

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2018



Tournament Prospectus

Date: 14th- 18th November 2018
Entry Closing: 16th October 2018

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Address: [NAS Sports Complex – Dubai, UAE](#)

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1. Organizer	<p>UAE Badminton and Table Tennis Association</p> <p>Address: P O Box 6224, Dubai – UAE.</p> <p>Telephone: +971 55 8990580</p> <p>Email: dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: www.uaebadminton.ae</p>
2. Sanctioned by	<p>Badminton World Federation, Badminton Asia</p>
3. Date	<p>14th (Wednesday) to 18th (Sunday) November 2018</p>
4. Venue	<p>NAS Sports Complex, Dubai – UAE.</p> <p>Address: NAS Sports Complex, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai – UAE.</p> <p>Location Map: https://goo.gl/maps/VsmBsB58SCT2</p>
5. Entries	<p>5.1. Online Entry Link: - Member Associations are advised to submit your entries ONLINE at the link provided below:</p> <p>http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=FAF63FF8-FC7B-4182-B6E7-43203E85EE51</p> <p>5.2. Entry Deadline: 16th October 2018</p> <p>Kindly contact Mr. Shanmugam at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org for the username and password if required. The online entry page will close immediately on the entry closing date at 23:59 hours Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).</p> <p>5.2.1. All late submissions including technical error will not be accepted.</p> <p>5.2.2. All entries MUST be submitted by ranking order</p> <p>5.2.3. No changes to the entries are allowed except for withdrawal after the release of the M&Q Report.</p> <p>5.2.4. All entries MUST be submitted only through your Member Association. For members who are having technical difficulties, kindly contact Ms. Belle at belleng@badmintonasia.org before the Entry Dateline provided above. After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send a 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</p>

	<p>Thursday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the closure 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.</p> <p>5.3. Entry for UAE Players: Closing date is on Sunday, 6th October 2018. Interested players must pass your entry through UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Federation via the Email address: j.brahim@bwfbadminton.org</p>																																
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	<p>8.2. Badminton Asia will conduct the draw for the Dubai International Challenge 2018 on Tuesday, 30th October 2018.</p> <p>8.3. Players are required to have a BWF ID Number to enter. Players needing a new BWF ID Number are requested to apply at least Seven days before the closing date of the tournament. Players may contact the National Association accordingly.</p>																																										
9. Format of Play	<p>21 points X 3 games rally points system as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1).</p> <p>Play will be in accordance with the BWF Laws of badminton in conjunction with Alternative Service Laws (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4 - Alternative Laws of Badminton) without Fixed Height Experiment.</p>																																										
10. Entry Fee/ Payment mode	<p>Singles: 30\$, Doubles & Mixed: 25\$ per player/ 50\$ per pair</p> <p>Must be paid in USD or equivalent AED at the Tournament Help Desk inside Official Hotel, or at the venue as cash (no credit card accepted) before the first scheduled match.</p>																																										
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13. Shuttles/ Stringing	13.1. Shuttle: Yonex AS30																																										

	<p>13.2. Practice Shuttles: The organizer will provide limited quantity of shuttles (up to two shuttles per active player) to the team. If the players need additional quantities, they can buy from the Yonex kiosk within the venue.</p> <p>13.3. Stringing Services: Stringing services are available at the venue.</p>
<p>14. Competition Rules & Regulations</p>	<p>Dubai International Challenge 2018 is a Tournament governed under GCR 2.4. Relevant Badminton World Federation Regulations shall apply to this competition. This shall include, but not limited to Laws of Badminton, GCR, and Players/ Officials/ Coaches Code of Conduct.</p>
<p>15. Clothing & Advertising</p>	<p>15.1. Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the General Competition Regulations of Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24)</p> <p>15.2. The player's name on the back of clothing shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country (GCR 23.3)</p> <p>15.3. <u>Mandatory Clothing Regulations</u></p> <p>15.3.1. Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event.</p> <p>15.3.2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same color.</p> <p>15.3.3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colors from each other.</p>
<p>16. Withdrawals</p>	<p>16.1. Notification of withdrawal(s) with reason must be given immediately to UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Association by email and must be supported by a medical certificate. The organizers may require documentary evidence to support withdrawals for any other reason.</p> <p>16.2. If withdrawal arises after players have arrived at the venue, notification of withdrawal accompanied by supporting documentation must be made IN PERSON to the Referee or Deputy Referee.</p>
<p>17. Doping Test</p>	<p>The BWF Anti-Doping Regulations apply at this BWF sanctioned event. Players competing in this tournament are subject to in-competition drug testing under BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.</p>
<p>18. On Court Doctor</p>	<p>On Court Doctor will be on duty throughout the competition at the tournament Venue.</p>
<p>19. Team Managers' Meeting</p>	<p>13th November 2018 (Tuesday) at 17:00 Hours</p> <p>Venue: Meeting Room at the Tournament Venue</p> <p>* As per BWF Regulations, Each Team must be represented in the Team Managers Meeting. Failing to attend the Team Managers' meeting may result in a penalty.</p>

