

INFOSYS FOUNDATION -INDIA INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2019

OFFICIAL INVITATION

- Organizer** : Badminton Association of India (BAI)
- Sponsored By** : INFOSYS FOUNDATION
- Sanctioned by** : Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Asia
- Dates** : 20th November to 24th November, 2019
- Venue** : Cricket Club of India, Mumbai (CCI)
Brabourne Stadium, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020.
- Prize Money** : US\$ 25,000 (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of Government of India. Present minimum rate is 20.60%). The distribution of Prize Money will be as per the General Competition Regulations of BWF.

Events	Winners	Runners Up	Semi-finalist	Quarter finalists	Pre- Quarter Finals
MS(Per Player)	1875	950	362.50	150	87.50
WS(Per Player)	1875	950	362.50	150	87.50
MD (Per Pair)	1975	950	350	181.26	93.76
WD (Per Pair)	1975	950	350	181.26	93.76
XD (Per Pair)	1975	950	350	181.26	93.76

(All Figures in US\$)

- Events** : Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Entries beyond the number specified below (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the status of your entries.

Event	Entries - Main Draw		Entries - Qualifying Draw
	Direct	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	24	8	32
Women's Singles	24	8	32
Men's Doubles	12	4	16
Women's Doubles	12	4	16
Mixed Doubles	12	4	16

- Entries Closing Date** : **22nd October 2019**
15th October 2019 for Indian Players Only

- All entries must be submitted online only. Member Associations are advised to log on at: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=2BCC3082-8922-4AD9-8FA3-764870902316> and submit the entries online.
- The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 Hrs GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
- After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send 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 Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 Hrs GMT) following close of entries. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 Hrs GMT) following the close of

entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

- You will require a username and password to submit your entries. In case you do not have this, you can be obtained from the BWF: please contact Mr. Shan at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.

Entry Fees : No entry fees shall be charged if the entries are sponsored by the National Federation. In case of Individual entries from the Host Association only (not being part of the National Contingent), the following entry fees shall be charged:
Singles: INR 1,500/- (Per player)
Doubles: INR 2,500/- (Per pair)

Regulations : The General Competition Regulations of BWF shall be applicable to the Championship including for the clothing and advertising. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Medals : Medals will be awarded to All Champions and Runner ups of the competition.

Scoring System : The tournament will adopt rally point system of best of three games of 21 points.

Clothing Regulations : Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24).

Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database, and if desired, the initial(s) of the name(s) registered as the First Name 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

Mandatory Clothing Regulations

1. Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event.
2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same color.
3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colors from each other.

Fixed Height Service: As of year 2019, Fixed Height Service law will be applicable on all Grade 3 Events.

M&Q : M&Q List based on the BWF Ranking List dated **22nd October 2019** and will be published on **23rd October 2019**.

Seeding : For Main Draw based on the Based on the BWF Ranking list dated **29th October 2019** For Qualifying Draw based on the BWF Ranking list dated **22nd October 2019**. **Seeding will be published on 30th October 2019**.

Withdrawals : Will be according to the BWF Regulations.

- Withdrawals after **04th November 2019** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Withdrawals until this date must be intimated through online entry system by logging in the tournament link used for sending the entry. The withdrawals after that date must be informed by an e-mail to indiaic@badmintonindia.org as soon as possible.
- Withdrawals prior to the tournament, must be accompanied by an appropriate certification.
- Withdrawals after the draw due to illness or injury must be supported by a medical certificate.
- Withdrawals after players arrive in venue city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee in writing.

Draw : Draw will be made and published on **Tuesday, 05th November, 2019**

Shuttles : Yonex AS 40

Administration

- Local Host** : **Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA)**
- Chairman** : Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Tournament : President, Badminton Association of India
Committee : Mobile: +91 (78960) 50000
- Deputy-Chair** : Mr. Devender Singh
Organising : Senior Vice-President, BAI
Committee : Mobile: +91 (98888) 81678
- Vice-Chair** : Mr. Arun Lakhani
Organising : President, MBA
Committee : Mobile: +91 (98230) 82032
- Secretary** : Dr. O. D. Sharma
Tournament : Chair, Tournament Committee, BAI
Committee : Mobile: +91 (94191) 22132
- Tournament** : Mr. Ajay Kumar Singhania
Committee : General Secretary, BAI
Co-ordinator : Mobile: +91 (94165) 90009
- Tournament** : Mr. Omar Rashid
Committee : Secretary Events, BAI
Jt. Co-ordinator : Mobile: +91 (94351) 94786
- Working Chair** : **Mr. Vimal Kumar**
Organising : Telefax: +91-80-99457-80298
Committee : E-mail: indiaic@badmintonindia.org
- Organising** : **Mr. S. A. Shetty**
Secretary : Midas Arlein (Padmini Co-Op Housing Society)
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- Competition** : **Mr. Apinder Sabharwal**
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- Referee** : Ms. Fariba Madadi (IRI)
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- Deputy Referee** : Mr. Gaurav Khanna (IND)
E-mail : gauravparasports@gmail.com

Calendar and Schedules

Order of play :

Day	Date	Play
Wednesday	20-11-2019	Qualification Rounds
Thursday	21-11-2019	Main Draws
Friday	22-11-2019	Main Draws
Saturday	23-11-2019	All Semi – Finals (MS/WS/MD/WD/XD)
Sunday	24-11-2019	All Finals (MS/WS/MD/WD/XD)

- Alterations due to TV-coverage or any other reason are possible and will be announced by the **Referee**. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the **Referee**.
- All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors who are not ready to play at the time for which their match is scheduled will be scratched.

