



AZERBAIJAN INTERNATIONAL 2024

**PART OF THE BADMINTON EUROPE
ELITE CIRCUIT INTERNATIONAL
CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT**

FEBRUARY 8-11, 2024

ORGANIZERS

- Badminton World Federation
- Badminton Europe
- National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan
- Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan
- Azerbaijan Badminton Federation

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TOURNAMENT WEB-SITE

<https://www.badminton.az/badminton-2024>

KEY DATES

Entry deadline: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:59 PM (GMT +04:00)

World Ranking Date for M&Q Report: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:59 PM (GMT +04:00)

M&Q Publish on BWF website: Friday, January 12, 2024

World Ranking Date for Seeding and Draw: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Withdrawal deadline: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:59 PM (GMT +04:00)

Draw Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

!!! NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!

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.

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.

Provisional schedule:

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| February 7 (Wednesday): | 19:00 Umpires briefing 20:00 Team Manager Meeting (Baku Sport Hall) |
| February 8 (Thursday): | 09:00 Qualifying rounds |
| February 9 (Friday): | 09:00 Qualifying rounds 12:00 Main Draw first round |
| February 10 (Saturday): | 09:00 Main Draw second round 17:00 Quarter Finals |
| February 11 (Sunday): | 10:00 Semi Finals 16:00 Finals |

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

ELIGIBLE TO PLAY:

All badminton players who are eligible to play for the BWF Member Associations. Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

SYSTEM OF COMPETITION:

K.O. System according to the laws of badminton and competition regulations of the BWF

SHUTTLES

YONEX Shuttlecocks AS 50

COURTS

4 Yonex courts

ENTRY FEE

Singles – € 100 per player

Doubles – € 75 per player

Available payment methods: Cash and bank transfer

Note: 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.

Entries can be done by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/6B904A82-E85F-451C-8635-FB48E5A65565>

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."

WITHDRAWALS

Any withdrawal after the January 22, 2024, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of 150 USD for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in the BWF General Competition Regulations)

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

VISA

Participants and officials must apply for an e-visa online on: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>

List of e-visa eligible countries: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>

Visa arrangement can be made at the Heydar Aliyev International Airport **only** for visitors from countries that does not have Azerbaijan Embassy and does not support e-visa system. To obtain the visa on arrival, Member Associations must send the passport scan (has to be in JPEG, JPG, PNG format and the size must not exceed 5 MB) of their players and officials to

info@badminton.az by January 20, 2024. National badminton federations have to send official letter about all participants from their county including players, coaches, journalists and etc.

DRAW

The draw will be done in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations §11 on January 23, 2024.

REFEREE

Mr. Aleksandar Dzhurov, Bulgaria (E-mail: alexander1996@abv.bg)

DEPUTY REFEREE

Mr. Sabuhi Huseynov, Azerbaijan (E-mail: sabukhi.huseynov@badminton.az)

TRANSPORTATION

Point of arrival: Transportation will be provide from the Heydar Aliyev International Airport Shuttle bus service will be provide between official hotels and the venue.

Only for participants that ordered an accommodation in the official hotels.

PRIZE MONEY – 15 000 USD

The organizers will pay the prize money in cash during the closing ceremony.
No taxes will be deducted.

| RANK | MS | WS | MD (Per Pair) | WD (Per Pair) | XD (Per Pair) |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| WINNER | 1200\$ | 1200\$ | 1350\$ | 1350\$ | 1350\$ |
| Runner up | 720\$ | 720\$ | 900\$ | 900\$ | 900\$ |
| Semi | 300\$ | 300\$ | 375\$ | 375\$ | 375\$ |
| Semi | 300\$ | 300\$ | 375\$ | 375\$ | 375\$ |
| Quarter | 120\$ | 120\$ | | | |
| Quarter | 120\$ | 120\$ | | | |
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| Quarter | 120\$ | 120\$ | | | |
| TOTAL | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 | 3000 |

PAYMENTS

Accommodation payments must be paid directly to the official hotels.

Entry fee must be paid during the process of accreditation to organisers.

