



YONEX-SUNRISE DR. AKHILESH DAS GUPTA INDIA OPEN 2018

(Part of the BWF World Tour)
OFFICIAL INVITATION

- Organizer** : Badminton Association of India (BAI)
- Sponsored By** : Yonex Sunrise
- Sanctioned by** : Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- Dates** : Tuesday, 30th January to Sunday, 4th February, 2018
- Venue** : Siri Fort Indoor Stadium, Siri Fort Complex, Siri Fort Road, New Delhi
- Prize Money** : US\$ 350,000/- (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of Government of India. Present minimum rate is 20.60%). The distribution of prize money will be as per BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.5 (Distribution of Prize Money) for BWF Grade 2 – Level 4 tournaments, as per the table below.

	EVENT	Champion	Runner-up	Semi-Finals	Quarter-Finals	Last 16
*	Men's Singles					
*	Women's Singles	USD26250.00	USD 13300.00	USD 5075.00	USD 2100.00	USD 1225.00
**	Men's Doubles					
**	Women's					
**	Doubles					
	Mixed Doubles	USD 27650.00	USD 13,300.00	USD 4900.00	USD 2537.50	USD 1312.50

*Per player ** Per Pair

Events (As follows) : Entries beyond the number specified below (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the status of your entries.

Event	Entries - Main Draw		Entries - Qualifying Draw
	Direct	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

Entries

Closing Date : **Tuesday, 19th December, 2017**

All entries must be submitted online only. Member Associations are advised to log on to **Yonex Sunrise Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta India Open Badminton Championships 2018** at: <http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1D04BED4-2309-4F7F-B469-5E878816AACF> and submit the entries online.

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.



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.

You will require a username and password to submit your entries. In case you do not have a username and password, this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact **Mr. Shan s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org**.

Entry Fees : No entry fees shall be charged if the entries are sponsored by the National Federation. In case of Individual entries from the Host Association only (not being part of the National Contingent), the following entry fees shall be charged:
Singles : INR 1,500 (Per player) Doubles : INR 2,500 (Per pair)

Regulations : The BWF Tour Regulations and General Competition Regulations shall be applicable to the Championship. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in the BWF Tour Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the BWF Tour Regulations shall take precedence. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Clothing Regulations : General Competition Regulations 19 to 23 will be applicable to the extent applicable along with the BWF Tour Regulations.

M&Q : M&Q List based on the BWF ranking list dated **Thursday, 21st December, 2017** and published on **Friday, 22nd December, 2017**

Seeding : For Main Draw, Seeding based on the BWF ranking list dated **Thursday, 4th January, 2018** published on **5th January, 2018**.

For Qualifying Draw Seeding based on the BWF ranking list dated **Thursday, 21st December, 2017** published on **22nd December, 2017**.

Withdrawals : Will be managed according to the BWF Regulations.

Withdrawals after **Tuesday, 7th January, 2018** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations. Withdrawals until this date must be intimated through online entry system by logging in the tournament link used for sending the entry. The withdrawals after that date must be informed by an e-mail to indiass@badmintonindia.org as soon as possible.

Withdrawals prior to the tournament must be accompanied by an appropriate certification. Withdrawals after the draw due to illness or injury must be supported by a medical certificate. Withdrawals after players arrive in venue city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee in writing.

Draw : Draw will be made on **Tuesday, 9th Jan. 2018**.

Shuttles : **Yonex AS 50**



Administration

Chairman Organising Committee	:	Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, President, Badminton Association of India E-mail: himantabsamaoffice@gmail.com	
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Tournament Committee Co-ordinators:		Mr O D Sharma Mr Sekhar Biswas Mr Narhar Thakur Mr. Viraj Sagar Das	
Competition Manager	:	Mr. Girish Natu	
Technical Co-ordinator	:	Mr . Gaurav Khanna Mobile: +91 (98390) 45592 Email: indiass@badmintonindia.org	
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Catering	:	Mr. Vikram Singh Bisht & Ms Poonam Singhal
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	:	V E Arunachalam & Mr Gautam Mahanta
Director Branding and FOP	:	Mr. K.N. Jaiswal
Joint Director Venue Operations	:	Col. Raj Parmar
Local Host	:	Delhi Capital Badminton Association (DCBA)
Referee	:	Mojmir Hnilica (CZE) E-mail: mojmir.hnilica@seznam.cz
Deputy Referee	:	Marcel Schormans (NED) E-mail: mschormans@badminton.nl
Assistant Referee (Local)	:	Uday Sane



