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INVITATION

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powered by the City of Czestochowa
Czestochowa, March 28th-31st, 2019
part of the
BEC Elite Circuit International Challenge Tournament
and a
World Ranking Tournament

PRIZE MONEY: € 22.136,- (US$ 25.000)
Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8850) of 14.12.2018 (date of issue of this invitation)!

CLOSING DATE: 26.02.2019

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VENUE: „Hala Polonia”, 42-200 Czestochowa, Dekabrystów 43, Poland.

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Ms. Edyta Wasilewska e-mail: contact@polishopen.net

DATE: March 28th - 31st, 2019

PROVISIONAL
SCHEDULE:  
March 27th (Wednesday):  8.00 p.m. Team Manager - Meeting  
                          9.00 p.m. Umpires Meeting  
March 28th (Thursday):  9.00 a.m. Qualification  
March 29th (Friday):    9.00 a.m. Main draw  
March 30th (Saturday):  10.00 a.m. Quarterfinals  
March 30th (Saturday):  15.00 p.m. Semifinals  
March 31st (Sunday):    10.00 a.m. Finals  

The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on TV requirements. The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organizer’s website.

ENTRY FEES:  
Singles: € 50.- per player  
Doubles: € 50.- per player/event  

Entry fees have to be transferred till 18th March 2019 in EURO on the following account  
Account owner: SAINTS BADMINTON ACADEMY- MACIEJ OCIEPA  
Bank: ING Bank Slaski S.A  
Account: 98 1050 1142 1000 0092 1471 7531  
IBAN: PL 98 1050 1142 1000 0092 1471 7531  
SWIFT-BIC: INGBPLPW  

There is also possibility to pay for entry fees and hotel to the organizers when players arrive.  
The member association that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.  
The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member Association. The invoice must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed the organizers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to BADMINTON EUROPE.  
All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament.  
If a player/pair is listed on a “Waiting List”, no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place, the organizers must have this promotion confirmed by the association/associations of the respective player/pair. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.  
Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if Member Associations or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

ENTRIES:  
All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.  

Entries must be submitted not later than 26th February 2019 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00).  
16:59 Local time for tournament organizer (GMT +01.00)  
16:59 Central European time (GMT +01.00)  

Players cannot be entered unless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case you wish to enter players who do not have a BWF ID-number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.  
No late entries will be accepted.
EVENTS: Men’s Singles, Women's Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draw is 32 for Men’s Singles, Women's Singles and 24 for Men’s Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

System of the Competition: K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and competition regulations of the BWF.

Eligibility: Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

Shuttles: YONEX AS 50

Courts: 5 Yonex AC 367

Prize money: € 22.136,- (US $ 25.000,-)

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Official exchange rate ( USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8850) of 14.12.2018 (date of issue of this invitation) for foreign players winning prize money, a 10% tax will be deducted.

The Organizer will pay the prize money in cash at the prize giving ceremony to the players/pairs competing in the finals.

Dates:

Entry deadline: 26 February 2019  
World Ranking used for M&Q Report: 26 February 2019  
M&Q release date: 1 March 2019  
World Ranking used for seeding and draw: 5 March 2019  
Withdrawal date: 11 March 2019  
Draw date 12 March 2019

Withdrawals and No shows: Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

Attention: Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations). Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of US$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).
Last date for withdrawals without penalty: Monday 11 March 2019

Minimum number of entries: It is required that every event in a particular BEC Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors. If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Draw: Will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday 12 March 2019.

Team Managers Meeting: March 27th 2019 (Wednesday) 8.00 p.m., Hala Polonia, 42-200 Czestochowa, Dekabrystow 43

Visa: Important for all players who need visa for Poland. Please request immediately from Polish Badminton Association an official INVI TATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible (e-mail: a.bieleniewicz@pzbad.pl).

Conditions of play: The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of badminton and the competition regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the Elite Circuit Regulations. Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Betting instructions: There will be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of BWF’s Player's Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct for Coaches & Officials and will be sanctioned by BWF.

Airport: Transport (pick up) only from AIRPORT KATOWICE PYRZOWICE to the Tournament hotels and from the hotels to the Airport provided by the Organizer. Local transport is provided by the organizer, free of charge, if accommodation is booked to the official hotels. The Airport Katowice Pyrzowice is located 58 km from Czestochowa. Please notify the tournament office about your pick up time until 15th March 2019. This information should be e-mailed to: contact@polishopen.net.

Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she will be penalized by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations)

Accommodation 1) Hotel Mercure Czestochowa Centrum***
ks. J. Popiełuszki 2
Room Rates
Single Room: 90 EURO/night (breakfast included)
Double Room: 120 EURO/night (breakfast included)

2) IBIS Hotel**
Jaskrowska 22
42-200 Czestochowa, Poland http://
www.ibis.com/polska/index.pl.shtml Room
Rates
Single Room: 80 EURO/night (breakfast included)
TWIN Room: 100 EURO/night (breakfast included)

The hotel reservation has to be made directly at mail address: 
contact@polishopen.net
Payment for accommodation have to be transferred till 28th February 2019 in EURO on the following account
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Important remark to Accommodation:  A room contingent has been blocked until 3.03.2019

Medical service:  A doctor and physician will be present in the sports hall during the tournament.

Drug testing:  According to Polish law drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

Clothing and Advertising:  In accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations 20-24. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final. According to the BEC ELITE CIRCUIT Regulations 18.2 and 18.3:.
- The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw.
- It is mandatory - that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw.

Practice facilities:  On 27th March 2018 practice courts will be available in the hall from 5.00 p.m. till 9.00 p.m. Practice courts reservation should be e-mailed to: contact@polishopen.net

Insurance:  The organizer and Badminton Europe declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

BEC Elite Circuit Regulation
3.4 and 3.6  3.4 The organizing Member Association can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member Association organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.
3.6 Member Association and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.