



53rd Portuguese International Championships

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

International Series Tournament

Caldas da Rainha, 8 – 11 March 2018

INVITATION

ORGANIZER: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

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VENUE: High Performance Center for Badminton (Av. Vasco da Gama, Caldas da Rainha)

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:

Thursday, 8 March 2018

Qualification (if necessary)

Friday, 9 March 2018

9.00 – First and second round

Saturday, 10 March 2018

09.30 - Quarter finals

16.00 - Semi finals

Sunday, 11 March 2018

10.00 - Finals

CLOSING DATE: 6 February 2018

RANKING DATE (used for M&Q report): 8 February 2018

M & Q RELEASE DATE: 9 February 2018

RANKING DATE (used for seeding and draws): 15 February 2018

DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT PENALTY: 19 February 2018

DRAW DATE: The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on 20 February 2018

DATE FOR TEAM MANAGERS MEETING: 7th March 2018 – 20h

ELIGIBILITY:

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.

ENTRIES:

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=A9402552-E37E-428A-90FB-4733CFCE29DD>

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday 6 February 2018 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.

No late entries will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES:

Singles - 45€ per player; Doubles – 35€ per player/event.

The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

The Member Association that enters a player into a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fee are advised to be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.

The entry fee will not be refunded in the event of withdrawal for any reason whatsoever.

PRIZE MONEY:

8460€ (10 000USD * 0.84600 = 8460.00€ - Considering 5.December.2017 exchange rate):

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	845	845	1020	1020	1020
Runner up	460	460	590	590	590
Semi-finalist	255	255	amounts in €		

EVENTS:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The numbers of players/pairs accepted for the main events are 32 in Singles and 24 in Doubles.

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors. If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

BADMINTON EUROPE or the organizer are 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.

WITHDRAWALS AND NO SHOWS:

Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, together with the reason.

Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of USD150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in 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 USD500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show”.

ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Cristal Caldas*** (Address: Rua António Sérgio, 31 – Caldas da Rainha)

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€
Triple room	85€

Caldas Internacional Hotel*** (Address: Rua Dr Artur Figueiroa Rêgo nº 45 – Caldas da Rainha)

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited. Please send the accommodation requests until 28 February 2018. After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels.

Reservations should be paid by bank transfer, using the bank details bellow, until 28 February 2018.

TRANSPORT:

Transport will be provided free of charge between Lisbon International Airport and Caldas da Rainha (80 km) **only** for participants who booked hotel through the organization.

Other participants may request airport transport, but it will have a cost of 60€ per person (both ways).

Transport between the official hotels and the hall will also be provided free of charge during the tournament.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted under the BWF Competition Regulations and in accordance with the Regulations of the European Badminton Circuit.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time 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 two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she may be penalised by removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

In accordance with BWF competition regulations 19-23 and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 18. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. - A player failing to wear the name on the back of his/her shirt when mandatory shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

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.

SHUTTLES:

Snowpeak Superior C1101

COURTS:

5 Yonex courts (+2 warm up courts).

DRUG TESTING:

According to Portuguese law Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

INSURANCE:

The organizer and Badminton Europe declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

VISA:

If you need Visa to enter Portugal please ask the organizer for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the VISA in time.

PAYMENTS:

We would appreciate if you can make your payments (entry fees and accomodation) in advance, by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be accepted by the organization):

Name: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton
Bank: Millenium BCP
Address: Caldas da Rainha, Portugal
Account IBAN: PT50003300000010547324205
Bank SWIFT CODE: BCOMPTPL