Bank details of Azerbaijan Badminton Federation:

Currency: USD

BENEFICIARY: AZARB BADMINTON FEDERASIYASI IB

Adress: 6, Bakikhanov str., Bridge Plaza, 10th floor, Baku, AZ1065, Azerbaijan

BANK NAME: Kapital Bank (OJSC), Central Branch, Baku, Azerbaijan

SWIFT CODE: AIBAZ2X

Account number: AZ33AIB40190019780018565102

HOTEL RESERVATION

Must be ordered not later than January 20, 2024 at 12 PM

For hotel reservations, please send the General Request Form [to hotel's e-mail](#) (please cc: info@badminton.az). The form must include all information, including arrival/departure and etc. details. General Request Forms and hotel reservations will be processed in the order received.

OFFICAL HOTELS

Hilton Baku

5 stars hotel

Twin Guest Room (Single) 260 azn +VAT (18%)

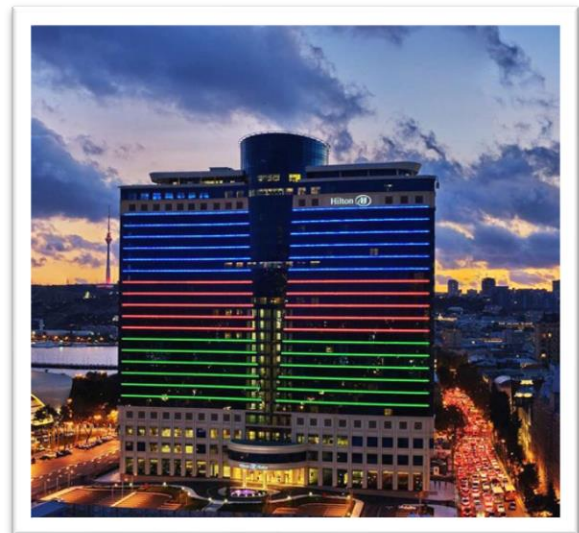
Twin Guest Room (Double) 290 azn +VAT (18%)

Breakfast included.

Ph: +994503213829

E-m: aydan.m@badminton.az

A: 1B Azadlig Avenue, Baku 1000, Azerbaijan



Hotel Square Inn

4 stars hotel

Twin room – 120 azn VAT (18%) and Breakfast included.

Ph: +994 50 675 65 55

E-m: Office@ntecgroup.az

A: Khaqani st. 2, Sabayil , AZ1001 Baku, Azerbaijan



Salam Baku Hotel

4 stars hotel

Twin room – 120 azn VAT (18%) and Breakfast included.

Ph: +994 50 675 65 55

E-m: Office@ntecgroup.az

A: Khaqani st. 2, Sabayil , AZ1001 Baku, Azerbaijan



Reservation requests for official hotels must be done not later than **January 20, 2024 at 12 PM.**

Available payment methods for official hotels: Bank transfer, cash and credit card.

All payments should be made directly to the official hotels.

INSURANCE

The organizers will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in this Championship. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned. All players and officials are recommended to review their insurance cover and ensure that it meets your current requirements.

Member Association 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 Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

MEDICAL SERVICES

On courts Doctors and Physiotherapist will be available during the tournament and further information will provided at the team managers meeting.

FURTHER PROVISION

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.

The organising Member Association 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 Association 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.

MEDIA INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS

It is essential that we do all we can to secure maximum publicity for our sport, and It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to BWF Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes 5.3.6) for further details.

It is expected that Member Associations will help facilitate, but not be limited to, Autograph Signings and Player Appearances for fans attending the Championships.

The Championships will work closely with Member Associations, in accordance with BWF Regulations, in order to achieve this. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being applied.

Media Accreditation: Any Media wishing to attend the Championships should apply through Mr. Kanan Hakimov at email (kanan.hakimov@gmail.com), no later than January 20, 2024.

CLOTHING

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour 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 colors for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.

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.

PRACTICE FACILITIES:

Tournament Hall

Available date: February 7, 2024

Available time: 10:00 – 20:00

Available courts: 4 courts

Location: Baku Sport Hall (Address: Neftchilar avenue 26a, Sabail district)

Reservation: please use **Court Request Form** for court reservation.

Practice Hall

Available date: February 7-9, 2024

Available time: 10:00 – 20:00

Available courts: 5 courts

Location: Sport Lyceum №1 (Address: 133, Mahsati Ganjavi street, Nizami district)

Reservation: reservation necessary

BETTING

There will be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution.

Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Player's Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct for Coaches & Officials and will be sanctioned by BWF.

Badminton Integrity

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.

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/>

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-doping-overview/>