Team Manager's Briefings :

Tuesday, 19th November, 2019 at 1800 hours (local time)

- Briefing will be held at the Conference Hall of the Venue
- As per BWF Regulations, the Team must be represented in the Managers' Briefing. Failing to attend will attract fine / penalty in accordance with GCR Part III Section 1A, Appendix 11 "Offences and Penalties".
- Member Associations must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.

Technical officials' Briefing :

Tuesday, 19th November, 2019 at 1900 hours (local time) at the venue.

Practice Schedule :

Practice courts at the tournament venue will be arranged by the Organiser. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis for **Tuesday, 19th November, 2019**. The Referee will approve the practice schedule. For other days, requests should be sent in the prescribed format before the date specified in the form to indiaic@badmintonindia.org. Practice Courts are available at the venue as from **Monday, 18th November, 2019**.

Accommodation

Booking :

Please fill in the attached registration form giving details of team members as well as individuals and forward to us before the date specified in the form to indiaic@badmintonindia.org.

Sr No	Hotel Name	Tarriff (INR) Per Room	Breakfast	Telephone No	Website
1	Astoria Hotel (OFFICIAL HOTEL)	7,198/- Double Room	Included (Free Wifi)	+91 22 6654 1234	www.astoriamumbai.com
		6,903/- Single Room			

Kindly note the following:

- There are limited rooms available. The allotment will be made on first come first serve basis. **Kindly fill the credit card details form to confirm the hotel bookings. Room Bookings will not be confirmed without filling the credit card form**
- Hotel reservations in the official hotel are to be made ONLY through the Organizer.
- We will be able to provide accommodation only to those persons registered with us on the requisite form. No guarantee can be given with respect to late booking.
- THE PAYMNET WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.

• **Cancellation Fees:**

- Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation, part or full, made 30 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees as per the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire tariff charged by the hotel for the rooms cancelled.

Time limit	Cancellation fees (%)
Up to 30 days before the date of arrival	NIL
From 30 days up to 10 days before the date of arrival	50%
From 10 days before the date of arrival or no show	100%

- Cancellation of the rooms cannot be made at the time of check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.
- All damages to property of hotels or venue resulting from the stay of a national (regional) delegation shall be charged to the National federation and is required to be paid in full.

- An early departure / Amendment of dates after check-in shall be subjected to the 100% cancellation fees.
- **Check-in / Check-outs, Deposits:**
 - The check-in and check-out time will be at 12 noon and 12 noon respectively.
 - Early Check-in / late check-out will be charged as per the rules of the hotel.
 - The security deposit at the time of check-in to cover extras during stay shall be paid directly to the hotel as per the Hotel Rules.
- It is forbidden to cook in all hotels in India. Any misconduct will lead automatically into costs which will be billed / charged the concerned National Federation.
- If the organisers are required to pay for cleaning of rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge your team / National Association for the Cleaning costs of USD 100 per room.

Services

Transport : Airport transfers from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Mumbai will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament and who are booked through the organisers in the official hotels. You are required to kindly let us have the travel details in the registration form, which should reach us at least 7 days before the event, to enable us make the necessary arrangements.

Transport from the Official Hotels to the Venue will also be provided.

Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers.

Physio : The Physio services will be available with prior appointment and payment of fees directly to the physio.

Visa : Contingents requiring visa for entry into India, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable us send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The forms must be sent to indiaic@badmintonindia.org so as to reach us before the date specified in the form.

- You must apply for your visa at least 21 working days before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed.
- Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into India and the final decision is made by the Indian Embassy in your country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt directly with the Embassy Officer who is dealing with your application.
- We accept no responsibility nor are liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.
- Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your association.

Doping control :

- Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.
- Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).
- For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

Badminton Integrity :

- Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.
- To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.
- Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.

**Compliance with
GCR Clause 7.9 :**

GCR 7.9: “In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary Processes.”

Other matters:

**Presentation
Ceremonies:**

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but headgear, rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each presentation ceremony.

Doping control : Dope testing will be conducted as per BWF norms.

Media Obligations: The players will be required to fulfil the media obligations as per BWF norms.

Video Recording:

- Written authorisation, in form of a sticker, for the use of any video equipment only by coaches of the participating national associations, must be obtained in advance from the Tournament Office. The sticker must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a valid authorisation sticker.
- The recording can be done on such approved cameras from a limited number of pre-designated positions.
- Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and/ or its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.

General Information

Contacts : For any further clarification / assistance, please contact the Organising Secretary at indiaic@badmintonindia.org

**Indemnity &
Insurance :**

By sending the entry for the tournament clearly signify acceptance of participating associations and its delegated competitors / officials to the indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and / or to have any recourse against the organizing committee for any costs, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in and / or postponement or cancellation of the said tournament and / or for non-granting of visa for India.

The organiser will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained or death, at any time, by any player or official arising from his / her participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical treatment (including any form of surgical procedure) and / or hospitalisation or transport, etc. shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.

Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements.



Welcome & All the best for
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