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**TO: Umpire Correspondents, Badminton Europe Member Associations**  
**RE: Umpire Course alongside YONEX Latvia International 2017**

Dear All,

Badminton Europe will be organising an umpire course alongside the YONEX Latvia International 2017 and Member Associations are invited to nominate participants.

Attending an umpire course is a prerequisite to be assessed towards the Badminton Europe Accredited Umpire level.

Please ensure that your nominations fulfil the necessary entry requirements (these are listed below).

Here are the details for the umpire course:

**Umpire course in Jelgava, Latvia**

**Dates:** 31 May – 4 June 2017

**Arrival:** In Jelgava, no later than 31 May 2017 at 14:00

**Transport:** Participants coming by plane should land at **Riga International Airport (RIX)**. Transport from and to Riga Airport as well as transport between the official hotels and the venue will be provided by the organizer.

**Departure:** 4 June 2017 (not before 12:00 from Jelgava)

**Tournament:** YONEX Latvia International 2017

**Places:** A maximum of 12 umpires can be accepted

**Location:** Jelgava city sports hall, Matera st. 44a, LV-3000, Latvia

**Course instructors:** Dave Hinton (ENG) and Preben Nøies (DEN)

Closing date for nominations – **14 March 2017**

The course **does not** offer assessment – it focuses on education.



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### **Prerequisite / requirement for entry:**

must be a **National Graded Umpire** and meet the following criteria:

- Good communication skills in the English language
- Umpire experience

### **Relevant personal skills also required:**

- Enthusiasm to learn and develop new skills
- Approachability
- Decisiveness
- Good listening skills
- Willingness to take on responsibility
- Initiative
- Candidates should also be in good health and have a reasonable level of physical fitness

### **Practical Details**

The local organisers will pay for the accommodation (in shared double rooms) and meals (or meal allowance) for all the participants from the arrival day evening until the departure day as listed above. Those attending the course must cover their own travel costs to/from Jelgava and it is hoped that Member Associations will assist their candidates with these expenses.

There is a maximum of 12 places on the course.

### **Nominations**

Nominations must be sent to [umpires@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:umpires@badmintoneurope.com) no later than **14 March 2017** using the nomination form.

Umpires who have been selected to attend the course will be notified through their national association soon after the entry closing date.

If you have any questions on the content of this information, please contact the Badminton Europe Office.

Kind regards,

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