20. Technical Officials' Briefing	<p>13th November 2018 (Tuesday) at 18:00 Hours</p> <p>Venue: Meeting Room at the Tournament Venue</p>
21. Technical Officials	<p>21.1. Referee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name: Dr. Yoon Kok Thean (SGP)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email Address: YOONKT@spgroup.com.sg</p> <p>21.2. Deputy Referees</p> <p>21.2.1. Name: Mathew Varghese (UAE) Email Address: mathewvg@gmail.com</p> <p>21.2.2. Name: Tino Thomas (UAE) Email Address: tinothom@gmail.com</p>
22. UAE Visa Requirements	<p>GCC citizens do not need a visa to enter the UAE. Certain nationalities can obtain visa-on-arrival while others need to apply for visa in advance. Find out if you need a visa to enter the UAE from the link Dubai Visa & Entry Information.</p> <p>We suggest you process the visa application 14-21 days before the tournament start.</p> <p>22.1. Eligibility of Visa-free entry/ Visa on arrival</p> <p>Check the visa on arrival page from the UAE Government's official portal http://www.government.ae/ to know if you are eligible.</p> <p>22.2. GCC Residents' Visa.</p> <p>If you are an expatriate resident of a GCC country, you can visit the eVisa page from the UAE Government Portal for applying for a visa in advance. It is mandatory to have an eVisa before your travel.</p> <p>22.3. All other nationalities must apply for a visa through any of the channels below</p> <p>22.3.1. Recommendation: - We recommended using our Official Travel Agent, MEO GROUP OF COMPANIES FZE for this purpose.</p> <p>Contingents who require a visa for entry into UAE must furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable the Official Travel Agents to process the visa. The duly filled forms must be sent to dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com before the date specified in the form. The cost of processing visa is USD 110/- per applicant, which must be paid to the agent via bank transfer, as per the details in the Visa Request Form. We do not accept any responsibility nor are we liable under any circumstances for the costs and hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.</p> <p>22.3.2. Optional method: - Through a UAE based airline – check the respective links of Emirates, Etihad Airways, Fly Dubai or Air-Arabia.</p>

	<p>22.3.3. Should you need any assistance from the UAE Embassy in your country, visit the UAE Embassies abroad link to find out</p> <p>22.4. Invitation Letter: - Contingents requiring an “invitation letter” for processing visa/entry into the United Arab Emirates, are expected to email copies of their passport and photo in digital format not later than 18th October 2018 to the email address: dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com</p>
<p>23. Hotel Accommodation/Reservation</p>	<p>All the expenditures (Hotel and Food) must be borne by the respective National Association/Federation of Participants. Hotel Booking must be made through the organizer.</p> <p>23.1. Official Hotel Name: Holiday Inn Dubai - Downtown Dubai Address: Al Rigga Street, Deira. PO Box 29499, Dubai – UAE. Category: 4 Star. Check-In: 3pm and Check Out: 12pm. Daily Room Rate: USD 99/- (AED 365) Single/Double Occupancy. The hotel is in Deira, in the heart of Dubai and close to Dubai International Airport (5kms, nearly 10 minutes’ drive) and Al Rigga Metro Station (2-minute walk). It is nearly 22 km away (~25-30 minutes’ drive) from the Tournament Venue.</p> <p><u>Hotel Rate Conditions:</u> Rates are net inclusive of buffet breakfast for single/double occupancy. Rates are inclusive of 10% service charge, 10% municipality fee and 5% VAT; exclusive of USD 4 (AED 15) tourism fee per room per night payable upon check-in.</p> <p><u>Other Hotel Benefits:</u> Breakfast included. Complimentary WIFI overall the hotel. Complimentary Two bottle of water in the room. Complimentary Tea, coffee making facilities. Complimentary use of hotel Pool & Gym.</p> <p>23.2. Hotel Booking All hotel bookings must be made via the Official Travel Agents using the attached form. For Reservation, please submit your reservation forms to email: reservations@meo-group.com, latest by Monday 29th October 2018. You may use the dedicated web page created to handle any additional inquiries related to hotel booking, at http://www.meo-uae.com/440042310</p>
<p>24. Transportation</p>	<p>Organizers shall provide transport from Dubai International Airport (DXB, Terminals 1, 2 and 3) to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the venue to the players/officials attending</p>

