



**SINGAPORE**  
BADMINTON OPEN 2018



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# **OFFICIAL INVITATION**

**TO THE SINGAPORE OPEN 2018,  
17 – 22 JULY**

**ORGANISER****Singapore Badminton Association**

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**VENUE****Singapore Indoor Stadium (SIS)**

2 Stadium Walk  
Singapore 397691

**CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

<b>Singapore Open 2018</b>			
<b>TUESDAY 17 July</b>	<b>QUALIFYING ROUND &amp; ROUND OF 32 FOR MIXED DOUBLES</b> (EXCEPT THE MATCHES WITH PLAYERS FROM THE MIXED DOUBLES QUALIFYING ROUND)	Start 0900 hrs (Mixed Doubles Main Draw to be played in the afternoon after qualifying)	4 courts
<b>WEDNESDAY 18 July</b>	<b>ROUND OF 32</b> (FOR MIXED DOUBLES : ONLY THE MATCHES WITH PLAYERS FROM THE QUALIFYING ROUND)	Start 0900 hrs	4 courts
<b>THURSDAY 19 July</b>	<b>ROUND OF 16</b>	Start 1400 hrs	4 courts
<b>FRIDAY 20 July</b>	<b>QUARTER-FINALS</b>	Start 1400 hrs	3 courts
<b>SATURDAY 21 July</b>	<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>	Start 1300 hrs	2 courts
<b>SUNDAY 22 July</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	Start 1300 hrs	1 court

**Note:** The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee

**REFEREES**

**Referee** : Eric Lissillour (FRA)  
 Email Address : [eric.lissillour@orange.fr](mailto:eric.lissillour@orange.fr)

**Deputy Referee** : Zahra Rahmat Haghnejad (IRI)  
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**PRIZE MONEY****US \$355,000.00**

Pewter Gifts or equivalent will be awarded to all winners and runners- up

*Note: Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations*

Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi- finalists	Quarter finalists	Last 16
MS	26,625	13,490	5,147.50	2,130	1,242.50
WS	26,625	13,490	5,147.50	2,130	1,242.50
MD (Pair)	28,045	13,490	4,970	2,573.75	1331.25
WD (Pair)	28,045	13,490	4,970	2,573.75	1331.25
XD (Pair)	28,045	13,490	4,970	2,573.75	1331.25

*\*Not subjected to tax*

**EVENTS**

Event	Entries		Max Entries For Qualifying Round
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	28	4	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Tuesday,5 June 2018**

- Member Associations are advised to log on to Singapore Open 2018:  
<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D7DEC522-C306-4A2A-9EC1-3C6DA23F4B33> and submit the entries online.
- You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact S. Ramachandran: [s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org](mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org).
- The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

- No entry forms are required by Member Associations.
- After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.
- The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by the Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following close of entries.
- If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.
- All entries must be submitted online only.

## **KEY DEADLINES**

### Ranking for M&Q, Qualifying Draw Seeding, Promotions

- M&Q List based on the BWF ranking list dated **Thursday, 7 June 2018** and published on **Friday, 8 June 2018**.

### Ranking for Main Draw Seeding and Draw

- Based on the BWF ranking list dated **Thursday, 21 June 2018**.
- Published on **Friday, 22 June 2018**.

### Withdrawals

- Will be according to the BWF Regulations. Withdrawals after **Monday, 25 June, 2018** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.

### Draw

- Draw will be made on **Tuesday, 26 June 2018 at BWF headquarters**.
- National Associations will be notified whether their players have been accepted directly into the Main Draw or if they are required to play in the Qualifying Rounds once entries are evaluated by BWF after the closing date.

