therefore, if exceptional circumstances arise, and a participant needs to cancel between the date of the confirmation sent by BEC and 05 June, only a reservation fee of € 50 per person will be invoiced (to cover preparation and administration costs incurred). Cancellations after 05 June will require payment of the full participation fee of €450.

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 their Member. Badminton Europe doesn't take responsibility for this.

## **3. Practical Information**

Participants are asked to arrive **before 15:00 at the airport on Sunday 05 July and depart after breakfast on Sunday 12 July.**

Participants can arrive in two ways:

1. **International Airport – Billund Airport** (Passagerterminalen 10, 7190 Billund, Denmark): Transport will be organised from and to the Billund airport on 05 and 12 July without additional charge.
2. **International Airport – Copenhagen Airport** (Lufthavnsboulevarden 6, 2770 Kastrup, Denmark): Train must be taken from the Copenhagen Airport to Vejle (train must be changed once). Participants / Members need to cover the costs of the train tickets.

Transport from **Vejle Trainstation** (Banegårdspladsen 1, 6600 Vejle, Denmark) will be organised on 05 and 12 July without additional charge.

## **Accommodation**

- 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.

**The address of the venue:**

**[Vejen Sportscenter](#)**

Petersmindevej 1, 6600 Vejen, Denmark



We hope that the 2026 RSL BEC Summer School and the BWF Coach Education Level 2 Course will once again be a success, with even more European Members participating in a week of progress, hard work, and new experiences! We are looking forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,

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