



INVITATION

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT
WHITE NIGHTS 2019

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit and a World Ranking Tournament



10-14 July 2019

Closing date: 11 June 2019

Prize money: 25000 USD

VENUE:

Sports Hall "Arena", Generala Knysha Street 14A, Gatchina, St-Petersburg region
(Matches on-line: YouTube channel – “Gatchinskii sport”)

PRIZE MONEY:

USD 25 000

PRESENTED BY:

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Official Web-site:

<http://www.russkikh.com/whitenights-2019/>

KEY DATES:

- Visa support deadline: 10 June 2019
- Hotel reservation deadline: 15 June 2019
- Entry deadline: 11 June 2019
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: 11 June 2019
- M&Q Report Release Date: 14 June 2019
- World Ranking date used for seeding/draw: 18 June 2019
- Last day of withdrawal without penalty: 24 June 2019
- Draw Date: 25 June 2019

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TIME SHEDULE (EXPECTED):

09 July (Tuesday): arrivals and practice

10 July (Wednesday): qualifications 09.00

11 July (Thursday): 09.00 1st round XD, 11.40 1st round MS/WS, 17.00 1st round MD/WD

12 July (Friday): 09.00 2nd round XD, 11.30 2nd round MS/WS, 16.00 2nd round MD/WD, 19.00 3^d round MS/WS

13 July (Saturday): 10.00 quarter finals, 16.00 semi finals

14 July (Sunday): finals 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 organizer's website.

Please refer to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 9.5 regarding **players' departure**: 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

PARTICIPANTS:

Players from National Associations, accepted by the BWF are allowed to attend the event.

ENTRIES: until 11 June 2019 at 23.59 BWF Headquarters time.

Link: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=232D7E9C-48BD-4C5D-80F1-4D0795216AA2>

No late entries will be accepted.

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.

EVENTS:

Men's singles, Women's singles, Men's doubles, Women's doubles and Mixed doubles. It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite 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 SIZE:

Men's singles 48, Women's singles 48, Men's doubles 32 (PAIRS), Women's doubles 32 (PAIRS), Mixed doubles 32 (PAIRS). This indicates the maximum numbers of players/pairs in the main draw in the respective events.

ENTRY FEES:

Regarding EF you have to follow Badminton Europe Elite Circuit regulations 17.1 and 17.2: 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.

Euro/player in single 50 euro

Euro/player in double 45 euro

All entrees should be paid by cash to organizers. Bank transfers are impossible.

Prize money division: All prize money is paid in cash in US-Dollars (\$)

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	2000	2000	2250	2250	2250
Runner up	1200	1200	1500	1500	1500
SF	500	500	625	625	625
QF	200	200			

No taxes will be deducted.

NUMBER OF COURTS: 4 courts. Brand - Gerflor Taraflex Badminton

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 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

VISA SUPPORT:

After entering a player(s) in the tournaments it is the Member Nation's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough.

Contact the organizers about visa support if needed. Important: to get invitation you need to fill "Visa form" and sent it to fokarena@gmail.com until **10 June**. For most of countries it is much simpler to get "tourist visa" kind than "sport visa" kind.

OFFICIAL POINTS OF ARRIVAL:

Pulkovo airport (St. Petersburg). We provide free transportation from airport to official hotels for participants, coaches and officials. For others the price is 15 euro.

Please reserve on time **not later than June 28** by sending information to: whitenightstransport@gmail.com

CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

Color, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same color of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

In applying these regulations the decision of the Referee shall be final.

SHUTTLES:

RSL Classic Tourney

BETTING:

According with BWF's "Players' Code of Conduct" and "Code of Conduct for Coaches & Officials": 4.5. Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results: Players have obligations to protect the integrity of badminton. Under this Code of Conduct, Players must follow all the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (BWF Statutes, Section 2.4).3. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT Technical Officials are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in the Code of Conduct: Follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results.

INSURANCE

Participants must arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property.

3.6 Member Association and/or Organizer 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 Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel request should be made **until 17 June 2019**. Please send it to Konstantin: fokarena@gmail.com. All payment for accommodation should be made to organizers by cash. Bank transfer is impossible.

Hotel Gatchina (Centre of city. 10 minutes by official transport from sport hall)
web: <http://hotel-gatchina.ru>, address: Gatchina, Gorkogo str. 21, tel. +7 (921) 931-2012

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Standard (single)	3000	+/+
Standard twin (2 beds)	3800	
Standard (triple)	4500	

Hotel Garden House (Stars 4) <http://hotel-gh.com/en/> (Centre of city. 7 minutes by official transport from sport hall) Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, Prospekt 25-th Oktyabrya 3, tel. 8 (81371) 344-99

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Standard (single/double)	3500/4900	+/+
Standard + (single/double)	3700/5500	
Superior (single/double. 1 big bed)	7000	

Hotel Boutiqie Stolica (Stars 4) (Centre of city. 12 minutes by official transport from sport hall), <http://boutiquestolica.com/en/> Address: Gatchina, Chkalova street, 21a, tel. +7 (965) 059-09-09

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single	3000	Breakfast – 250 rubles per day /+
Standard twin (2 beds)	3400	
Standard (1 big bed)	3400	

Aksioma Hotel (small hotel. 10 rooms) <http://aksiomahotel.ru/> (15 minutes by official transport from sport hall), address: Gatchina, Izotova 20. Tel. +7-962-717-38-13

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single	2000	+/+
Double (2 beds)	2800	

Room for 4 persons	4800	
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Hotel Alexandria (Stars 3), Booking of this hotel starts from end of May. (Centre of city. 10 minutes by official transport from sport hall), address: Gatchina, Dostoevskogo str. 21, tel. +7(81371) 9-49-85

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Standard (3 beds)	3600	+/+
Standard (4 beds)	4800	

COURT PRACTICING

Practice time: 09 July from 10.00 to 22.00. Location – Sports Hall "Arena", Generala Knysa Street 14A. To take free court for practice you should reserve it by e-mail:

fokarena@gmail.com

It is a penalty for booked but not used court – 15 euro.

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Team managers meeting will be held on 09 July at 20:00 at sporthall Arena. There will be transport provided from official hotels and back (check information at the hotel reception)

PHOTOS FROM TOURNAMENT

You can check photos by this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/R4jrBwzLQko9PvVC9>

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 organizing 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.

AWARDING:

Winners, runners up and semi finalists will be awarded with diplomas and special prizes of National Badminton Federation of Russia

We are looking forward to see you in Russia!

Mr. Andrey Antropov

Chairman of Council

National Badminton federation of Russia