



Presents:

Croatia VALAMAR Junior Open 2024

Junior International Challenge
World Junior Rankings Tournament
Part of Badminton Europe Junior Circuit 2024

Dubrovnik - Croatia

11.-14. April 2024

sanctioned by the BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION
presented by the CROATIAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
organized by BK DUBROVNIK

Closing Date: Tuesday, 12th March 2024, 5:59 PM (GMT +01:00)

VENUE

Gospino Polje Sports Hall
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GENERAL

Croatia VALAMAR Junior Open 2024 is World Junior Ranking Tournament and part of the Badminton Europe Junior Circuit 2024.

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the Junior Competition Regulations of BWF as well as with the Badminton Europe Junior Circuit Regulations.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, 11 April 2024	09:00 hours
Friday, 12 April 2024	09:00 hours
Saturday, 13 April 2024	09:00 hours
Sunday, 14 April 2024	09:00 hours

Details will follow with a Time-Schedule. Time-Schedule can be subject to changes.

5 courts/4 days	Round 128	Round 64	Round 32	Round 16	QF	SF	Final
MS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
WS - 96	32	32	16	8	4	2	1
MD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
WD - 48	-	16	16	8	4	2	1
XD - 64	-	16 / 16	16	8	4	2	1
Total	112	112		108		15	

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Wednesday, 10 April 2024 20:00 hours

Location/Address: Dubrava Hall, Hotel Tirena, Iva Dulčića 36, 20000 Dubrovnik

ELIGIBILITY

Open for players born in 2006 or later.

Croatian players must be a part of Croatian Badminton Association official list.

Foreign players have to be members of an Association of the BWF.

COURTS:

5 YONEX court mats on sprung wooden floor

SHUTTLECOCKS

YONEX AS-50 shuttle will be used

CLOTHING according BE Junior Circuit Regulation 13

13.1. Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3: Junior Tournament Regulations § 12 to 16. A player violating these regulations shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.

13.2. It is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 50,00 EUR.

ENTRIES

Each player is allowed to play in 3 events.

The number of entries that can be accepted in each event are:

- 96 in Men's and Women's singles
- 48 in Men's and Women's doubles
- 64 in Mixed doubles

If the number of entries exceeds the number listed above, a selection of entries will be made in accordance with regulation 6.1.5 of the Badminton Europe Junior Circuit Regulations.

Entries must be done in order of strength and must include the date of birth.

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior 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.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System, an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member in the first published version of the main draw. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member in the first published version of the main draw, 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.

ONLINE ENTRIES

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

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.

Entries must be submitted no later than

Tuesday, 12. March 2024, 5:59 PM (GMT +01:00).

You are required to submit the entries on time and late entries will not be accepted.

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/F88CC69D-C9D1-42D2-AE60-35D696A8A1E6>

Croatian Badminton Association is not allowed to accept any late entries so it is imperative that entries are submitted on time using the Online Entry System.

Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9

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 FEES

Singles: 40 EUR per player
Doubles: 35 EUR per player/event

The Member that enters a player/pair into a BEC Junior Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player/pair. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

The entry fee should be paid in advance of the tournament by bank transfer. Organiser can accept cash payment at the tournament office, latest on Friday, 12th April 2024. Payment details:

<i>Bank:</i>	OTP bankad.d.
<i>Address of bank:</i>	Domovinskog rata 3, 23 000 Zadar, Croatia
<i>BIC (Swift) code:</i>	OTPVHR2X
<i>IBAN:</i>	HR8024070001100024300
<i>Account owner:</i>	Badmintonski Klub DUBROVNIK

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.

PRACTICE

Practice will be possible in the main hall:

Tuesday, 9th April 2024 from 16:00 to 22:00 hours

Wednesday, 10th April 2024 from 09:00 to 22:00 hours

Please book your training as soon as possible on the official link of the club / tournament [Badminton klub Dubrovnik – all about Badminton \(badminton-dubrovnik.hr\)](http://badminton-klub-dubrovnik.hr)

Note: one hour training per country, the amount of courts depends on the number of players coming from each country.

