



YONEX BELGIAN INTERNATIONAL

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

13-16/09/2023

International Challenge Tournament
Part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

Invitation form 2023



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ORGANISATION

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SCHEDULE

September	13th	09:00	Qualifying Rounds (max.100 matches)
September	14th	09:00	Main tournament (1st and 2nd round)
September	15th	10:00	Quarter-Finals
		18:30	Semi Finals
September	16th	15:00	Finals

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the tournament's website.

KEY DATES

August, 15th 2023 (23:59 BWF HQ-time)
August, 15th 2023
August, 18th 2023
August, 22nd 2023
August, 28th 2023
August, 29th 2023
September, 12th 2023 (18:30 CET time)

Entry deadline
World ranking date for M&Q report
Date for publication of M&Q-report
World ranking date for seeding/draw
Last day for withdrawals without fine
Date for the draw
Team managers meeting (venue)



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VENUE

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Website: www.sportoase.be/nl/philipssite



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ENTRIES

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/93427AB1-EA52-4B90-B2DA-614E53A5BAD8>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday August 15th 2023 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00). Players cannot 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 authorising 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, August, 15th 2023 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00). No late entries will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES

Singles: 75 euro per player
Doubles: 65 euro 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. 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.

The organizer urges that entry fees for all players are paid by the Member before September 1st 2023. The invoice for all players will be sent by e-mail on August 22nd 2023. 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.

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EVENTS

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main single events is 32, for the main double events 24.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to players of any National Association recognized by the BWF.

SHUTTLES

YONEX AEROSSENSA 50

COURTS

5 GERFLOR TARAFLEX COURTS

CLOTHING REGULATIONS

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.

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PRIZE MONEY

€ 18.295,- (US\$ 20.000)

Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0.9104)
of 24.04.2023 (date of issue of this invitation)



	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
WINNER	€ 1.460	€ 1.460	€ 1.640/pair	€ 1.640/pair	€ 1.640/pair
RUNNER UP	€ 875	€ 875	€ 1.095/pair	€ 1.095/pair	€ 1.095/pair
SEMI FINALISTS	€ 365	€ 365	€ 460/pair	€ 460/pair	€ 460/pair
QUARTER FINALISTS	€ 150	€ 150			

Prize money will be paid by bank transfer on the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs' provided bank account. An 18% domestic tax will be deducted. Any costs related to the bank transfer will be paid by the tournament organizer. If there is any specific information necessary regarding the bank account of transfer, it is the responsibility of the player/pair's to inform the organizer.

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WITHDRAWALS

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

Attention: Withdrawals made after Monday August 28th 2023 will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

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 GCR).

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).

Members can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries, once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Referee: Ilka Vainio (FIN); **Email:** vainioilk@gmail.com

Host **Organiser** **Contact:**
yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be

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. (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 of 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.

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.

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).

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

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



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VISA

If you need Visa for Belgium, please fill out the Visa application form, no later than August 2nd 2023. Additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and has to be paid by the Member.

The VISA application form can be found on our tournament website:

<https://www.yonexbelgianinternational.be/documenten/>

PRACTICE COURTS

On Tuesday September 12th 2023 practice courts (5) are available in the main hall from 18h00 till 21h45. Please use the online form, available on our tournament website, to reserve your practice courts.

<https://www.yonexbelgianinternational.be/documenten/>

M&Q

World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: Tuesday, August 15th 2023.

M&Q Report Release date: Friday, August 18th 2023.

DRAW

Will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday August 29th 2023.

World Ranking date used for the Draw: Tuesday, August 22nd 2023.

WEBSITE

<https://www.yonexbelgianinternational.be/>

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 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. (article 9.5 in Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations)

There is a warming-up court in a signposted room at the tournament venue.

MANAGERS MEETING

There will be a team managers meeting on Tuesday, September 12th 2023 at 18h30 in a signposted room at the tournament venue.



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ACCOMMODATION

To make a hotel reservation please use the hotel booking form which you can also find on the tournament website, and send this to accommodation@badmintonvlaanderen.be no later than August 20th 2023.