## **CONDITIONS FOR ENTRIES**

- The Organiser 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.
- Costs of medical treatment and hospitalization in Singapore are high. Adequate medical Insurance coverage for your players / officials is necessary.
- Certificate of medical insurance coverage / full payment is required before medical treatment /Hospitalization takes place.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and shall comply with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) and BWF World Tour Regulations.
- No player shall be eligible to compete unless he/she is
  - under the jurisdiction of a Member Association of the BWF
  - has been declared in good standing with that Member Association
- The seeding of the draw shall be done by the BWF. The draw shall be conducted in accordance with GCR 11.
- Alterations to the competition schedule may arise due to television coverage or unforeseen circumstances. Such alterations shall be announced by the Referee.
- The Scoring System shall be in accordance with Law 7 of the Laws of Badminton.
- Notification of withdrawal(s) with reasons must be given as soon as practicable to the Tournament Secretary by fax or email. Withdrawal(s) made after **25 June 2018** for any reasons, shall be subjected to the penalty payment according to the BWF Regulation.
- Dope-testing Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List.
- Li-Ning A+600 shuttlecocks shall be exclusively used for the competition.

## **CLOTHING**

- Colour, design, lettering and advertising on players' clothing shall be regulated by General Competition Regulations 20 to 24. In particular, the following shall be noted;
  - It is **mandatory** for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the start of the main draw onwards.
  - It is **mandatory** that, from main draw onwards, the opposing players/pairs in each match wear different colours from each other. In the event of a breach to GCR 21.6, the player/pair ranked lower or listed lower in the M&Q report, whichever the case may be, will be required to change the colour of clothing.
  - The **name** of the player on the back of the shirt is **mandatory**.
  - The name of the player's country on the back of the shirt is optional
  - Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet and shall be placed, as close to horizontal as possible, near the top of the shirt. Lettering must be of a minimum height of 6 centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
  - Lettering sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be player name, country name (if present) and advertisement (if present).
- **Advertising** on players' clothing shall comply with GCR 24.
- In applying General Competition Regulations 20 to 24, the decision of the Referee shall be final.

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Type of Meeting	Date / Time	Venue
Press Conference	Monday, 16 July 2018 (1330 hrs)	Mandarin Orchard Singapore (Grange Ballroom, Level 5)
Team Managers' Briefing It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers meeting. Failing to attend the meeting they are liable to be fined as per the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5) and following GCR 9.3.3. Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee knows in advance that is acceptable.	Monday, 16 July 2018 (1600 hrs)	
Umpires' Meeting	Monday, 16 July 2018 (1700 hrs)	

**Note:** The meeting times are tentative and subjected to change.

## PRACTICE SESSIONS

### Practice Courts

- Practice courts will be available at **from Sunday, 15 July to Sunday, 22 July 2018**. The organiser will prepare an overall equitable practice schedule, taking into considerations the size of each team.
- Teams can put in their request on their preferred time, however this is subject to availability & on a first come first served basis. Please put up your request based on the attached form (Appendix A) by **29 June 2018**.
- 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice.

### Acclimatization Courts

- Acclimatization sessions at the Singapore Indoor Stadium (competition venue) will only be available on **Monday, 16 July 2018 (9am-9pm)**. The organiser will prepare an overall equitable acclimatization schedule, taking into considerations the size of each team.

## PRESS INTERVIEWS

All Players must strictly adhere to the request of Organisers to attend all press conference, activities, marketing, publicity and promotional activities related to the event as per the BWF regulations.

## TRANSPORTATION

1. Arrival flight details **must** be emailed to the organizer **[michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg) / [siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg)** by **29 June 2018** otherwise airport transfer will not be provided. (Refer to Appendix B for Travel Form)
2. Shuttle service between the official hotels and the competition/ training venue will be provided.
3. Teams who have not made hotel reservations through the organizers, must arrange for all their own transportation (between hotel, competition/ training venue and airport).
4. Teams arriving/departing by land must arrange for their own transport to/from the hotel.
5. Departure flight details **must** be provided at least **1 working day** in advance to the Tournament Secretariat at the hotel. Kindly note that you will need to find your own transportation to the airport should you be unable to provide the required notice.

