



Invitation

International Series
Part of Badminton Europe Circuit

Norwegian

International

Championships 2016

Venue:

Jotunhallen, Sandefjord

17.-20. November 2016

Closing date: 18th October

Norwegian Badminton Association

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E-mail: badminton@badminton.no

Web-site: www.badminton.no (Norwegian International)

Local organizers: Sandefjord Badmintonklubb

CONDITIONS

The Norwegian International Championships will be conducted under the BWF Competition Regulations and in accordance with the regulations of the Badminton Europe Circuit of which the Norwegian International Championships form a part. Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player/pair is unable to compete due to early departure, such a player/pair shall lose all the Circuit Ranking points gained at the particular tournament and BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit Regulations).

VENUE

The Norwegian International Championships will be played in **Jotunhallen** Bugårdsparken, **Sandefjord**, Norway (phone: +47 93038999) with the Norwegian Badminton Association and Sandefjord Badmintonklubb as organisers from the 17th to 20th November 2016.

DATES OF EVENT/ PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday 17th November from 12:00 pm – Qualification

Friday 18th November from 10:00 am – First and second round

Saturday 19th November from 10:00 am – Quarter-finals
and from 15:00 pm Semi-finals

Sunday 20th November from 10:00 am – Finals

All times are provisional and are subject to change due to the number of entries and to the referee's approval.

Practice facilities will be available in the hall before tournament start on Wednesday afternoon/evening and Thursday, but unfortunately not during the play.

ARRIVAL

Competitors from abroad are requested to inform the Norwegian Badminton Association of the date and time of arrival, flight no., etc. at the latest a week before the start of the tournament. We will only provide transport (see capture "TRANSPORT") from the airport, **Sandefjord, Torp**, and only for those staying at the official hotel. **If you do not inform us of your arrival time at the latest a week before, we will not be able to provide transport for you from the airport (Sandefjord, Torp).** Nearest airport is Sandefjord, **Torp**, and you (if you inform us in time) will be met at the airport.

ENTRIES

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.

Link for BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=956E79EA-00BB-4BB3-B152-D82EB5EEE060>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

Players can not be entered unless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case you wish to enter players who do not have a BWF ID-number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

No late entries will be accepted.

After entering a player(s) in the tournament, it is the Member Association's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough. The Tournaments Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

ADVERTISING & CLOTHING

The Norwegian International Championships will be conducted according to the BWF General Regulations 19 to 23 on advertising and clothing. For all BE Circuit tournaments (including International Series like Norwegian International) the name on the back of the shirts is mandatory at all time during play for the semi-finals and finals. A player failing to wear the name on the back of his/her shirt when mandatory shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same colour. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

PRIZE MONEY

The tournament is classified as "International Series".

There will be a total prize money of **USD 6 000,-**, which will be given to the winners at the prize ceremony according to the Badminton Europe Circuit Regulations, 10. Division of prize money:

	<u>MS</u>	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	725.-	725.-	1200.-	1200.-	1200.-
Runner up	475.-	475.-			

The prize money in the double categories is for each pair.

DRAW

The draw will be made by Badminton Europe.

The qualification and the main tournament will be played on 5 courts. The main draw will be 32 in Men's singles, 32 in Women's singles, 24 in Mixed doubles, 24 in Men's doubles and 24 in Women's doubles

It is required that every event in a particular BE Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. In accordance with regulation 10.5 in Appendix 6 to BWF's General Competition Regulations, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

The list (M&Q Report) of players for the main draw and qualifying will be released the 21th October. The World ranking date used for the M&Q Report will be the 20th October. The draw will be made the 1th November. The date for withdrawal without a penalty is the 30th October. The World ranking date to be used for making the seeding and draws is the 27nd October.

Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations)."

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees are:

EURO 45,- (NOK 430.-) in singles

EURO 65,- (NOK 620.-) per combination in doubles.

The Member Association that enters a player into a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees must be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the Organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member Association. This must be done by registered mail. The invoice must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed the Organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to BADMINTON EUROPE.

All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament. If a player/pair is listed on a "Waiting List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place, the Organisers must have this promotion confirmed by the respective player(s) associations(s). Only when this confirmation has been given, the player(s) is/are considered as an entry. Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

The entry fees must be paid to:

Norwegian Badminton Association,

N-0840 Oslo, Norway, Bank Account 78740597255.

Bank address: DnB, 0021 Oslo, Norway

SWIFT-code: DNBANOKK

IBAN-no: NO2678740597255

Bank charges etc. have to be paid by the National Association and will not be accepted by the Norwegian Badminton Association.

WITHDRAWALS

Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

OTHER INFORMATION

- The tournaments **referee** will be John op het Veld (Netherlands),
E-mail: johveld@badminton.nl
Phone: +31 6 53 833 455
- The team managers meeting will be in the hall the 17th November at 11.00. am and the 18th November at 09.00. am depending on number of entries and tournament start.
 - YONEX AS 50 shuttlecocks will be used for the tournament
 - The tournament will be played on 5 courts, portable Yonex mats
- **Drug Testing:** According to Norwegian law Drug Testing might be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament
- **Tournament website:** www.badminton.no (Norwegian International)
 - **Norwegian Badminton Association**
Tel. + 47 93038999/+47 99724340
E-mail: badminton@badminton.no

TRANSPORT

There will be arranged pick-up service from and to **Sandefjord Airport Torp** as follows:

- Wednesday the 16th November from 09.00.hrs am onwards
- Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of November there will be a pick-up service from Sandefjord Airport, Torp
- Saturday the 19th of November there will be transport from the hall to the airport after the quarterfinals at about 15.00hrs.
- Sunday the 20th of November there will be transport leaving from the hall to the airport after finishing the finals at about 14.30.hrs.

NB. Pick-up service at the airport will only be provided for those staying at the official hotel.

The official hotel is Clarion Hotel Collection Atlantic, and it's possible to travel (at your own expense) to and from the airport by shuttlebus/train. The train station (Sandefjord) is situated about 300 metres from the hotel.

There will be a scheduled transport between the official hotel and the venue during the tournament.

ACCOMMODATION

Reservations must be made using the hotel reservation form. Reservations made directly to the hotel will not be accepted. All guests must settle their own accounts directly to the hotel before departure.

Clarion Collection Hotel Atlantic (Jernbaneallèen 33, 3201 Sandefjord,
phone +47 33 42 80 00, e-mail: cc.atlantic@choice.no)

Prices: NOK 945,- single room per night (including breakfast)

NOK 1160,- twin room per night (including breakfast)

NOK 1460,- triple room per night (including breakfast)

At the hotel there will be fruit available all day long in the reception area. Between 15.00hrs and 18.00hrs it will be possible to make some "waffles" and coffee, and between 18.00hrs and 21.00hrs there will be a light evening meal available, all in the same area, and free of charge.

For more information: <https://www.nordicchoicehotels.no/Clarion-Collection/Clarion-Collection-Hotel-Atlantic/>.