



RSL LITHUANIAN INTERNATIONAL 2021

PART OF THE BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT
FUTURE SERIES TOURNAMENT

June 10 – 13, 2020
Kaunas, LITHUANIA

1 trip - 2 tournaments
Connected to YONEX Latvia International 2021 (June 3 - 6)



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| <u>Website:</u> | http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66 |
| <u>Events:</u> | Men's Singles (32 in main draw) Women's Singles (32 in main draw) Men's Doubles (32 in main draw) Women's Doubles (32 in main draw) Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw) |
| <u>Key dates and draw:</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries Close – Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:59 PM (GMT +03:00) • World Ranking date used for M&Q Report – May 11, 2021 • Date of M&Q Report – May 14, 2021 • World Ranking Date used for seeding/draw – May 18, 2021 • Withdrawal without penalty – May 24, 2021 • Date of the draw – May 25, 2021. <p>Wednesday, June 9, 19:30 (at the Hotel) - Team Managers Meeting Wednesday, June 9, 20:30 (at the Hotel) - Umpires Briefing</p> |
| <u>Play schedule:</u> | <p>All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered. The provisional Order of Play is as follows:</p> <p><u>Thursday, June 10:</u> Qualifying Rounds, not before 09:00.</p> <p><u>Friday, June 11</u> Last round of Men's singles qualification at 09:00. Main draw 1st round in all events – 11:00.</p> <p><u>Saturday, June 12:</u> Main draw 2nd round 09:00 and quarterfinals not before 17:00</p> |

Sunday, June 13:

All semi – finals 10:00 and all final matches 14:00

(The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on TV requirements. The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website.)

Entry fees:

Singles: 40€ per player

Doubles: 35€ per player

Payments:

All payments (entry fee, accommodation, etc.) must be paid via the Lithuanian Badminton Federation's electronic commerce system on <https://e.badminton.lt/product-category/rsl-lithuanian-international-2021/>

Alternatively, in exceptional cases, via wire transfer to:

Lietuvos badmintono federacija

IBAN account No: LT28 7300 0100 0225 3250

AB Swedbank (HABALT22)

Prize money:

There is no prize money for this tournament.

Shuttles:

RSL Classic Tourney

Courts:

5 or 6 Yonex courts, depends on number of entries

Entries:

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link of Tournamentsoftware:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=F383F7E1-E46A-458C-BD6D-9C25F13984D8>

Compliance with GCR 7.9: "In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."

The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

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.

The invoice for entry fees 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 "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the member/members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.

Withdrawals:

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US \$150.00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member 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).

Eligible Players:

All players of clubs affiliated through their National Association to the BWF.

Clothing/Advertising:

Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

Condition of play:

The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit.

The tournament draw sizes are limited to:

120 matches per day;

A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event, per day is allowed in the main draw;

A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day is allowed in the qualification;

If more players/pairs enter the competition than the Organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered.

Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.

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).

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, 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 seedings and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

Badminton Integrity: Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anticorruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code

applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Doping control:

Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples. Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-dopingoverview/>

Insurance:

The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

Imaging permissions: When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned event, television/broadcasting and still photography of that event is permitted at all associated venues (including training/ practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or

Member concerned. Television signals can be shown in any and all territories on live or recorded television, Internet, web casting, audio, film and other media of similar nature.

Stringing:

Stringing service will be available during the tournament.

Medical:

A first aid nurse will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.

Cancellation of the tournament:

The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of *force majeure*. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

Visas:

After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. The Tournament Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

For assistance to the organisers of the visa paperwork, no later than **May 11 information should be sent by e-mail: li2021@badminton.lt**

The following information on the foreigner being invited shall be given:

- name (-s) and surname;
- citizenship (nationality);
- date and place of birth;
- the address of the place of residence;
- the location (office) where the visa application will likely be submitted

Covid-19:

Note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period. Some national or global epidemiological restrictions are possible in a Sport hall, transport, hotel, café etc. Info on epidemiological restrictions will be updated on the tournament website

<http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

Arrival:

Official point of arrival is Kaunas international airport, **www.kaunas-airport.lt**

Transport will be provided from/to Kaunas airport to those using the official tournament hotels on receipt of arrival and departure information. Available from June 9 to June 14, 2021.