Calendar and Schedules

Order of play :

Day	Date	Tentative	Tentative	Draw	Events	No. of Court
		Start time	End Time			
Tuesday	1/30/2018	9:00	12:00	Qualifying	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	5
		14:00	16:00	Qualifying	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	5
Wednesday	1/31/2018	9:00	13:00	Main	MS /WS/MD/WD/XD	5
		14:00	22:00	Main	MS /WS/MD/WD/XD	5
Thursday	2/1/2018					
		12:00	20:00	Main	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	4
Friday	2/2/2018					
		14:00	21:00	Main	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	3
Saturday	2/3/2018					
		14:00	21:00	Main	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	2
Sunday	2/4/2018					
		14:00	19:00	Main	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	1

Alterations due to TV-coverage or any other reason are possible and will be announced by the **Referee**. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the **Referee**. All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors who are not ready to play at the time for which their match is scheduled will be scratched.

Team Managers' Meeting

: **Monday, 29th January, 2018 at 1600 hours (local time)**

Meeting will be held at the Conference Hall of the Venue. The Team Manager must attend all Team Managers' Meeting or otherwise face a penalty as outlined in the General Competition Regulations."

Member Associations must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.

Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee knows in advance, that is acceptable.

Technical Officials' Briefing. : **Monday, 29th January, 2018 at 1700 hours (local time)** at the venue.

Practice Schedule

: Practice courts at the tournament venue will be arranged by the Organiser. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis for Monday, **Monday, 29th January, 2018**. The Referee will approve the practice schedule. For other days, requests should be sent in the prescribed format before the date specified in the form to indiass@badmintonindia.org. Practice Courts are available at the venue as from **Sunday, 28th January, 2018**.



Accommodation

Booking : Please fill in the attached registration form giving details of team members as well as individuals and forward to us before the date specified in the form to indiass@badmintonindia.org.

Officials Hotel :	Hotel Le Meridien
No. of Rooms available	150
Single Room (US\$)	USD160
Double Room (US\$)	USD175
Breakfast	Included in the tariff
Phone	+91 (11) 2371 0101
Website	www. Le-meridien-new-delhi.hotel-rn.com
Distance from Airport (Km)	10
Distance from Venue (Km)	8
Check In Time	3.00 pm
Check Out Time	12.00 noon

Kindly note the following:

There are limited rooms available in each hotel. The allotment will be made on first come first serve basis.

Hotel reservations are made ONLY through the Organizer.

We will be able to provide accommodation only to those persons registered with us on the requisite form. No guarantee can be given with respect to late booking.

Full Advance Payment to be made:

On receipt of your hotel booking request, we will raise official invoice for processing the hotel booking payment.

Full payment must be received before January 2, 2018 (Bank account details please refer to the below information). If payment is made after this date, an automatic surcharge of 10% will be levied upon the total payable amount.

Possible reservations of extra rooms at the time of check-in will also be surcharged with 10%.

Payment received in our bank should be net of Bank Charges. If bank charges, if any, deducted shall be reimbursed to the Organising Committee at the time of check in.

NO exceptions will be made.

Please send us a copy of the Remittance Advice for easy tracking of the remittance.

Bank Details for making payment:

Name of the account: Organising Committee India Open Super Series

Bank Account No.: 90621010002379

Bank Name: Syndicate Bank

Bank Address: Transport Bhawan, No. 1 Parliament Street, New Delhi

Swift Code: SYNBINBB126

IFSC Code: SYNB0009062

Cancellation Fees:

Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation, part or full, made 30 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees as per the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire tariff charged by the hotel for the rooms cancelled.

Time limit	Cancellation fees (%)
Up to 30 days before the date of arrival	NIL
From 30 days up to 10 days before the date	50%
From 10 days before the date of arrival or no	100%



Cancellations of the rooms cannot be made at the check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms. All damages to property of hotels or venues resulting from the stay of a national (regional) delegation shall be charged to the National Federation and paid in full. An early departure / amendment of dates after check in shall be subjected to the 100% cancellation fees.

Check-in /

Check-outs, Deposits: Early Check-in / late check-out will be charged as per the rules of the hotel.

The security deposit at the time of check-in to cover extras during stay shall be paid directly to the hotel as per the Hotel Rules.

