



OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS

28th – 2nd December 2023

Sport Wales National Centre

Sophia Close

Cardiff

CF11 9SW

International Challenge Part of the BEC Elite Circuit

Prize Money: \$15000

YONEX WELSH INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023



Organiser	<p>Badminton Wales</p> <p>Sport Wales National Centre</p> <p>Sophia Close</p> <p>Cardiff Wales</p> <p>CF11 9SW</p> <p>Website: https://www.badminton.wales/</p>												
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	<p>Monday 27th November Team Manager’s meeting 7pm SWNC</p> <p>Tuesday 28th November From 9am – Qualification</p> <p>Wednesday 29th November From 9am – Qualification</p> <p>Thursday 30th November From 9am – Main Draw Round 1</p> <p>Friday 1st December Last 16 (10am), Quarter finals (3pm)</p> <p>Saturday 2nd December Semi-finals (10am), Finals (3pm)</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, Mixed Doubles.</p> <p>The number of players/pairs to be accepted into the main draws is 32 in all events.</p> <p>All events will be played using a knockout system in accordance with the laws of badminton and General Competition Regulations of the BWF.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>Conditions of play</p>	<p>The tournament shall be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF, regulations of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit and Badminton Wales (BW) including the prohibition of doping for which tests may be carried out.</p> <p>In summary these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The draw will be seeded in accordance with the regulations of the BWF. Badminton Europe will make the draw. - The period for knocking-up before any match shall not exceed two minutes. - All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered; failure to do so may result in the players disqualification. - 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 penalised 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 (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe’s Circuit Regulations).
<p>Shuttles</p>	<p>YONEX AS-50</p>
<p>Competition courts</p>	<p>4 Victor court mats</p>
<p>Practice courts</p>	<p>Five practice courts in the Jubilee Hall of the sports centre. The practice courts cannot be pre-booked but will operate on a first come, first served basis. The five practice courts will be available from 12 noon Monday 27th November, 9am-10pm Tuesday – Friday and from 9am Saturday until the start of the last final. The Main Arena competition courts will not be available to use for practice Monday 27th evening.</p>
<p>Clothing and Advertising Regulations</p>	<p><i>18.1 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.</i></p> <p><i>18.2 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.</i></p>

<p>Entry System</p>	<p>All entries must be made using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 31st October 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT + 8hrs)</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/3D98365A-5A77-4427-8455-49A0BE2018F7</p> <p>No late entries will be accepted.</p> <p><i>BWF 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.</i></p>
<p>Entry Fees</p>	<p>Singles: £55 Doubles: £45</p> <p>Cheques/Banker's Drafts in pounds sterling, should be made payable to Welsh Badminton Union Ltd. Badminton Wales will not be responsible for any bank charges incurred. Please note that should BW receive payment which has incurred a charge and therefore doesn't cover the full cost, BW will invoice for the difference or ask the players for the remainder of the amount at the tournament. This should be paid prior to the players first match.</p> <p><i>17.1 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.</i></p> <p><i>17.2 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.</i></p>
<p>Payment Information</p>	<p>Account No. 02 52 91 77 Sort Code 30-96-91 Lloyds TSB. Queen Street, Cardiff. IBAN: GB04 LOYD 3096 9102 52977 SWIFT/BIC: LOYDGB 21217</p> <p>Badminton Wales Sport Wales National Centre Sophia Close Cardiff CF11 9SW</p>

Withdrawals and 'No Shows'	<p>22.1 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>22.2 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>
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Visas	<p>Players who require a Visa to enter the UK should complete the attached form requesting an official letter from Badminton Wales https://form.jotform.com/222263466382356 After entering one or more players in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Members must make sure that visa applications are made early enough. This should be done immediately after the entry is submitted.</p>
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Prize Money	Total Prize Money \$15000					
		MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
	Winner	\$1200	\$1200	\$1350	\$1350	\$1350
	Runner Up	\$720	\$720	\$900	\$900	\$900
	Semi-finalist	\$300	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375
	Quarter-finalist	\$120	\$120			
Prize money will be paid in cash and handed to the players after their last match. No taxes will be deducted.						

Transport	<p>Badminton Wales will organise airport transfers from Cardiff Airport with FlightLink. The Transport Booking Form https://form.jotform.com/222262814014344 must be completed no later than Friday 10th November</p> <p>Players travelling into Bristol Airport should use public transport to transfer to Cardiff https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/airports/bristol The drop off point for the Bristol Airport to Cardiff bus is adjacent to the Sport Wales National Centre.</p> <p>The official hotel is within walking distance of the Sport Wales National Centre.</p>
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<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>The official hotel for the tournament is:</p> <p>The Holiday Inn, Castle St, Cardiff CF10 1XD</p> <p><u>Room Rates</u></p> <p>£140 bed and breakfast single £150 bed and breakfast twin</p> <p>Reservations for hotel rooms should be made as soon as possible.</p> <p>Guaranteed hotel booking to be made by 27th October 2023.</p> <p>Requests made after this date must continue to be directed only to Crème Conferences, but we cannot guarantee availability / special rates offered.</p> <p>Please do not make payment directly to the hotel. You should make payment to Crème Conferences for your accommodation.</p> <p>Reservations for the hotel should be made by contacting : -</p> <p>badminton@crememk.co.uk or phone +44 7936 036740</p> <p>Guaranteed hotel bookings to be made by 27th October 2023.</p>
<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Requests for accreditation must be made using our online accreditation portal. The deadline for applying for accreditations is Saturday 4th November 2023 and further information can be found on our website at https://www.badminton.wales/welsh-international</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>

Doping Control	<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). For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Insurance	<p>The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is the individual's responsibility to insure themselves. <i>BEC Elite Circuit Regulation 3.6 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.</i></p>
Tournament Cancellation policy	<p><i>BEC Elite Circuit Regulation 3.4 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.</i></p>