Direct transfers from Vilnius Airport (VNO) to the official tournament hotels. Options:

1. A pre-booked car:

2 persons + luggage: 80 eur

2. A pre-booked 6-seats minibus

6 persons + luggage: 110 eur

3. A pre-booked minibus

16 persons + luggage: 160 eur

Transfer from Vilnius Airport (VNO) to Gas station Circle K, Savanorių 404B, Kaunas:

Airport shuttle: *Currently priced at 10 eur/person (prices subject to change), Vilnius Airport – Circle K Gas station, Savanorių pr. 404B, Kaunas. Transfer directly to hotel not included.

More up-to date information will be available on the tournament website

<http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

Transport offer:

The tournament's organisers will offer a special car rental at Kaunas and Vilnius airports. More information will be published on official website.

Convenient local taxi service available via BOLT app.

**Transport from
Venue to hotel:**

Transport will be provided only between the official tournament hotels and the competition Venue. Available for the duration of the event. More information will be published on official website.

**Official tournament
hotels:**

Ibis Kaunas ***

Vytauto pr. 28, Kaunas 44328 Lithuania

Estimated Travel Time: 9.9 km. About 16 mins

€39 - Single room for 1 person, with breakfast

€45 - Double room for 2 persons, with breakfast

€55 - Superior room for 2 persons (double bed), with breakfast

€25 - Extra bed, with breakfast

Hotel Moxy Kaunas center ***

Maironio street 19, Kaunas, 44250 Lithuania

Estimated Travel Time: 8.2 km. About 14 mins

€43 - Single room for 1 person, with breakfast
€50 - Twin room for 2 persons, with breakfast
€?? – Family sleeper for 3 persons (double bed and single bed), with breakfast

Park Inn by Radisson **+**

K. Donelaicio str. 27 Kaunas LT-44240, Lithuania

Estimated Travel Time: 8.7 km. About 15 mins

€58 - Single room for 1 person, with breakfast

€68 - Twin room for 2 persons, with breakfast

Hotel prices and availability are subject to change. In order to get the rates listed above, all bookings must be made through Lithuanian badminton federation using the Hotel Booking Form available on

<http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

All accommodation payments must be paid to the organiser (see **Payments** section).

All bookings must be made by **May 15, 2021** at the latest, or else reservations will be canceled and players will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher rate and arranging transport. Rooms at this rate are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Hotel cancellations after the draw date are non-refundable.

**Practice courts
before
the tournament:**

Possibility to rent training courts:

on Monday (June 7) from 08:00 to 15:00 and 19:30 to 21:00

on Tuesday (June 8) from 08:00 to 15:00

on Wednesday (June 9) from 12:00 to 15:00.

for 12 € per hour per court. There will be at least 5 courts available. Reservations must be done in at least 4 hours in advance.

Address for the practice courts: VS Fitness-MEGA, Islandijos pl. 32, Kaunas, Lithuania

The tournament courts at the venue will be available for practice on Wednesday (June 9) from 19:30 to 21:00.

All reservation requests should be sent to official e-mail: li2021@badminton.lt

Practice courts during the tournament:

During the event, the tournament courts at the venue will be available for practice one hour before the first matches of the day start, as well as one hour after the last match of the day is played. Courts will be available on the first come first served basis.

Gym:

The biggest Fitness center in Kaunas is available at the tournament venue <https://vs-fitness.lt/kaunas/galerija/>

Meals:

Food will be available at the sports complex. More detailed information will be published on <http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

Shopping and Dining:

Competition venue is in the biggest shopping and entertainment center in Lithuania – MEGA <https://www.mega.lt/en/>

Transport from the Latvian tournament:

Transport from the Latvian city Jelgava to Kaunas (247 km) will be organised in cooperation with tournament organisers.

- Sunday, June 6, immediately after the finals and Prize giving ceremony (About 19:00. Scheduled arrival time at 22:00). Price for transfer to Kaunas: 20 € per person.

- Wednesday 9 June. Price for transfer to Kaunas: 20 € per person.

More detailed information will be published on <http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

Other events during the tournament:

More detailed information on other events held during the tournament, including sightseeing options, will be published on <http://www.badminton.lt/index.php?m=66>

Changes:

The Tournament committee reserves the right to add to or alter these conditions. Its decision in all matters will be final.