It is forbidden to cook in all hotels in India. Any misconduct will lead automatically into costs which we will have to bill / charge the concerned National Federation.

If the organisers are required to pay for cleaning of rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will be charged to your team / National Association for the cleaning costs which will be INR 10,000 per room.

Services

Transport : Airport transfers from Indira Gandhi International Airport will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament who are staying in the official hotel. You are required to kindly let us have the travel details in the registration form, which should reach us at the e-mail ID - indiass@badmintonindia.org at least 7 days before the tournament, to enable us make the necessary arrangements.

Transport from the Official Hotels to the Venue will also be provided.

Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport and to the venue.

Physio : The Physio services will be available free.

Visa : Contingents requiring visa for entry into India, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable us send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The forms must be sent to indiass@badmintonindia.org so as to reach us before the date specified in the form.

You must apply for your visa at least 21 working days before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed. Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into India and the final decision is made by the Indian Embassy / High Commission in your country. 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 directly with the Consular Officer who is dealing with your application.

We do not accept any responsibility nor are we liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.

Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your association.



Other Matters:

Presentation

Ceremonies:

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but headgear, rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each presentation ceremony.

Doping Control :

Dope testing will be conducted as per BWF regulations.

Media Obligations:

The players will be required to fulfil the media obligations as per BWF norms.

Video Recording:

Written authorisation in the form of a sticker for the use of any video equipment only by coaches of the participating national associations must be obtained in advance from the Tournament Office. They must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.

The recording can be done for such approved cameras from a limited number of pre-designated positions. Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.

Accreditation :

There will be photographic accreditation for the tournament. All entry into the arena will be controlled by colour coded name badges. Players and Team Officials are requested to send their photos through e-mail to indiass@badmintonindia.org along with entries to keep accreditation cards ready and handover to them on their arrival at the Hotel.

Accreditation will be processed for the teams in two categories – Player and Team Official. Please ensure that proper category / Role is specified correctly to avoid any confusion.

The accreditation card is personal, non-transferable and revocable at any time at the organiser's or BAI's sole discretion.

Unauthorised use or alterations may result in revocation of the accreditation and the holder's eviction from the venue.

The holder assumes all risk in incidental to his / her actions, assumes all risks incidental to his / her attending the event and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Organisers / BAI / BWF from any and all claims, damages, losses, costs and any liability including but not limited to personal illness, injuries and / or property losses caused by, resulting from or in connection with his presence at the event.

The holder may not broadcast, publicise or make commercial use of any visual or audio material of any kind of the event if it breaches any licensing contract agreed to by the Organisers / BAI.

The holder also recognizes that he / she must immediately report the theft, loss or unauthorized use of the accreditation.

Acceptance of accreditation constitutes an agreement by the holder of the forgoing conditions. The holder who loses his / her accreditation (for whatever reason) will be charged a fee of USD 100 to re-issue the card.



In order to expedite the accreditation, we strongly recommend all the participants to send their photograph in soft form in JPEG format along with the accreditation form.

Colour, JPEG file

Passport style and size 45 mm high X 35 mm wide less than or equal to 240 kilobytes.

A recent and true likeness, showing full face, with no hat, helmet or sunglasses except for religious or medical reason AND if they do not obscure any facial features.

Taken against off white, cream or light grey background so that your features are clearly distinguishable.

Photographs that do not conform to these standards shall be rejected and might cause a delay when processing your accreditation.

All nominated team players will be issued accreditation free of charge. Complimentary ID passes will be issued to other accompanying persons such as team captain, coaches, doctors, support staff, etc. on the following scale.

Teams with player	No. of Free ID Passes
Up to 6	1
Between 7 to 12	2
Between 13 to 18	3
Between 19 to 24	4
More than 24	5

A limited number of additional ID passes in the Team Block seating may be purchased at a special rate of US\$ 100.

General Information

Contacts : For any further clarification / assistance, please contact the Organising Secretary at indiass@badmintonindia.org .

Indemnity & Insurance : By sending the entry for the tournament clearly signify acceptance of participating associations and its delegated competitors / officials to the indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and or to have any recourse against any costs, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss, death or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament or for non-granting of visa for India.

The organiser will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his / her participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical treatment (including any form of surgical procedure) and / or hospitalisation shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.

Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements.

**Welcome & All the best for
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