

INVITATION

to compete in

FINNISH OPEN 2020

World ranking and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit
International Challenge Tournament

Tournament dates 2 – 5 April 2020

Entry closes on 3 March 2020

Official hotel reservation closing date 13 March 2020

ORGANISER

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<https://finnishopen.sulkapallo.fi/en/>

REFEREES

Tournament Referee: Jens Köster (Germany) - jens-koester@gmx.de

Deputy referee: Ari Vartiainen (Finland) – ari.vartiainen@pp.nic.fi

DATES

Wednesday 1 April 2020 - Practice courts available 16:00-21:00 at the venue

Wednesday 1 April 2020 – Team Managers meeting 19:00 at the venue

Wednesday 1 April 2020 – Umpire briefing 20:00 at the venue

Thursday 2 April 2020: Qualifications (if necessary) from 09.00

Friday 3 April 2020: Main tournament from 09.00

Saturday 4 April 2020: Quarter Finals from 10.00 and Semi-Finals from 16.00

Sunday 5 April 2020: 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 organizer will arrange the transport from and to the official hotel for Team Managers and Umpires for meetings on April the 1st.

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 for those who stay in the official hotel.

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.

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
Men's Doubles	32
Women's Doubles	32
Mixed 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 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.

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.

ENTRIES

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=338829AD-F486-4C06-AFF9-C49897137C14> (opens for entries on 24th of December 2019)

Players can't be entered unless they 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!**

Compliance with 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."

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

3rd of March 2020 at 23.59 BWF HQ-time (GMT +8h)

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

<https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>

Please request immediately from Badminton Finland the official Letter of Invitation 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 on Tuesday 17th of March 2020

KEY DATES

- Closing Date for Entries (Tue) **3rd of March 2020**
- World Ranking Date used for Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report (Tue) **3rd of March 2020**
- Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date (Fri) **6th of March 2020**
- World Ranking Date used for Seeding Report (Tue) **10th of March 2020**
- Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty (Mon) **16th of March 2020**
- Draw Date (Tue) **17th of March 2020**

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees:

EUR 55 in singles

EUR 50 per player in doubles (separately MD, WD and XD) EUR 100 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. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to BADMINTON EUROPE by a tournament organiser following the above-mentioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member Association who is addressed in the invoice.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw.

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the association/associations of the respective player/pair before it takes place. 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 22.515 (equals USD 25.017 based on exchange rate 1 USD = 0.90 EUR on December 13th 2019), which will be distributed in cash at the prize ceremony. A local tax of 15% will be deducted from the prize money.

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD	Total
Winner	1800	1800	2025*	2025*	2025*	9675
Runner-up	1080	1080	1350*	1350*	1350*	6210
Semi-finalist	450	450	565*	565*	565*	5190
Quarterfinalist	180	180				1440
					Total	22515

*= per pair

To Quarterfinalists and Semi-finalists their prizes will be paid after their last matches.

INSURANCE

To be arranged individually by participants.

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.

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

Colour, 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 colour 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.

DOPING CONTROL

During the tournament drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time. 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/>



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.

* Shuttlecocks Kumpoo Game Point 99

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

ACCOMMODATION

The official tournament hotel will be the Airport Hotel Bonus Inn (**new hotel**). 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 Bonus Inn Hotel bus service: <https://www.bonusinn.fi/en/airport-shuttle/>

There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotel and the tournament venue. Please book your rooms from: <https://www.bonusinn.fi/en/> and use the code **F-OPEN20** to get the lowest price for your accommodation. All guests must settle their own accounts before departure.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY – LATEST 13.3.2020.

Bonus Inn

<https://www.bonusinn.fi/en/>

Address: Elannontie 9, FIN-01510 VANTAA

Phone: +358 9 825511 (international call charge)

E-mail: hotel@bonusinn.fi

Prices:

EUR 85 single room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 96 twin room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 110 triple room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 120 room for four (per room), includes breakfast

PRACTICE COURTS

There will be possibility to practice at the tournament venue on Wednesday 1st 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 Airport to the official tournament hotel and back by the Bonus Inn Hotel bus service: <https://www.bonusinn.fi/en/airport-shuttle/>. Teams will get an info letter of Finnish Open 2020 when they arrive to the tournament hotel.