## VISA

The Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority has implemented various measures to facilitate visa applications for entry to Singapore. For updated information, you may refer to the website: [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg) to check if visa is required for your respective countries. Deadline of submission for application form: **18 June 2017**. (Refer to Appendix C for Visa Application form)

## ACCOMMODATION

Official Hotel	Daily Room Rate
<b>Mandarin Orchard Singapore</b> 333 Orchard Road Singapore 238867 Tel: (65) 6737 4411 Fax: (65) 67322 361 Email: <a href="mailto:hilary.loong@meritushotels.com">hilary.loong@meritushotels.com</a> <a href="mailto:victor.chin@meritushotels.com">/victor.chin@meritushotels.com</a>	<b>Single/Double Room - \$330 nett inclusive of daily buffet breakfasts</b>  <b>Triple room- \$450 nett inclusive of daily buffet breakfasts</b>

## **CHECK –IN AND CHECK-OUT & PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

- Upon arrival to the hotel, please check in at the counter at the **Main Tower lobby located at level 1.**  
**It is recommended to pay the accommodation fees in advanced by the below mode of payment to avoid any dispute or delays when check-in.**

### **1) Bank Transfer**

The Member Association is responsible for paying the accommodation for that player/pair.

Please find the needed details as follows for **bank transfer**:

Account holder	Singapore Badminton Association
Address of account holder	5 Stadium Drive #02-40, OCBC Arena, Singapore 397631
Name of Bank	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited
Address of Bank	23 Serangoon Central #B2-28/29 Singapore, 556083
Account-No.	511-013732-001
Swift-Code	OCBCSGSG
Reason for payment	Singapore Badminton Open 2018 Accommodation >>> <i>please add your Country</i> <<<

**Bank Transfer - If entry fees will be submitted by bank transfer, the participating country will have to bear the bank transfer fees cost.**

- Check-in time at the Hotel starts from 1400hrs. Should you require a room to be confirmed for early arrival, a full day charge will be levied at the Group's room rate, subject to room availability.
- The official check-out time is 1100hrs. A half day charge at 50% of the room rate will apply for late check-out until 1800hrs. If guest checks-out after 1800hrs, a full day charge will be levied at the Group's room rate.
- All room reservations should be made by completing the hotel reservation form (**Appendix E**) and email to [siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg)/[michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg).  
*Note: Kindly make your reservations early to avoid non-availability of rooms.*
- **Rooms will be confirmed only if 100% of the room payment is received by Singapore Badminton Association through bank transfer, latest by 15 June 2018.**

- **Accommodation must be paid via bank transfer, latest by 15 June 2018.**
- Any correspondences with the hotel must be sent directly to the hotel sales team at [hilary.loong@meritushotels.com](mailto:hilary.loong@meritushotels.com) & [victor.chin@meritushotels.com](mailto:victor.chin@meritushotels.com) and copied to the Organisers at [michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg) & [siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg)
- Mandarin Orchard Singapore is the Official Hotel for the Event. The Hotel Secretariat Services will only be available at Mandarin Orchard Singapore. All meetings & press conferences (if any) will be held at Mandarin Orchard Singapore unless otherwise stated.
- Any incidental charges will be applied to individual guests' personal account, to be settled upon check-out.

**NO- SHOW / CANCELLATION/ SHORTENING OF STAY**

There will be no refund for the payments of room for **no- show / cancellation/ shortening of stay.**

**ACCREDITATION**

Please submit your **players'** and **officials'** passport size **photographs** in soft copy and your team officials' names in the prescribed form to: [chris@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:chris@singaporebadminton.org.sg) by **22 June 2018 (Refer to Appendix D for Accreditation Form)**. Entry to the arena for players and officials will be controlled at the entrance to the hall.

**Non-playing personnel**

The number of accreditation passes will depend on the size of the playing team as listed below. **Any additional or replacement passes will have to be purchased at 100 USD inclusive of GST.**

	<u>No. of Team Official Passes</u>
Teams with up to 10 players	4
Teams with between 11 – 16 players	5
Teams with between 17 – 25 players	6
Teams with over 25 players	7

**RELEVANT FORMS**

Please fill up and return the following forms by:

1. Practice Session Form (Appendix A)
2. Travel Form (Appendix B)
3. Visa Application Form(Appendix C)
4. Accreditation Form (Appendix D)
5. Hotel Reservation Form (Appendix E)

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