



- OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS-

# INVITATION TO Nantes International Challenge 2023



Organized by Badminton League Pays de La Loire & Host City Rezé  
15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The event is part of the BEC Elite Circuit  
International Challenge Tournament  
And a World Ranking Tournament

Salle métropolitaine de la Trocardière  
rue de la trocardière  
44400 Rezé  
FRANCE

**PRIZE MONEY: USD 15,000**



Dear Members,

We are pleased to welcome you to the second edition of the Nantes International Challenge. We are counting on your presence and your support to make this tournament a success and make the athletes want to come back for the next few years.

This letter of 12 pages, which includes all the general information concerning the event, contains important details that should be brought to the attention of the Team Manager as well the players.




You will find posted on [www.nantes-international.fr](http://www.nantes-international.fr) website right now the documents below:

- Accreditation form
- Accommodation form
- Accommodation information
- Transport form
- Visa form
- Practice court request form

**Adeline SERGENT**

**Director of the Nantes International Challenge 2023**

## 1. General Details

Organizer	Ligue Pays de la Loire de Badminton 3 rue Pierre Lise 49000 Angers Email: <a href="mailto:contact@nantes-international.fr">contact@nantes-international.fr</a> Phone : Adeline Sergent : +33 6 52 30 66 86
Sanction	Badminton Europe (BEC) Website: <a href="http://www.badmintoneurope.com">www.badmintoneurope.com</a>
Date	From Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> 2023
Competition Venue	Salle métropolitaine de la Trocardière Rue de la Trocardière 44400 Rezé
Media Links	Official website: <a href="http://www.nantes-international.fr">www.nantes-international.fr</a>  <div>  @NantesIC  @IcNantes </div> <div>  @icnantes_badminton </div>
Referee Team	<b>Referee</b> Ilkka Vainio (FIN) / Email: <a href="mailto:vainioilk@gmail.com">vainioilk@gmail.com</a>  <b>Deputy Referees</b> Koen KESTELEYN (BEL) / Email : <a href="mailto:koen.koestelevyn@hotmail.be">koen.koestelevyn@hotmail.be</a> Martin SEILER (SUI) / Email: <a href="mailto:badminton@martinseiler.ch">badminton@martinseiler.ch</a>
Useful Contacts	Sylvain GAILLARD, match control manager Email: <a href="mailto:entries@nantes-international.fr">entries@nantes-international.fr</a>  For all questions Email: <a href="mailto:contact@nantes-international.fr">contact@nantes-international.fr</a>
Indemnity	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organizer, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organizer full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation

	during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.
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## 2. Entry Details

Regulations (Condition of Play)	This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BEC Elite Circuit Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.															
Clothing	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.															
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)															
Key Dates	<table><tr><td>Entry deadline</td><td>Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)</td></tr><tr><td>World Ranking date used for M&amp;Q report</td><td>Tuesday, May 16th, 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Date for publication of M&amp;Q-report</td><td>Friday, May 19th, 2023</td></tr><tr><td>World Ranking date for seeding/draw</td><td>Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Withdrawal without penalty</td><td>Monday, May 29th, 2023 11:59 PM (GMT +02:00)</td></tr><tr><td>Draw Date</td><td>Tuesday, May 30th, 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Team managers’ meeting</td><td>Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 18:30 at the venue.</td></tr></table>		Entry deadline	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)	World Ranking date used for M&Q report	Tuesday, May 16th, 2023	Date for publication of M&Q-report	Friday, May 19th, 2023	World Ranking date for seeding/draw	Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	Withdrawal without penalty	Monday, May 29th, 2023 11:59 PM (GMT +02:00)	Draw Date	Tuesday, May 30th, 2023	Team managers’ meeting	Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> 18:30 at the venue.
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## Draws

Event	Number of entries accepted main draw
Men's Singles	32
Women's Singles	32
Men's Doubles	24
Women's Doubles	24
Mixed Doubles	24

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.

## Online Entry International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member using the BWF Online Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/9DCE58DB-3B38-4A9A-9E54-85BD962000B1>

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."

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.

**Payment in euros by bank transfer only.**

### Bank transfer information

**ASSOC. LIGUE DE BADMINTON DES PAYS DE LA LOIRE**

**Bank: Credit Agricole De l'Anjou et du Maine**

**IBAN: FR76 1790 6000 3296 3937 7816 185**

**BIC: AGRIFRPP879**

**Beneficiary: IC – Player's Name**

**Dead line for payment: May, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

	<p><b>Entry fees:</b></p> <p><b>Single: 75 euros per player</b></p> <p><b>Double: 65 euros per player per event</b></p> <p>The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.</p>
Withdrawals	<p>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).</p> <p>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 Competition Regulations).</p> <p>Referee: Ilkka Vainio (FIN) / Email: <a href="mailto:vainioilk@gmail.com">vainioilk@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Match control: Sylvain Gaillard / Email : <a href="mailto:entries@nantes-international.fr">entries@nantes-international.fr</a></p>

