



**YONEX BELGIAN
INTERNATIONAL**
BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT
PART OF BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

Invitation Form 2019



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Schedule	September 11 th	09:00	Qualifying Rounds (max. 100 matches)
	September 12 th	09:00	Main tournament (1 st and 2 nd round)
	September 13 th	10:00	Quarter-Finals
		18:30	Semi Finals
	September 14 th	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 13 th 2019 (23:59 BWF HQ-time)	Entry deadline
	August 13 th 2019	World ranking date for M&Q report
	August 16 th 2019	Date for publication of M&Q-report
	August 20 th 2019	World ranking date for seeding/draw
	August, 26 th 2019	Last day for withdrawals without fine
	August, 27 th 2019	Date for the draw
	September, 10 th 2019 (20:00 CET time)	Team managers meeting (venue)

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Philipssite Leuven 6
3000 Leuven
Phone: +32 16 740 740
E-mail: info.philipssite@sportoase.be
Website: www.sportoase.be/nl/philipssite



Entries

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

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=353B0447-C947-40B4-8EF2-9EFCD9C5EE65>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday August 13th 2019 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00).

Players can not 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.

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. In accordance with regulation 10.5 in Appendix 6 to BWF's General Competition Regulations, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

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 13th 2019 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00).
No late entries will be accepted.



Entry fees Singles: 55 euro per player
 Doubles: 50 euro per player per event

The Member Association 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.

Entry fees for all players must be paid by the Member Association before August 29th 2019. The invoice for all players will be sent by e-mail on August 20th 2019. 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 Association who is addressed in the invoice.

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.



Prize money € 22.490,- (US\$ 25.000)
 Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8975) of 29.05.2019 (date of issue of this invitation)

	MS	WS	MD	WD	MXD
Winner	1795	1795	2020/pair	2020/pair	2020/pair
Runner Up	1080	1080	1350/pair	1350/pair	1350/pair
Semi finalists	450	450	565/pair	565/pair	565/pair
Quarter finalists	180	180	All prices in €		

Prizes will be paid in cash in euros at the prize giving ceremonies or after the players' last match in the tournament. 18% domestic tax will be deducted.

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

Attention: any withdrawal after Monday August 26th 2019, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Members Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in the BWF statutes 2.5).

No shows 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 GCR).

Cancellation 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. (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 Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) 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, 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>

Visa

If you need Visa for Belgium, please send us the Visa application form, no later than August 1st 2019. Additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and has to be paid by the Member Association.

The VISA application form can be found on our tournament website and has to be sent to: yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be

Practice courts

On Tuesday September 10th 2019 practice courts (5) are available in the main hall from 18h00 till 21h45. Please send the request for practice form (available on our tournament website) to yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be.

M&Q

World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: Tuesday, August 13th 2019.
M&Q Report Release date: Friday, August 16th 2019.

Draw

Will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday August 27th 2019.
World Ranking date used for the Draw: Tuesday, August 20th 2019.

Website

www.belgian-international.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 will be penalised by 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 10th 2019 at 20h00 in a signposted room at the tournament venue.

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 yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be**.

HOTEL NR 1	HOTEL NR 2
<p>Park Inn by Radisson Leuven*** Martelarenlaan 36 3010 Leuven Tel: +32 (0)16 61 66 00 info.leuven@rezidorparkinn.com</p>	<p>Ibis Budget Leuven* Martelarenlaan 10 3010 Leuven Tel.: +32 (0)16 47 98 80 H6682@accor.com</p>
<p>Single Room: 9, 10, 11 & 12 Sept: 172 euro/night 13 Sept: 106 euro/night 14 Sept: 95 euro/night</p>	<p>Single Room: 9, 10, 11, 12 Sept: 125 euro/night 13 Sept: 65 euro/night 14 Sept: 70 euro/night</p>
<p>Double Room: 9, 10, 11 & 12 Sept: 183 euro/night 13 Sept: 117 euro/night 14 Sept: 106 euro/night</p>	<p>Double Room: 9, 10, 11, 12 Sept: 133 euro/night 13 Sept: 73 euro/night 14 Sept: 78 euro/night</p>



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

Airport transport Provided by the organizer between the following airports and the official hotels.

Brussels Airport (BRU) Leopoldlaan 1930 Zaventem FREE OF CHARGE	Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL) Rue des Frères Wright 8 6041 Charleroi 15,00 euro/trip/person
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Medical service A physiotherapist will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament.

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 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.



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For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us at yonexbi@badmintonvlaanderen.be. This includes the following :

- Visa application
- Practice court request
- Hotel booking request
- Transport request
- Officials accreditation: please send complete name, country and function

