



INVITATION to compete in

FINNISH OPEN 2019 International Challenge Part of the Badminton Europe Circuit

4 – 7 April 2019

ORGANISER

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CONDITIONS

The Finnish Open will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations, of which the Finnish Open forms a part.

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 penalised 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.

VENUE

Energia Areena, Rajatorpantie 23, FIN-01600 Vantaa
Phone: +358 10 633 0303 (during tournament only)
There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotel and the tournament venue.

DATES

Thursday 4 April 2019: Qualifications (if necessary) from 09.00
Friday 5 April 2019: Main tournament from 09.00
Saturday 6 April 2019: Quarter Finals from 10.00 and Semi-Finals from 16.00
Sunday 7 April 2019: Finals from 10.00

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the tournament's website.

The Team Managers meeting will be held at the tournament Venue at 19:00 on Wednesday 3rd of April. The organizer will arrange the transport from and to the official hotel.



EVENTS

Men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles
Number of players/pairs accepted for the tournament:

	Main draw
Men's singles	32
Women's singles	32
Doubles	32

BEC Elite Circuit regulations 3.3.

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.

In accordance with regulation 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT

BEC Elite Circuit regulations

3.4 The organising 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.

ENTRIES

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=0572AAA4-62DC-43EC-B9C3-109006EF0F2F> (opens for entries on 25th of December 2018)

Players can't 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!**



CLOSING DATE

5th of March 2019 at 23.59 BWF HQ-time (17.59 UTC +2)

VISA: Important for all players who need visa for Finland.

Please request immediately from Badminton Finland the official INVITATION LETTER by a valid Visa details form from tournament [web-page](#) and apply as soon as possible.

DRAW

The Draw will be made by Badminton Europe 19th of March 2019

KEY DATES

- Closing Date for Entries (Tue) 5th of March
- World Ranking Date used for Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report (Tue) 5th of March
- Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date (Fri) 8th of March
- World Ranking Date used for Seeding Report (Tue) 12th of March
- Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty (Mon) 18th of March
- Draw Date (Tue) 19th of March

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees:

EUR 50 in singles

EUR 45 per player in doubles (EUR 90 per combination)

Organizer: Badminton Finland

Bank: Nordea

IBAN: FI4814543000102205

BIC: NDEAFIHH

The Member Association that enters a player into a 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 by the Member Association by midnight local time on the closing date. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organizers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

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. 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.

If a player/pair is listed on a Reserves 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 players have outstanding fees from a previous year.



No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 7.10.

WITHDRAWALS

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 (or US\$ 1000,00) for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

PRIZE MONEY

There will be total prize money of EUR 21.915 (equals USD 25.027 based on exchange rate 1 USD = 0.875 EUR on December 10th 2018), which will be distributed at the prize ceremony. A local tax of 15% will be deducted from the prize money.

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD	Total
Winner	1750	1750	1970*	1970*	1970*	9410
Runner-up	1050	1050	1315*	1315*	1315*	6045
Semi-finalist	440	440	550*	550*	550*	5060
Quarter-finalist	175	175				1400
					Total	21915

*= per pair

INSURANCE

To be arranged individually by participants.

BETTING

There can 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.



ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

The Finnish Open will be conducted according to the BWF Regulations 20-24 and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulation 18 on advertising and clothing. For International Challenge tournaments, the name on the back of the shirt is mandatory for all matches. It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour T-shirt and shorts/skirts. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100 EUR.

TOURNAMENT WEB SITE: www.badminton.fi/finnishopen

OTHER INFORMATION

* The finals will be televised, and the international signal will be sold worldwide by Legardère Sports.

* The Tournament Referee will be Cleopatra Monco (Italy) - cleopatramonco@badmintonitalia.net

* Shuttlecocks Kumpoo 99

* The tournament will be played on Pro courts (6 courts on Thursday and Friday).

* Drug testing: According to Finnish law, drug testing might be carried out on a random basis at any time during the tournament.

ACCOMMODATION

The official tournament hotel will be the Scandic Helsinki Aviacongress. It is situated very close to the Airport. All the players and officials will get free transportation according to the timetable from the Airport to the official tournament hotel and back by the Airport bus service: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/scandic-helsinki-aviacongress/shuttle-bus>

There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotel and the tournament venue. Please book your rooms from: <https://tinyurl.com/Hotel-bookingcode> to get the lowest price for your accommodation. All guests must settle their own accounts before departure.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY – LATEST 18.3.2019.

Scandic Helsinki Aviacongress

<https://tinyurl.com/Scandic-FO2019>

Address: Robert Huberin tie 4, FIN-01510 VANTAA

Phone: +358 9 6899 9031 (international call charge)

E-mail: aviacongress@scandichotels.com

Prices:

EUR 101 triple room (per room = twin room with extra bed), includes breakfast

EUR 86 twin room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 78 single room (per room), includes breakfast





PRACTICE COURTS

There will be possibility to practice at the tournament venue on Wednesday 3rd of April in the afternoon, a day before the tournament starts. More information with schedule will be published at the tournament webpage. Practice times can be booked with a form from tournament [web-page](#).

ARRIVAL

The official airport is Helsinki-Vantaa (HEL). There will be no pickup service as the tournament hotel is located in the Airport area. All the players and officials will get free transportation according to [the timetable](#) from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to the official hotel and back by the hotel's Airport shuttle bus service. Teams will get an info letter of Finnish Open 2019 when they arrive to the tournament hotel.

