



FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BORDERS

SPECIAL RULES OF THE

«Babolat FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BORDERS» TOURNAMENT

30/31 January and 1st February, 2026

1) Presentation:

«Babolat FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BORDERS» (Babolat FIB) is a young individual tournament of international dimension, for the categories U11 (Poussins), U13 (Benjamins), U15 (Minimes), which will take place in at least 5 halls divided into 3 places:

- 1) The Nelson Mandela Sports Complex (2 halls), 2 rue du Marais in Schiltigheim (67300) for the U15 the 3 days (and also on Friday and Sunday for the U11 and U13);
- 2) Herrade Hall, 43 allée des Comtes at Strasbourg (67200) for the U11 the Saturday;
- 3) The Robertsau Sports Centre (Karabatic Hall and Specific Hall), 212 route de la Wantzenau in Strasbourg-Robertsau (67000) for the U13 the Saturday;

Access plans are available in the invitation brochure.

A minimum singles ranking may be required to participate:

- 1) D7 in the series U13 boy and D8 in the series U13 girl;
- 2) R6 in the U15 boy series and D7 in the U15 girl series.

In double the limits are those of the general rules of competitions published by the FFBaD.

2) Referees and Organizer GEO:

The Head Referee of the competition is Mr Jean-François FERTINEL His assistants are:

- Mr Jean-Louis KEHLHOFFNER;
- Mr Marc-André STEINMETZ ;
- Mrs Hélène JOURROT;
- Ms Sophie CUENOT;
- Mr Paul SCHWAB;
- Mr Pierre BOHRHAUER;
- Mr Grégoire MULLER;

They are appointed by the organizing committee, and their decisions are without appeal. **All Referees (by informing the Head Referee)** have the option to partially or totally disqualify any player who does not comply with these regulations as well as the (General Competition Rules published by FFBaD)

The GEO (Organizer) will be Mr Valéry JACOB.



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3) Regulations:

The tournament takes place according to the General Rules of Competitions of the Badminton French Federation, for all categories.

The U15 competition is part of the Badminton Europe calendar to define the seeded players of the U15 European Championships.

The authorization no. is: "2500107".

Players entered to take part to the tournament must be licensed from FFBaD or another BWF member federation, and they must not be subject to federal sanctions on the day of the draw.

In order to comply with what other international youth tournaments offer in European countries, two FFBaD exemptions have been obtained. One allows the U11 to play on regular courts (such as the U13/U15...).

And the other, allows singles draws in all categories to take place in groups followed by knock-out stage draw, even if there are more than 32 players in the draw.

Permanent coaching is allowed in all categories.

A badminton suit that complies with the FFBaD regulation is required on the courts for all categories.

For this point of the outfits, the BWF regulation will be prioritized. See the dress rules on these links:

French federation link:

https://qdb.ffbad.org/2025-2026/Src/GDB-03/GUI03.07_VS_PubliciteTenue.pdf

BWF link:

<https://urlr.me/Jqvgaz>

4) Authorized players:

Players are allowed to register in their category or the age category immediately above, but they will have to play all the draws in the same age category (except for mixed ones that are played in the same venue).

The number of players is limited by the capacity.

In case of too many registrants, players will be selected according to the criteria listed in the registration leaflet, namely:

For foreign and French players in the following order of preference:

1) National team member players;

2) By national rank in their country, and the French ranking/points assigned for that competition.

Players on the waiting list will be notified on 26 december 2025.

5) Registration:

The registration opening date is 01 October 2025 at 06:00.

The deadline for registration is December 19, 2025 at midnight (Date of receipt).

Please prioritize grouped registrations via your instance (club/committee/League/country) and avoid individual registrations.

After the registration deadline, it is no longer possible to register new players or pairs.

However, only for U11, in order to promote this category, it will be possible to accept registrations until the day before the U11 draw, only in draws whose capacity is not reached.

For French players, registration must be done exclusively via BadNet.

For foreign players, registration will be made by choice, either via BadNet or by email by returning the registration form available at the following address: fib@lgebad.com

The entries fees are € 30 for the single and € 20 per double draw, the payment must be made by January 22, 2026 by transfer.

In the case of a withdrawal (justified or not) of one of the doubles partners, this one may be replaced by another player who will have to pay the entry fees, if the draw has not begun, and if his / her ranking allows it. No refunds will be made after the draw deadline unless the player provides a certificate.



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6) Draws:

The tournament will be managed by the BADNET software. The matches are played in 2 winning sets of 21 points.

The ranking on December 18, 2025, will be taken into account for the draw on January 18, 2026.

If the player does not have the required ranking to participate, his registration will be rejected and if necessary refunded.

In all series, each player will be able to register in 3 draws. The singles will be in groups in all series, followed by a draw in knock-out stage. Doubles and mixed will be in knock-out stage.

The organizing committee may either cancel a draw or mix the draws of 2 categories if one of them did not reach the minimum (either 12 boys or 12 girls per draw).

7) Schedules

All the players will have to report to the reception (checkpoint at the entrance of the complexes) on arrival, at the latest 45 mm before his first match, and on each day of the competition.

The order of matches will follow the numbering of the program as closely as possible. The schedule is given as an indication.

