



YONEX DUTCH OPEN 2021

Venue: Topsportcentrum Almere
Pierre de Coubertinplein 4, 1362 LA Almere, The Netherlands

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT
PART OF BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

INVITATION

Almere, October 13th - October 17th 2021



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Key dates

September 14 th 2021 (23:59 BWF HQ-time)	Entry deadline
September 14 th 2021	World ranking date for M&Q report
September 17 th 2021	Date for publication of M&Q-report
September 21 th 2021	World ranking date for seeding/draw
September 27 th 2021	Last day for withdrawals without fine
September 28 th 2021	Date for the draw
October 12 th 2021	Team managers meeting (venue)

Venue

Topsportcentrum Almere
Pierre de Coubertinplein 4,
1362 LA Almere,
The Netherlands

Events

Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles

Entries

The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main events is 32.

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System via:
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/8E158479-FB4C-41F1-A83B-4FA71A4BDBEE>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday September 14th 2021 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.

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.

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

Entry deadline Tuesday, September 14th 2021 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT + 08.00).
No late entries will be accepted.

Entry fees

Singles:	55 EUR per player
Doubles:	50 EUR per player per event

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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

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.

Entry fees for all players must be paid by the Member before September 30th 2021. The invoice for all players will be sent by email. If no payment has been received, the invoice and original entry will be sent to BADMINTON EUROPE. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to BADMINTON EUROPE shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.



Withdrawals

Please ensure that the Organizer is informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

Please be aware of the fact that any withdrawal after September 27th 2021, 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 the BWF General Competition Regulations).

No shows

Any player not showing up for a match 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 Regulations).

Cancellation

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. (article 3.4 in Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations)

Badminton Integrity

There will be betting on offer from this event.

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on the prevention of match manipulation of competition) relates to anti-corruption 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 matches.

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:
<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview>



Eligibility	Participation is open to players of any National Association recognized by the BWF.
Shuttles	YONEX AS 50
Courts	4 YONEX AC367 courts
Warmup Courts	2 courts in the practice hall adjacent to the competition area are available for warm up.
Clothing regulations	<p>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.</p> <p>It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.</p>
Prize money	<p>€ 12.635 (US\$ 15.000)</p> <p>Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8423) of 05.07.2021 (date of issue of this invitation)</p>

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	1200	1200	1350/pair	1350/pair	1350/pair
Runner Up	725	725	900/pair	900/pair	900/pair
Semi finalists	300	300	370/pair	370/pair	370/pair
Quarter finalists	120	120	All prices in euros		

Prizes will be paid in cash in euros at the prize giving ceremonies or after the players' last match in the tournament. No taxes will be deducted.



Visa

Competitors and officials, who need a visa for the Netherlands, should send the visa application form not later than September 7th, 2021, to the Tournament Secretary (email yonexdutchopen@badminton.nl). Entries requiring a visa who did not submit this form will not be accepted. This visa application form can be retrieved at the website of Badminton Europe: <http://www.badmintonpeople.com/Cms/EventInfo/?eventID=24565&clubid=4685&cmsid=239>

COVID 19 - protocols

1. Netherlands Entry Requirement

To determine what applies to you, it is important whether you are traveling to the Netherlands from a low or high COVID risk country. Below you can read what you have to do.

A. Are you from a low COVID-19 risk country?

On the website of the Dutch government you will find for which countries this applies:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/eu-list-of-safe-countries>

No negative test result or self-quarantine required

If you are coming from a country where the risk of contracting COVID-19 is low (a safe country) you do not need to show a negative test result when you travel to the Netherlands. You are also not required to self-quarantine when you arrive in the Netherlands.

B. Do you come from a (very) high COVID-19 risk country?

1. You must submit a negative test result when the country you travel from is not on the list of safe countries (see A). For more information about the mandatory test go to:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/mandatory-negative-test-results-and-declaration>

2. For participants, coaching staff and officials of the



Yonex Dutch Open, there is an exception to the quarantine obligation, which applies to these high risk countries.

What do you need to do to qualify under this exception?

- a. Every participant, coaching staff and official needs an official letter of invitation from the Netherlands Olympic Committee (NOC*NSF) to enter the Netherlands. To this end, we will send a separate form to the countries where this applies after registration for the Yonex Dutch Open has been closed. To fill in that form we need the following information per person: name, role (athlete or supervisor), passport number, date of birth, date of travel, place of origin, date of departure and travel destination.
- b. Every person must complete the 'quarantine declaration' form and be able to hand it over to the authorities upon arrival in the Netherlands. You can find this form at

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/documents/publications/2021/05/26/quarantine-declaration>

2. COVID rules Netherlands

At the moment there are many relaxations in the Netherlands. More actual information will be distributed before the tournament.