	<p>the tournament and who have booked through the official channel. We request you to kindly send the travel details in the enclosed format, to the e-mail address dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com at least Seven days before the event, to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Teams who chose not to stay in the official hotel and not booked through the official travel partner must arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport to hotel and back and to and from the venue during the practice and tournament.</p> <p>Kindly note that the Tournament Venue has limited public transport connectivity.</p>
<p>25. Practice Sessions</p>	<p>Practice Courts are available at the venue from Tuesday, 13th November 2018.</p> <p>Practice Court requests should be sent in the prescribed format before the date specified in the form to dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis. The Referee will approve the practice schedule.</p>
<p>26. Accreditations</p>	<p>Please submit your Accreditation Forms to UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Association by email: dubaiinternationalchallenge@gmail.com</p>
<p>27. Indemnity & Insurance</p>	<p>Any participating associations and its delegated competitors/officials should agree to indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and against any claims for personal injury, monetary loss, death or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament.</p> <p>The organizer will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.</p> <p>Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the necessary insurance coverage to meet current requirements.</p>
<p>28. Regulations Specific to UAE</p>	<p>About Dubai and UAE – check the Official UAE Fact Sheet</p> <p>Dubai is the largest and most populous city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and is the capital of the Emirate of Dubai, one of the seven emirates that make up the country.</p> <p>Dress code: The UAE has a modest dress code, which is part of Dubai's criminal law. Most malls in the UAE have a dress code displayed at entrances. At Dubai's malls, females should cover their shoulders and knees; therefore, women are not permitted to wear sleeveless tops. However, people can wear swimwear at the pools and beaches.</p>

Religion: Islam is the official religion in the UAE; the practice of other religions is allowed.

Language: The official language of the UAE is Arabic. Other widely spoken languages include Bengali, English, Farsi, Hindi, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Russian, Sinhalese, Tagalog and Urdu.

Time: The UAE is 4 hours ahead of GMT.

Climate: The UAE maintains a desert climate. It is warm and sunny in the winter, and during the summer, it is hot and humid.

During November, the average temperature is 25°C (30°C to 18°C max-min).

Currency: The Emirati Dirham is the official currency of the UAE, abbreviated officially as AED.

The UAE Dirham is pegged to the USD. 1 USD = AED 3.6725

Working days: Government and semi-government offices operate from Sunday to Thursday.

Airports: Dubai has two airports viz. [Dubai International Airport](#) (IATA code: DXB) and [Al Maktoum Airport](#) (IATA code: DWC). The DXB is at the heart of the city and close to the official hotel and the venue and a preferred disembarkation point for the participants.

The DXB Airport has three terminals, with Terminals 1 and 2 handling both international and domestic flights from airlines around the world, and Terminal 3 is for the exclusive use of Emirates Airlines and its passengers.

For more details, visit the Government of Dubai web page [for visitors here](#).

Traveling in and around Dubai: From public means like the Dubai Metro, buses, taxis, and marine transportation to private transport, the city offers easy and affordable travel to visitors and residents alike, in city as well as inter-emirates.

Attractions in Dubai: Visit the linked [Dubai Tourism web page](#) to know more.

Dubai has a reputation for being a visionary city; a first-mover that shapes its own destiny.



We wish you a pleasant stay and all the very best in Dubai, as you shape your Badminton Journey here.