Also send a notification by email about the appointment you have chosen: info@badminton-dubrovnik.hr

With this double combination, we want to ensure unwanted overlapping of appointments. You can also see for yourself in the table which appointments are free / busy.

Thanks in advance for your understanding.

DRAW

Seeding and draw will be done by Badminton Europe on Tuesday 26th March 2024.

WITHDRAWALS

Before the withdrawals without penalty date, please use the online entry system to withdraw players. After the withdrawal without penalty date has passed (Monday 25th March 2024, at 23h59 GMT+1, please ensure that the Organizer is informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, together with the reason, to the following e-mail:

info@badminton-dubrovnik.hr

divix.blacky@gmail.com

INSURANCE

To be arranged individually by participants.

DRUG TESTING

According to Croatian law and BWF Anti-Doping Regulations drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time during the tournament.

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/>

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 matches.

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

LIVE STREAMING

<http://www.badminton-dubrovnik.hr/>

PRIZES

Cups, medals and practical prizes for all who perform in the semifinals and finals

LOCAL TRANSFER

The organizer will provide transport only between the Dubrovnik Airport and the official hotels. The fee of the transportation is 20 EUR per person includes both directions.

The organizer also offers a free public bus transport between the official hotels and the sports hall (more than 1km away).

The organizer is not able to offer free transport for those players and officials who are not staying in the official hotels.

Send your travel details by March 20th, 2024 at the latest to:

Ratko Galjer (Croatia)

e-mail: info@badminton-dubrovnik.hr

mobile phone: +385 91 6412 223

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The offer of the accommodation is valid until the completion of hotel capacities

Club Dubrovnik Sunny Hotel 3*

60,00 € per person per night on halfboard basis in double/twin room

53,00 € per person per night on halfboard basis in triple room

111,00 € per night on halfboard basis in “double/twin for single use” room

BB reduction: 5,00 Eur per person per day

Offer for 4* (*Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik/Valamar Argosy, Valamar Tirena*)

- **Rooms are on request**

80,00 € per person per night on halfboard basis in double/twin room

148,00 € per night on halfboard basis in “double/twin for single use” room

BB reduction: 5,00 Eur per person per day

Both (3* and 4* hotel) offers include:

- Accommodation in double/twin or “dbl for sgl use” room
- Rich buffet breakfast and dinner with “show cooking”
- City tax and VAT are included in the price
- Located in the lavish Mediterranean garden on the coast of the Babin Kuk peninsula and near the historical heart of the city of Dubrovnik and its beautiful surrounding beaches. A wide selection of entertainment and sports activities, close to the beach and a large outdoor swimming pool with separate children's pool, and breakfast and dinner with a rich selection of Mediterranean specialties, make these hotels ideal place for rest and relaxation but also for active types who want to spice up their holidays with some sports and nature walks.

Payment: in advance, according to our proforma invoice

Notes:

- Rates are per person per night in €
- Rates are valid for up to 5 days prior and after the tournament
- Parking for auto/van is additionally charged 7 € per day in 3* hotels and 8 € per day in 4* hotels, Mini BUS/BUS 40 € per day, payable at the hotel reception

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Valamar Club: Iva Dulčića 38, 20000 Dubrovnik

LaCroma: Iva Dulčića 34, 20000 Dubrovnik

Argosy: Iva Dulčića 140, 20000 Dubrovnik

VISA

It is the responsibility of any nation or player needing a visa to travel to Croatia to make sure that visa applications are made before 20th January 2024. Please send the full name, date of birth, passport number (as shown on passport), date of issue, place of issue and date of expiry for players and officials to the official e-mail:

info@badminton-dubrovnik.hr

Remark:

We strongly advise all players, especially from Asia and Africa, to get their VISA as soon as possible, not to wait until the last minute, because the arrival of workers in search of jobs from the mentioned regions to enter Croatia is increasing every year and the issuance of VISA by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is slowing down.