We will inform you in mid-September about the applicable COVID-19 measures in the Netherlands and during the Yonex Dutch Open. And we will inform you about the possible COVID-19 tests that must be done in advance and possibly also during the Yonex Dutch Open.



Practice courts

From Monday (October 11th) 9 am to Sunday (October 17th), practice courts will be available in a hall adjacent to the competition hall. Four competition courts will be available for practicing on Tuesday from 10 am to 10 pm and on Friday from 8 am till noon. Practice court requests before the event should be submitted to the tournament secretary (yonexdutchopen@badminton.nl), using the practice court requests form. The submission deadline is September 28th. During the event, practice courts can be booked at Match Control. This practice court requests form can be retrieved at the website of Badminton Europe:

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M&Q

World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: Tuesday, September 14th 2021.

M&Q Report Release date: Friday, September 17th 2021.

Draw

The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday, September 28th 2021.



Transportation and hotels

All competitors and officials arriving by plane are advised to book flights to **Amsterdam Schiphol Airport**. You will have to travel by train to the official arrival point **Station Almere-Poort** (railway station). Train tickets will be reimbursed by handing over your ticket to our financial office in the venue.

A tournament representative (who will escort players and officials to the train) will be present at the arrival halls at the airport from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and when necessary on Wednesday. For arrivals outside these hours and for arrivals on Saturday and Sunday before the tournament, separate arrangements will have to be made between the transport manager and the arriving players/officials. Please wait for our representative to pick you up, otherwise report within an hour to the central meeting point in Schiphol Plaza.

Once arrived at the official arrival point Station Almere Poort, it is a 200 meter walk to the Topsportcentrum Almere (big black building) at the right side of the trainstation where the Yonex Dutch Open will be held.

From here, there will be free transportation available to the official hotel (**NH Hotel Naarden, IJsselmeerweg 3, 1411 AA Naarden**). Further information about the journey from Schiphol Airport to Topsportcentrum Almere can be found on the application form for hotel booking and transport. This form should be emailed to hotel-transport-ydo@badminton.nl (deadline for submissions is September 28th, 2021). This hotel/transport application form can be retrieved at the website of Badminton Europe:

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Hotel booking

With regard to the COVID-19 situation this year, it is a condition of entry that all players and team officials must stay in the official hotel (**NH Hotel Naarden, IJsselmeerweg 3, 1411 AA Naarden**). **Free transport from the hotel to the tournament venue will be offered to players and team officials.** To make a hotel reservation, please use the Hotel Booking and Transport Request form and send this to hotel-transport-ydo@badminton.nl. Bookings can be made until September 28th, 2021. After this date, rooms might not be available anymore, or might only be available at higher rates. A single room costs 117.50 EUR per night (including breakfast and taxes), a double room costs 135 EUR per night (including breakfast and taxes). In the official tournament hotel, a fully-equipped fitness room can be used for free. In the hotel you can order lunch and diner/buffet for a special price.



The hotel/transport application form can be retrieved at the website of Badminton Europe:
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Condition of play The tournament will be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton (BWF statutes 4.1) and the Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she will be penalised by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (article 9.5 in Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations)

Team managers meeting The team managers meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 12th 2021 19.00 hours in a signposted room at the tournament venue.

Accreditations Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised accreditation.

Team officials accompanying players must be registered by sending an email message with a completed accreditations form attached to yonexdutchopen@badminton.nl, on October 1st, 2021 at the latest. This accreditations form can be retrieved at the website of Badminton Europe:
<http://www.badmintonpeople.com/Cms/EventInfo/?eventID=24565&clubid=4685&cmsid=239>

The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member:



Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of 50 EUR per accreditation, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be 50 EUR on each occasion, charged to the respective Member.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

Media

All players and officials should be available for interviews and other media appearances during the tournament. The planning of these will be coordinated by the press officer, in consultation with team managers.

Fitness room at the venue

A fully equipped fitness room in the building immediately opposite the venue can be used.

Medical Services

A physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.



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. This may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

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).

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

Claims waivering

The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

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.

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