



# DUBAI INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2019

A stylized graphic of a shuttlecock with a black base and three large, curved feathers in red, black, and green.

16 - 20 October 2019  
NAS Sports Complex

## Tournament Prospectus

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Entry Closing: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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## Dubai International Challenge 2019

<b>1. Host Organizer</b>	<p><b>UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Association</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> P O Box 6224, Dubai – UAE.</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> +971 55 8990580</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:uaebevents@gmail.com">uaebevents@gmail.com</a> , <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.uaebadminton.ae">www.uaebadminton.ae</a></p>
<b>2. Sanctioned by</b>	Badminton World Federation, Badminton Asia
<b>3. Date</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) to 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) October 2019</b>
<b>4. Venue</b>	<p><b>NAS Sports Complex, Dubai – UAE.</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> NAS Sports Complex, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai – UAE.</p> <p><b>Location Map:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/VsmBsB58SCT2">https://goo.gl/maps/VsmBsB58SCT2</a></p>
<b>5. Entries</b>	<p><b>5.1.</b> Participation is open to all BWF Recognized National Associations.</p> <p><b>Online Entry Link:</b> - Member Associations are advised to submit your entries ONLINE at the link provided below:</p> <p><a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=7494E661-2385-4CDF-A587-19238397B33C">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=7494E661-2385-4CDF-A587-19238397B33C</a></p> <p><b>5.2. Entry Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b></p> <p>Kindly contact Mr. Shanmugam at <a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org">s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org</a> for the username and password if required. The online entry page will close immediately on the entry closing date at 23:59 hours Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).</p> <p>5.2.1. All late submissions including technical error, will not be accepted.</p> <p>5.2.2. All entries MUST be submitted by ranking order</p> <p>5.2.3. No changes to the entries are allowed except for withdrawal after the release of the M&amp;Q Report.</p> <p>5.2.4. All entries MUST be submitted only through your Member Association. For members who are having technical difficulties, kindly contact Ms. Belle at <a href="mailto:belleng@badmintonasia.org">belleng@badmintonasia.org</a> before the Entry Dateline provided above. After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send a 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 (+08.00h GMT) following the closure of entries. If no objection is received by BWF by</p>

	<p>Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections shall be entertained after this point.</p> <p><b>5.3. Entry for UAE Players:</b> Closing date is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Interested players must pass your entry through UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Federation via the Email address: <a href="mailto:uaebevents@gmail.com">uaebevents@gmail.com</a></p>																																				
<p><b>6. Tentative Schedule</b></p>	<p>Below is the tentative schedule of play. Alterations due to TV coverage or any other reasons are possible at the discretion of the Referee and UAE Badminton Association.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 674 1398 1178"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Start Time</th> <th>Program</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Oct.2019</td> <td>Hrs</td> <td></td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>15<sup>th</sup></td> <td>17:00</td> <td>Team Managers' Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>15<sup>th</sup></td> <td>18:00</td> <td>Technical Officials' Briefing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>16<sup>th</sup></td> <td>09:00</td> <td>Qualifying Rounds &amp; Main Draw MS/ WS R64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>17<sup>th</sup></td> <td>09:00</td> <td>Main Draws – All Events Round of 32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>18<sup>th</sup></td> <td>09:00</td> <td>R16 &amp; QF. (Prayer break 12:00 – 14:00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>19<sup>th</sup></td> <td>18:00</td> <td>Semi-Finals of all events.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>20<sup>th</sup></td> <td>18:00</td> <td>Finals</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All events are on a strict timetable system. The match will be forfeited if the player(s) are not present at the time of play when their match is scheduled. (This seduced is subject to confirmation by the referee)</p>	Day	Date	Start Time	Program		Oct.2019	Hrs		Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	17:00	Team Managers' Meeting	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Technical Officials' Briefing	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Qualifying Rounds & Main Draw MS/ WS R64	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Main Draws – All Events Round of 32	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	R16 & QF. (Prayer break 12:00 – 14:00)	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Semi-Finals of all events.	Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Finals
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<p><b>8. Seeding &amp; Draw</b></p>	<p><b>8.1.</b> The seeding will be determined using BWF World Rankings. The World Rankings dated <b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> will be used.</p> <p><b>8.2.</b> Badminton Asia will conduct the draw for the Dubai International Challenge 2019 on</p>																																				