Dubrovnik Interesting Facts

[Dubrovnik Old Town](#), has over the recent years become one of the must see places to visit, here are a few facts you might not be aware of:

LOKRUM ISLAND

Also known as the island of Kings , originally inhabited by Benedictine monks (1023) although carvings in a few of the stones set into the walls of the Monastery testify that the island has been inhabited since prehistoric times. The Benedictian monks were apparently exiled from the island on the orders of a French general and subsequently laid a curse on the island , that whoever bought it for their own personal pleasure would be cursed – the local noblemen who evicted the monks all died, subsequent owners had terrible accidents – became bankrupt overnight or drowned getting there! However in 1192 it saved the life of Richard the Lionheart when he was shipwrecked off the coast in a storm – his subsequent grateful donation to the local citizens paid for the Dubrovnik Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (the locals having convinced him not to build the cathedral on the island but in the city).

DIPLOMACY

Dubrovnik was also well known worldwide for its grasp on diplomacy. Threatened by the ever growing Ottoman empire not only did they broker a deal whereas they could 'pay tribute ' to the Ottomans but they also cleverly negotiated a pardon for any Dubrovnik merchants trading with the Ottomans from the Catholic church. Therefore being the only trading power able to deal with both sides. Another diplomatic highlight was with the newly blossoming independence of the United States. The US was really anxious to agree trade agreements with the European countries and did a deal with Ragusa, (Some claim Dubrovnik was the first state in the world to recognise the United States of America, in 1783).They also banned slavery as early as 1416 centuries before anyone else did – Anyone who was caught breaking the law was sentenced to a heavy fine & six months imprisonment.

UNBREACHABLE

The city's most famous feature is its famous stone boundary. Constructed between the 12th and 17th centuries and encircling the old city. Apparently in some places they can be up to 6 metres thick and have never been breached by a hostile army.

FAMOUS FILM LOCATION

Dubrovnik is King's Landing, capital of Westeros (since season 2) if your not a [Game of Thrones](#) enthusiast , then perhaps your a Star Wars fan – filming has been constant in Dubrovnik since 2016 and this spring saw Benicio Del Toro and Laura Dern in town, for the filming of Star Wars: Episode VIII. And in early 2017, Dubrovnik's cobbled alleys will once again be packed for the shooting of Robin Hood: Origins, produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, and starring Taron Egerton as Robin Hood and Jamie Foxx as Little John which sounds amazing. The other film of course is the new James Bond movie due to start filming around May.

FAMOUS FIRSTS

Europe's longest & oldest operating pharmacy in the world is located inside Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery, founded in 1317. The monks made herb based cures/medicines which they sold to local people, and although today its a proper chemists they still sell a few of the monks original recipies – mostly face creams and herbal teas . Dubrovnik lays claim to a number of world firsts (not just the pharmacy). It has one of the earliest medieval sewage systems, installed in 1296, and still used today, as well as one of the first quarantine facilities, established in 1377. Likewise, the orphanage set up in 1432 as part of the Monastery of St Clare was one of the first such institutions in the world.

Interesting links:

[Croatia VALAMAR Junior open 2017](#)

[Croatia VALAMAR Junior Open 2018](#)

[Croatia VALAMAR Junior Open 2019](#)

[Welcome to Dubrovnik](#)

[Game of Thrones shooting scenes](#)

If someone stays a few days longer in our city, we are at your disposal so that you can spend your days as pleasantly as possible with fun and excitement. For all inquiries:

Contact: rgaljer69@gmail.com

Suggested excursions:

Cable car

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW9yaaxuFWw>

Visit us and be amazed with the breathtaking views of the Old City of Dubrovnik, the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, and the numerous islands. Enjoy all the comforts of our facilities. Have a drink, snack or a meal at the snack bar or in the restaurant overlooking the Old City. Go on an adventurous ride with the Buggy Safari tour. Visit the souvenir shop, the Ohrid pearl shop or the coin blacksmithing shop and take something home to remind you of your trip.

