

Invitation to the



An International Challenge tournament, part of the



To be played at the Emirates Arena, Glasgow
5-8 October 2023

Prize fund: \$15,000



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Draw	The draw will be conducted by Badminton Europe.																				
Competition Regulations	The tournament will be played in full accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) as well as the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the Referee's decision shall be final.																				
Venue	Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow G40 3HY																				
Shuttles	Victor Master Ace																				
Courts	5 Taraflex courts (main hall), 1 Taraflex court (warm up hall)																				
Team Manager's Meeting	The Team Manager's Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 October 2023 at 1800hrs at Emirates Arena.																				
Practice Facilities	<p>Please note, practice facilities are not in the same venue as the competition. Bookings must be made in advance, otherwise we cannot guarantee to provide players with practice facilities.</p> <p>Current availability and bookings will be published on Badminton Scotland's website here: https://badmintonscotland.org.uk/information-for-competitors/</p> <p>Please send practice court requests to practice@badmintonscotland.org.uk Courts will be allocated as fairly as possible and requests will be treated on a first come first served basis. We cannot guarantee to meet all requirements. New shuttles for practice will be on sale from Match Control throughout the tournament - price £35 per dozen.</p>																				



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Events

Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw for singles events, 24 in main draw for all doubles events).

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

04/10/23: 1800hrs: Team managers meeting (Emirates Arena)
05/10/23: 0900hrs-2200hrs: 5 courts: Qualification
06/10/23: 0900hrs-2200hrs: 5 courts: Rounds 1 & 2
07/10/23: 0930hrs: 4 courts: Quarter-finals
07/10/23: 1530hrs: 2 courts: Semi-finals
08/10/23: 1200hrs: 1 court: Finals

This schedule is provisional and subject to change depending on entries received and approval of the referee and the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee. The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website.

Competitors must be ready to play 20 minutes before their scheduled time. Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified. Alterations to the competition schedule due to Television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee as soon as it is known. Warm-up on court is limited to 2 minutes.

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.

Entries

Players must have a BWF ID-number to be able to enter and all entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/4063FBAB-4206-4239-ADCD-F3C760E4CBBF>

If a player does not have an ID number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament to obtain one. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 2359 BWF HQ-time (1559 GMT). No late entries will be accepted.

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."



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Entry fees

Singles: £60 per player, Doubles: £50 per player in each 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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments. Entry fees must be made by bank transfer to the following Account:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland
Account name: Scottish Badminton Union Ltd
Sort Code: 835200
Account No: 00167424
IBAN NO GB82 RBOS 8352 0000 1674 24
Swift code RBOS GB 2L

Please note: all bank charges should be paid by the person paying the entry fee.

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. If no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organizers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw.

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations § 7.10.

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).

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).



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Prize money

Total prize fund £11,820 (US\$15,000)

Exchange rate \$1 = £0.782 on the 22 June 2023

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	£940	£940	£1060 per pair	£1060 per pair	£1060 per pair
Runner-up	£565	£565	£710 per pair	£710 per pair	£710 per pair
Semi-finalist	£235	£235	£300 per pair	£300 per pair	£300 per pair
Quarter-finalist	£95	£95			

Prize money will be paid out in cash. No tax will be deducted.

Presentations

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced.

The presentation to winners and runners-up will take place immediately after each final match. Players are reminded when booking flights home on Sunday that the finals may not finish until 1800hrs, depending on the start time, and also that they may be selected for dope testing – they should therefore book their flights accordingly. Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude.

Medical Services

A doctor will be available in the Emirates Arena at pre-arranged times. Appointments should be made through the Championships Office. A physiotherapist will be available to give assistance with injuries during the period of the Championships. Contact the Championships Office at the venue for full details. For incidents outside of the playing Arena it is recommended that appropriate insurance be obtained.

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/>

Clothing & advertising

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.

Visas

If your players and officials require a visa to enter the United Kingdom, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist. Please provide us with the necessary information by returning the enclosed form no later than Monday 21 August 2023. UK Border Agency state that most decisions on VISA applications are made within 3 weeks, but the earlier you apply the more likely you are to receive a decision in time for you to travel. Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into the UK and the final decision is made by the UK Border Agency. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly, by the applicant, to the Embassy who is dealing with your application. We accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, special delivery costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Association.



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Accommodation

The official tournament hotel is Leonardo Hotel, 80 Jamaica Street, Glasgow, G1 4QG. Rates are £135 for single rooms and £150 for double/twin rooms. Rates for triple rooms are available on request.

The deadline date for hotel bookings is 11 September 2023. Reservations should **only** be made by contacting Crème Conferences. After the booking deadline any requests must continue to be directed only to Crème Conferences, but we cannot guarantee the special rates offered. Official transport will be available between the Emirates Arena and the official hotel provided the hotel booking has been made with Crème Conferences. We cannot arrange transport to and from other hotels, or those independently booked. Please **do not** make payment directly to the hotel. You should make payment to Crème Conferences for your accommodation.

All information is on our website www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/accommodation or for any queries and to make bookings email badminton@crememk.co.uk or phone +44 7936 036740.

Transportation

For those booking the official championships hotel with Crème Conferences, courtesy transport will be provided to and from the hotel to the Emirates Arena during the Championships and to and from Glasgow International Airport for arrivals & departures. To request transportation on arrival in Glasgow please click the link below to submit your transport requests, by 11 September 2023: <https://badmintonscotland.org.uk/information-for-competitors/>

Please note players and officials travelling to Glasgow Prestwick Airport (approx 35 miles from Glasgow) and Edinburgh Airport (approximately 50 miles from Glasgow) will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Glasgow.

If you have any queries regarding transportation email transport@badmintonscotland.org.uk

Accreditation

Requests for accreditation must be made using our online accreditation portal. The deadline for applying for accreditations is Thursday 7 September 2023 and further information can be found on our website at <https://www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/information-for-competitors/>

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/>



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Cancellation

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.

Insurance

The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves. 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 Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.