



GREETINGS FROM MARKHAM, ONTARIO - HOSTS OF THE LI-NING BWF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOVEMBER 5-18, 2018

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Badminton World Federation to trust Badminton Ontario and Badminton Canada to host the Li-Ning BWF World Junior Championships. The Li-Ning BWF World Junior Championships will be hosted in Markham, Ontario a hotbed for Badminton in Canada and the Pan American Zone. We would also like to take this opportunity to reach out to every Badminton enthusiast: Player, Coach, Volunteer, Builder, Family and Badminton Sport Organization. The success of this tournament will be a result of the collaboration of everyone at every level at these Championships. We would also like to thank and acknowledge the City of Markham who continue to support this event at the highest of levels.

Hosting the Li-Ning BWF World Junior Championships will be a major boost for the longer term legacy of international event hosting for Badminton Ontario and Badminton Canada. We are very excited about hosting over 600 athletes/coaches, officials, dignitaries and families. We are confident that each one of you will experience a top technical event and a top tourist destination full of amenities and services.

Preparation has been underway for almost one year following the decision by the BWF to have Markham, Ontario as the host of these World Junior Championships. This will be the third time that Canada has hosted a World Championship event.

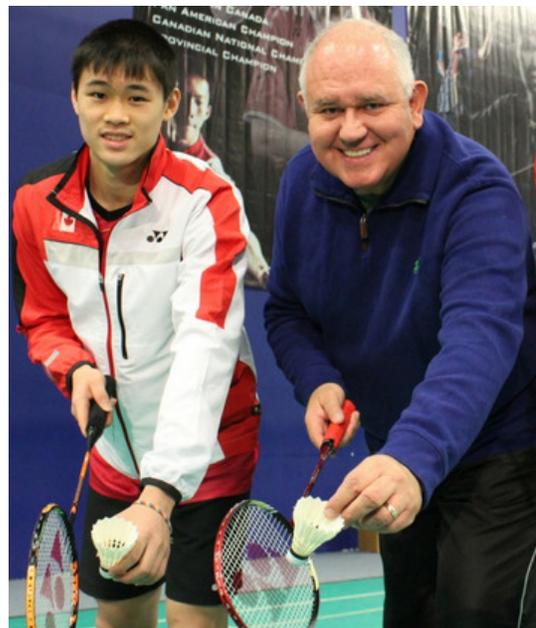
Preparation Highlights:

- The Local Organizing Committee leadership is almost complete. We have a few more leadership positions to complete and the Volunteer Recruitment has begun.
- We welcome all of you to our website (WJC2018.ca). Information is being added almost every day. All of the information to apply to **VOLUNTEER** is there. Please keep up to date on this website. The website also is linked through the BWF website.
- All accommodation information is listed on the WJC website. Please follow the information carefully. It is complete and staying at the tournament hotels will make everyone's experience better. We have negotiated the very best rooms, food and amenities possible.
- The Li-Ning BWF World Junior Championships will be played on 8 BWF approved badminton courts, 4 warm-up courts and a first class facility that offers many high performance sport amenities.

- There will be at least 4 off-site training locations close by (including one hotel) that will be used for training throughout the tournament.
- For athletes/families/officials/volunteers and visitors registered at the tournament hotels, there will be a free shuttle service from the Toronto Airport to official hotels. All accommodation information is posted on the WJC website. There will also be free shuttle service from the tournament hotels to the training and competition venue.
- We are very excited about a domestic and international Coaching Conference. More information will be posted shortly, a very exciting partnership with the BWF and several Coaching Partners in Canada.
- The planning for Culture Day (all athletes) is well underway. This area has much to share and celebrate with respect to the history and diversity of Canada. We are very excited to have every athlete experience this on November 11.
- This tournament will shine the light on the BWF/host Integrity Program. Every participant will have education on the importance of integrity (doping, match manipulation).
- The ticketing strategy is now underway. We will share information on ticket purchases and post on the WJC website.

All decisions made in the planning of this event are made with athlete/coach support being our #1 priority. We are hopeful that from the time an athlete or coach arrives in Toronto that all supports for their comfort and care are in place. Our goal is ensuring that all of the conditions for athletes to do their best are in place for every athlete.

On February 6th, 2018 the Local Organizing Committee hosted the first press conference with the City of Markham. The Canadian National Badminton Team took a break from training to meet the volunteers, the Mayor of Markham and speak about the value of hosting such a significant international event. The City of Markham is a committed partner and continues to support international badminton competitions in this community.



Badminton Ontario and Badminton Canada are pleased to announce that Li-Ning will be the Title Sponsor for the 2018 BWF World Junior Championships! They are committed to ensuring the technical support and look and feel of the tournament is outstanding from today forward.



2018 Li-Ning BWF World Junior Championships: Entry Deadlines



- If you wish to compete in the Team Championships Member Associations should submit their entry online **before Tuesday 24 of July 2018 23.59 hours BWF headquarters time (+08.00 hours GMT).**

Member Associations are advised to log onto:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=8A178E71-73D8-4FE3-B134-B358B70B75BD>

- For Individual events the closing date is: **Tuesday 23 of October 2018 23.59 hours BWF headquarters time (+08.00 hours GMT).**

Member Associations are advised to log onto: BWF 20th World Junior Individual Championships for the Eye Level Cups :

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=F6B352FE-DD7C-4F36-9F85-690ECB3C7D5A>

We welcome badminton enthusiasts and those who wish to volunteer to complete an application online today.

In advance, we thank and acknowledge the Team Managers for each country. They will be important in ensuring that hosts have up to date and complete information at every step of the pre-planning and at the Championships. From arrivals, departures, transport, training, accreditation to accommodation, your support will be very important. As a reminder please refer to the BWF/WJC Tournament document that was posted in January on the WJC2018.ca site. All dates and accommodation are included.

Thank you,

Marty Deacon

Chair

World Junior Championships, 2018

Markham, Ontario, Canada