Any player wishing to be leave the venue during the course of the tournament, whatever the reason and/ or duration, must inform the match control and the referee in advance to obtain the agreement. In addition, he will have to come back an hour before the estimated time of his match.

Approximate match times are as follows:

- Friday, January 30, 2026: 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Full Mixed:

For all categories, only at the Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim);

- Saturday, January 31, 2026: 8:30 am to 9:00 pm – Start of singles and doubles:

U15: Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim ;

U13: Karabatic and Specific Hall of Strasbourg-Robertsau ;

U11: Herrade Hall of Strasbourg.

- Sunday, February 1st, 2026: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Singles and doubles final stages :

For all categories, only at the Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim)

8) Award ceremony

The Podium concerns the top 4 of each draw. The losers from the semi-finals will also be rewarded on the podium.

9) Refereeing

The matches are in self-refereeing, except for the final phases (the matches will be refereed from the semi-finals). Any player may at any time, appeal to the referee who may appoint an umpire authorized by the CLOT(Local Technical Official Organization), if s/he considers it necessary.

Note that the loser of a match will automatically stay on court to score the next match (or organize his replacement).

For shuttles touching an obstacle above the ground, the following rule will be applied, for all rooms: there will be a single let to serve and immediate fault in the game.

10) Withdrawal:

Each registered participant must know the penalties incurred by a player who has forfeited after the date of the draw (see rules: art. 2.17 of the RGC). He will have to inform the organizer of his non-participation and will send at the latest, by any means, within 5 days of the competition, the supporting documents to the Ligue Grand Est de Badminton (4 rue Jean Mentelin 67200 STRASBOURG).

Proof can also be emailed to: fib@lgebad.com



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11) Replacement in singles and doubles:

In all cases, in double, if a player withdraws before or after the "withdrawal date from the competition without justification" or declares a withdrawal, it is the complete pair that is declared as a withdrawal. The other player integrates the waiting list.

In case of withdrawal after the publication of the qualified players, but before the day of the competition:

- It is the 1st substitute player/pair from the waiting list who is selected.
- In doubles, in the absence of a substitute pair, the players registered in 'partner search' are matched and selected according to their rank or points (we select the 2 players who have the best rank or points). Precision, a player from a pair whose partner has deregistered (or WO) is included in the list of registered players "looking for a partner" according to their points or rank.
- In any case, no player who was not registered in a discipline can be selected both in singles and doubles.
- In the absence of a player on the waiting list, the draw is made with the number of qualified players remaining.

After the draw, the new selected players/pairs from the waiting list replace the WO players/pairs, place for place, as and when we become familiar with the WO.

In case of withdrawal on the day of the competition: the Referee in connection with the match control calls upon the players/pairs from the waiting list present in the hall.

12) Ranking of the players in a group:

In a group, in the event of a tie between 3 players/pairs, the distribution of players is done first at sets (set difference), then at points (point differences). If after this tiebreaker, the tie between 3 players/pairs still persists, a draw will be made by the Referee to determine the ranking of the group.

If the tie is between 2 players/pairs, it is the meeting that opposed them that will be taken into account (the winner will be in front).

13) Court access:

On the call of his / her name, any player who does not appear on the court after a period of 5 minutes may be disqualified by the referee, regardless of the level of the competition.

All players must arrive on the court with all the necessary accessories for their match (minimum 2 rackets).

The contact time on the court is set to 3 minutes from the match call. This time is counted as rest time.

The rest period between 2 consecutive matches is 20 minutes. However, it may be reduced with the express agreement of the interested parties. Permanent coaching is allowed.

14) Shuttles:

The official shuttle is "BABOLAT 2". No other shuttle is allowed. The shuttle will be provided by the organizer for each match with 2 shuttles in U11/U13 – and 4 in U15.

Additional shuttles will be charged to the players.

The official shuttle will be on sale in each hall. Shuttles will be fully supplied for the Finals.

15) Image rights:

The participation of the player in the Babolat FIB, implies the acceptance of any photos or videos or interviews in the halls, with the possibility that these are published and broadcast on written communication media or videos.



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16) Accompanying minors:

In accordance with article 2.14 of the RGC, each player participating in the Babolat FIB will be under the responsibility of an accompanying adult. The latter, who will have an authorization issued by the parental authority (in compliance with the regulations in force concerning the accompaniment of minors), will make known himself on arrival in the hall to the organizer (at reception), who will centralize this information for the Head Referee.

17) Miscellaneous:

The organizer cannot be held accountable for theft or accidents. Smoking is prohibited in all halls. For your waste, bins will be available.

The organizing committee counts on the fair play and good humor of all, so that the tournament takes place in a good atmosphere and in a clean environment.

The participants, players, coaches, attendants will have to respect the rules in force in the halls.

Babolat FIB information may also be requested from:

- Mr Grégoire MULLER – 06 88 91 01 73 from France or 00 33 6 88 91 01 73 from abroad – or by mail: fib@lgebad.com

Any participation in the Babolat FIB implies the acceptance of all the articles of this regulation that will be displayed in the room, but also of the RGC and the various federal texts.

The Organizing Committee