### 3. Tournament Details

Prize Money						
		<b>MS</b>	<b>WS</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>XD</b>
	<b>Winner</b>	€ 1130	€ 1130	€ 1270	€ 1270	€ 1270
	<b>Runner-up</b>	€ 680	€ 680	€ 850	€ 850	€ 850
	<b>Semi-finalist</b>	€ 285	€ 285	€ 355	€ 355	€ 355
	<b>Quarter-finalist</b>	€ 115	€ 115			
<p>The total prize money is \$ 15,000 (€ 14,170 exchange rate 0.9405 on 6th of March).  The Organizers will pay the prize money in cash during the closing ceremony. Semi and quarterfinalists will receive the prize money after the semi/quarter finals.  No taxes will be deducted.</p>						
Competition Schedule						
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Courts</b>	<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
	Thursday 15/06/2023	Qualification (max 100 matches)	5	7:30	9:00	21:00
	Friday 16/06/2023	Main draw Round 1 (56) & 2 (40)	5	7:30	9:00	21:00
	Saturday 17/06/2023	Quarter finals	3	7:30	9:00	15:00
		Semi-finals	2		16:00	21:00
	Sunday 18/06/2023	Finals	1	8:00	10:00	17:00
<p>The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organizer's website.  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 shall be penalized by Forfeiture of rewards (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.</p>						
Official Shuttle	FZ FORZA VIP					
Courts	5 courts – Gerflor Color courts: green					
Practice Facilities	<p><u>Practice / Warm up courts:</u>  9 courts available in the Trocardière next to the main building (50 m) from Sunday to Wednesday from 9:00 to 17:00.  2 courts available in the hall, near to the meeting point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before the tournament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available on Wednesday 14th of June from 14:00 to 20:00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

	<p><u>Competition courts:</u></p> <p>5 courts mat available before the beginning of the tournament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wednesday 14th of June from 14:00 to 20:00</li> </ul> <p><u>Procedure:</u></p> <p>Courts will be allocated under the organizer control on an equitable basis, taking into account the number of entries per Member, arrival date and time, match schedule, and Team Manager preferences.</p> <p><u>Booking/Reservation Information:</u></p> <p>Please fill <a href="#">THE ONLINE FORM</a> with all the details and submit your needs before Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.</p> <p><u>Practice Shuttle Information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No shuttles provided</li> <li>● Shuttlecocks are on sale at the stringing stand</li> <li>● Cost 30,00€ per tube.</li> </ul>
Player Facilities	<p><u>Player lounge Information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Location: warm up hall</li> <li>- Indoor bikes</li> <li>- Work out room</li> </ul> <p><u>Stringing Services:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- String laying alone: 12,00 euros</li> <li>- String laying with string: 20,00 euros</li> </ul> <p><u>Eco-responsibility:</u></p> <p>In order to promote an eco-friendly event, kindly note that the tournament will not provide bottles of water during the competition. Players are asked to come with their own sports bottle to be filled in with the fresh water fountains available on site.</p>
Team Managers' Meeting	<p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, June 2023 at 18:30 at the venue.</p>
Presentation Ceremonies	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 18th June 2023, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals and trophies will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organizers regarding ceremony protocol.</p> <p>No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p>



## Visas

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

If you need a "Letter of invitation", please fill in the form and return to [visa@nantes-international.fr](mailto:visa@nantes-international.fr) before Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## Accreditation

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.

Every accreditation should be requested using the accreditation form.

The deadline to submit your accreditation applications is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

Accreditation will be available for collection shortly after your arrival in Nantes only if everything has been paid (entry fees, accommodation).

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be 20€ on each occasion, charged to the respective Member.

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

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

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

Number of Member Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four or 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 40 €, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be 30 € 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.

Medical Services	Physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. If you need taping, please bring yours.
Anti-Doping	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:  <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview</a> </p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.</p> <p>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 match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website:  <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a> </p>

## 4. Accommodation

The organizer and Spartner Agency are pleased to offer you an **accommodation offer** including 2-, 3- and 4-stars hotels and appart'hotels. These official hotels are located in 3 areas: Airport, City Center of Nantes, Nantes la Beaujoire.

Our rates include breakfast per day per person and all taxes.

You can find our **accommodation offer** on our tournament website.

Please note that in order to guarantee the availability of rooms and the proposed rates, your reservation request must be sent by our Accommodation booking form **before 19/05/2023** at the email address [teamservices@nantes-international.fr](mailto:teamservices@nantes-international.fr).

### TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

Any modification or cancellation, partial or total, must be subject of a written request to your Spartner Agency contact, Mrs Cloé ([teamservices@nantes-international.fr](mailto:teamservices@nantes-international.fr)). Partial or total cancellations will be invoiced as follows:

#### **FROM NOW UNTIL 12/05/2023**

- *Teams must have paid 50% of the total amount to confirm their booking.*
- Teams can release 20% of its total number of rooms for free of charge. Beyond that, 50% of the total amount will be forfeited.

#### **FROM 12/05/2023 TO 19/05/2023**

- *Teams must have paid 100% of the total amount by 19/05*
- Teams can release 10% of its total number of rooms for free of charge. Beyond that, a 20% refund of the total amount will be granted.

#### **AFTER 19/05/2023**

- No refunds will be possible.

**IMPORTANT:** In the event that a team cannot travel to Paris due to pandemic/war related restrictions imposed by the French Government, and the local organising committee cannot facilitate access, a 90% refund will be granted to the team.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Upon check-in, all teams must present a credit card to cover additional expenses they may incur.
- Guests will be requested to directly settle any extras orders.
- Guests must treat hotel room with care and are liable for any damage caused by them, and for consequential damage.

## 5- Transportation

All participants can book transport between Nantes Airport or Nantes train station free of charge by filling in the transport form and sending it to [teamservices@nantes-international.fr](mailto:teamservices@nantes-international.fr) **before 22/05/2023**.

During the event, transport will be provided **ONLY between the official hotels and the venue**. Timing will be communicated at the official hotel's lobby and in the players' lounge.

## 6- Covid-19

It is no longer mandatory to wear a mask or to do an antigenic or PCR test before coming in France.

To know more about Covid 19 situation in France and stay updated on it please consult this link:  
<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coming-to-france-your-covid-19-questions-answered/>

## 7- Tournament cancellation

The organizing 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 organizing 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.

## 8- Badminton Europe Waiver

Member and/or Organizer 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 Member and/or Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.