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IBIS BUDGET *

Leuven

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	Single room	Double room		Single room	Double room
11-14 Sept	€ 185/night	€ 205/night	11-14 Sept	€ 140/night	€ 155/night
15 Sept	€ 185/night	€ 205/night	15 Sept	€ 110/night	€ 125/night
16 Sept	€185/night	€ 205/night	16 Sept	€ 110/night	€ 125/night

The Standard Rooms offer ample space and the choice between double and twin beds. Stay connected with the free Wi-Fi while enjoying a hot drink from the in-room coffee and tea facilities. All rooms include a steam iron and ironing board for your convenience. Breakfast included.

Size: 21 m²

Room with 1 or 2 single beds, bathroom with shower and separate toilet. Modern, fresh design, flat screen television with international channels and free WIFI. Breakfast Included

Size: 12 m²

No cooking or heating food

Be aware that **cooking or heating food** (with gas fires or boiling water) inside the accommodation is **strictly forbidden** and will be punished with a **fine of €250** and the **possibility of removal from the accommodation by the hotel**.

Payment Procedure

Rooms will be invoiced by badminton Vlaanderen prior to the event (e-mail). Payment must be done before arrival by the Member Association.



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TRANSPORT



LOCAL TRANSPORT

Provided by the organizer between the official hotels and the sports hall.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

Provided by the organizer between the Brussels airports (BRU) and the official hotels, starting on **Monday 11th September 2023**. To make a transport reservation please use the form which you can find on the tournament website and send this to transport@badmintonvlaanderen.be no later than September 7th 2023. Passengers arriving at Brussels South Charleroi (CRL) must book a taxi service themselves, at their own expenses (e.g. [Flibco](#), [Taxi-Leuven](#)). It's recommended to book the taxi service in advance.

Brussels Airport (BRU)

Leopoldlaan
1930 Zaventem

FREE OF CHARGE

Brussels South Charleroi (CRL)

Rue des Frères Wright
8 6041 Charleroi

TAXI SERVICE

MEDICAL SERVICE

A physiotherapist will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and is able to perform first aid.

DOPING CONTROL

According to Belgian law and the BWF statutes 2.3 drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

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-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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Sportity

The organization will use the Sportity app for all one way communication at the event. Make sure that you have downloaded the app and are logged in the week for the event at last. You can use the password below (players and team managers will enter a different channel). Information such as transport schedules, practice court sessions, information about the tournament, venue or city and contact details will always be available and up to date in the application.

The organization assumes that all documentation posted in the app is considered read. The information in the app, together with mails, is therefore the official communication for the event. A push-notification will be send to everyone in the channel in case of new information or changes.

Players



A promotional banner for the Sportity app. The background is purple with white and pink wavy lines. In the top left is the Sportity logo, a stylized 'S' in a blue square. To its right is the word 'Sportity' in a white script font. Below this, the text 'For direct event information please download the Sportity app and insert this password:' is written in white. A large white rounded rectangle in the center contains the password 'YBIPLA23' in bold black letters. At the bottom left is the website 'www.sportity.com'. At the bottom right, it says 'Sportity app is available in' above two logos: 'Available on the App Store' and 'Get it on Google play'. Below each logo is a QR code.

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Team managers



A promotional banner for the Sportity app. The background is purple with abstract white and light purple shapes. In the top left is a small Sportity logo icon. In the top center is the 'Sportity' logo in white script. Below the logo, white text reads: 'For direct event information please download the Sportity app and insert this password:'. This text is followed by a large white rounded rectangle containing the password 'YBIMAN23' in bold black capital letters. Below the password box, the text 'Sportity app is available in' is centered. Underneath this are two app store logos: 'Available on the App Store' and 'Get it on Google play'. Below each logo is a QR code. In the bottom left corner, the website 'www.sportity.com' is written in white.

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Covid protocols

Covid protocols will be send by email prior to the event (if necessary). An update of the applicable rules can be found at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>.

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Accreditation

Every player will receive an accreditation badge in the beginning of the tournament. You will need to have this badge with you the whole tournament to enter the venue. In case of loss of the accreditation badge, an administrative fee of **€20** will be taken into account to make a new badge.

CONTACTS

For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us via email

- Visa application - visa@badmintonvlaanderen.be
- Practice court request - yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be
- Hotel booking request - accommodation@badmintonvlaanderen.be
- Transport request - transport@badmintonvlaanderen.be
- Officials accreditation: please request via <https://www.yonexbelgianinternational.be/documenten/>

