



31 August 2018



BOTSWANA INTERNATIONAL 2018

On behalf of the **Botswana Badminton Association (BBA)**, we have the pleasure to invite your Association to participate in the Botswana International 2018 (Future Series) which will be held from Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th November 2018 in Lobatse. Information on the tournament are as follows:

EVENT	BOTSWANA INTERNATIONAL 2018 Future Series
VENUE	<u>Lobatse Sport Complex Multipurpose Hall (4 Courts)</u> Lobatse, Botswana Practice sessions can be arranged on arrival upon request and will be subject to court availability.
DATES	Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 November 2018
EVENTS	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
ENTRY FEE	\$30 per player (for non-African players only)
VISA	Application for visa must be made to the Botswana Embassy in your country or a neighbouring country. Support letter can be provided upon request from your association. You can also log in here for more information: http://www.gov.bw/Ministries--Authorities/Ministries/Ministry-of-Labour--Home-Affairs-MLHA/Tools--Services/Services--Forms/Requirements-for-VISA-application/ Please note that NO visa on arrival will be delivered.

ACCOMMODATION	<p><u>Cumberland Hotel</u> <u>Lobatse</u></p> <p>Price (Full board – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – all meals at Cumberland Hotel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Double Room: USD 75 / Person ▪ Single Room: USD 100 / Person <p>Check in/out at the hotel is at 12h00. The accommodation and meals charges must be paid immediately upon arrival. All accommodation (full board) charges should be paid directly to the hotel when checking in subject to prevailing exchange rates (Botswana Pula BWP vs USD). The accommodation should be paid in local currency BWP.</p>														
AIRPORT	<p>Gaborone International Airport Airport Code :GBE</p>														
REFEREE	<p>Mr. Emmanuel Kgaboetsile - BOT (BWF Accredited Umpire) Email: ekgaboetsile@debswana.bw</p>														
SHUTTLECOCK	<p>RSL Tourney (BWF Approved)</p>														
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Local transportations will be provided free of charge to participants and officials. The Hotel is approximately 60 minutes from the Airport and the Badminton Hall is 5 minutes from the Hotel.</p>														
TEMPERATURE	<p>In November, the temperature varies around 26°C during the day and at night it's around 22°C.</p>														
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ENTRIES	<p>All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 23h59 BWF HQ (Kuala Lumpur) time (GMT + 08.00)</p> <p>Member Associations must log on to the Botswana International 2018 at: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DED4453E-13D8-4F47-AF0A-0D1B0364AC74</p> <p>If you require a username and password to submit your entries online, please contact Mr Ramachandran s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org BWF Senior Events Officer. All entries must be confirmed by the National Association. Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players are on the current BWF banned list. No late entries will be accepted.</p>														

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<p><i>(All times are subject to change, detailed schedule will be published after the draw)</i></p>																													
TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING	<p>Wednesday 21 Nov 2018 @ 18h30 in the meeting room of the official Hotel or the hall. The tournament will start later on the same day. These schedules are subject to change, please contact the organisers for more details.</p>																												
WITHDRAWALS	<p>Withdrawal of players without penalty is Monday 5 November 2018. Players withdrawing after Monday 5 November 2018 or no-show will have to pay a fine of US\$ 150 and US\$ 500 respectively.</p>																												
INSURANCE	<p>Participants must arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The organisers will not be responsible for any medical costs.</p>																												

<p style="text-align: center;">CONDITIONS</p>	<p>The tournament will be played on a knock-out system and in full accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the BWF and the instructions of Badminton Confederation Africa. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered.</p> <p>All prizes (including prize money) will be distributed during the official prize giving ceremony after the finals. Players shall not plan their departure before the prize giving ceremony; the organisers will not award medals and prize monies before the finals.</p> <p>According to the BWF General Competition Regulations, there is no world ranking points for an International with less than 8 entries in (MS, WS, MD, WD and XD). In such a case, the tournament may be cancelled and the organisers will not take any responsibility for any arrangements that may have been already made.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CONTACTS</p>	<p><u>Botswana Badminton Association</u> Email: president@botswanabadminton.com; secretary@botswanabadminton.com Phone: +267 76 768 966 ; +267 71 661 990</p> <p><u>Badminton Confederation Africa</u> Email: bcaedoo@gmail.com Phone: +230 57 14 91 00</p>

We are at your complete disposal for any additional information you may need, don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,




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