The best views of Dubrovnik and the surrounding area are, without doubt, experienced from the top of the Srd Hill. The Dubrovnik Cable Car was built back in 1969 and was enthusiastically used by millions of visitors who wanted to enjoy the most beautiful panoramic views. On a clear day, you can see up to 60 km (37 miles). For this reason the neighbouring Imperial Fortress was strategically built on this privileged spot, back in the early 19th century.



ECO Tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRzsqlsq5ko>



An experience like no other!

Our experienced crew will pick you up in our fabulous electric tuk tuk vehicle and our first stop will be the portside market in Gruz harbour where the farmers sell locally produced flowers, fruits and pastries to your absolute delight.

Onward we continue across Dubrovnik's bridge for a wonderful view of the harbour and nearby islands. Then, up the Srdj mountain we go where the stunning view of the Old Town of Dubrovnik and crystal clear sea will take your breath away.

We then travel back down to the Old City where we park our tuk tuk and take you on stroll through the narrow streets and along the ramparts of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Touch the ancient stones, listen to legends and learn about Dubrovnik's rich history while you take home a lifetime lasting memory.

Visit Island of Lokrum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LULfDMOSfA0>

Lokrum is a small island and nature reserve, very close to the wonderful [Dubrovnik](#) – it's easy to spot from many vantage points in the city, such as from the Old Town Walls or from Mount Srd. It's a very pleasant way of spending a day or afternoon away from the hustle and bustle of Dubrovnik!

The island is covered in lush vegetation with a number of interesting plant species located here, including those specially imported (e.g. tropical varieties). Lokrum is entirely uninhabited, although it was bought by Austrian archduke Maxilimilan I in 1858, and much of the botanical plant life is owed to his grand gardens created during his ownership.

There is a regular, timetabled boat service to the island that departs from Dubrovnik Old Town port. Boats run daily from April to November each year, with a higher frequency of service in the peak summer months. You can see the timetable on the [Lokrum island](#) website. Journey time is only 10 minutes.

For the more energetic amongst you, you can also join a local kayaking tour group and kayak over to the island!



Karaka sailing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OquMMWVCGGA>



Sail the same ship used in the filming of Game of Thrones, explore the streets of King's Landing and sit on the Iron Throne on this unique tour. Our experienced local guide will reveal interesting facts about the series, town, stories of the noble families of Westeros and introduce you to the legendary King's Landing.

Join us on Karaka ship that was used in the making of Game of Thrones on a cruise around beautiful Dubrovnik. Relax while sipping on a Game of Thrones cocktail while enjoying the views of King's Landing from the seaside, and take unique photos on the Iron Throne, that will be a perfect memory of your visit to magical Westeros. Walkthrough the Old Town accompanied by our tour guide, discover locations where the series was filmed, and interesting details about the characters and events from behind the scenes.

LOPUD ISLAND- BEACH ŠUNJ

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=PJZTYx5JMRA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJZTYx5JMRA)



Looking for a place to get full use out of your bucket and shovel? This is your spot. If you are staying on Lopud or arriving with the ferry, you'll have to walk for about 30 minutes through blissfully untouched Mediterranean countryside. This road will get you to the other side of the island where the beach is. Therefore, if you don't feel like walking, you can jump into a small buggy waiting for you on the road to Šunj beach. It will get you to the beach in less than 5 minutes and you'll have a little fun on the way there at the same time.

This natural sandy beach is famous for its shallow crystal clear waters. It's perfect for kids and anyone who wants to enjoy a day of relaxation. You can drink a cocktail in the shade, **hire loungers** and enjoy the gorgeous scenery. For those looking for relaxation, there are **masseuse services** offered at the beach. If you are more of an adventurer, you might want to **rent a jet ski**. Two beachfront restaurants offer great variety of meals. For those who want to lie down in a hammock, read a book and listen to the crickets, there's a restaurant set in the woods only few meters from the beach.

WELCOME TO HISTORICAL CITY OF DUBROVNIK



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