	<p>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.</p> <p><b>8.3.</b> Players are required to have a BWF ID Number to enter. Players needing a new BWF ID Number are requested to apply at least seven days before the closing date of the tournament. Players may contact the National Association accordingly.</p>																																											
<b>9. Format of Play</b>	21 points X 3 games rally points system as per the Laws of Badminton.																																											
<b>10. Fixed Height Device</b>	As per BWF regulation, starting 2019, all Grade 3/ Continental Championships must follow Fixed Height Service (1.15 m) and shall use the BWF approved fixed-height service measuring device.																																											
<b>11. Entry Fee/ Payment mode</b>	<p>Singles: 50\$, Doubles &amp; Mixed: 50\$ per player/ 100\$ per pair</p> <p>Must be paid in USD or equivalent AED at the Tournament Help Desk inside Official Hotel, or the venue as cash (no credit card accepted) before the first scheduled match.</p>																																											
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<b>13. Key Dates</b>	<p>Entries closing</p> <p>Ranking for M &amp; Q</p> <p>M &amp; Q Publish date</p> <p>Main draw seeding</p> <p>Seeding report publish date</p> <p>Last Date for withdrawals without penalty</p> <p>Draw</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Tuesday)</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Tuesday)</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Friday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Tuesday)</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Friday)</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Monday)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 (Tuesday)</p> <p>The updated documents can be found in Badminton Asia Website at :  <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=7494E661-2385-4CDFA587-19238397B33C">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=7494E661-2385-4CDFA587-19238397B33C</a></p>																																										
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<b>Regulations</b>	not limited to the Laws of Badminton, GCR, and Players/ Officials/ Coaches Code of Conduct.
<b>16. Clothing &amp; Advertising</b>	<p><b>16.1.</b> Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24)</p> <p><b>16.2.</b> Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 &amp; 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</p> <p><b>16.3. <u>Mandatory Clothing Regulations</u></b></p> <p>16.3.1. Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event.</p> <p>16.3.2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same color.</p> <p>16.3.3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colors from each other.</p>
<b>17. Withdrawals</b>	<p><b>17.1.</b> Withdrawals will be dealt with in accordance with GCR 13 to 14. Withdrawals after the last date without penalty, please notify the following with medical certificate</p> <p><b>17.2.</b> Notification of withdrawal(s) with reason must be given immediately to the following personnel.</p> <p>Belle Ng: <a href="mailto:belleng@badmintonasia.org">belleng@badmintonasia.org</a></p> <p><b>Referee:</b></p> <p>P.P.S. Rohana De Silva (SRI) : <a href="mailto:paduladesilva@yahoo.co.uk">paduladesilva@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Referee:</b></p> <p>Tino Thomas (UAE) : <a href="mailto:tinothomas_uae@outlook.com">tinothomas_uae@outlook.com</a></p> <p>Mathew Midhun Mammen (UAE): <a href="mailto:mammen_midhun@yahoo.com">mammen_midhun@yahoo.com</a>,</p> <p>Host organizer: <a href="mailto:uaebevents@gmail.com">uaebevents@gmail.com</a></p> <p>The organizers may require documentary evidence to support withdrawals for any other reason.</p> <p><b>17.3.</b> If withdrawal arises after players have arrived at the venue, notification of withdrawal accompanied by supporting documentation must be made IN PERSON to the Referee or Deputy Referee.</p> <p><b>17.4.</b> Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of USD 150.00 per a player/pair to the BWF.</p> <p><b>17.5.</b> Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in</p>

	advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of USD 500.00 for the “no show” as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).
<b>18. Doping Test</b>	<p>18.1 Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>18.2. 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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:  <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>
<b>19. Badminton Integrity</b>	<p><b>19.1.</b> Chapter 2, 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.</p> <p><b>19.2.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>19.3.</b> Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of any matches.</p>
<b>20. Compliance with GCR 7.9</b>	GCR 7.9: “In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF’s regulations and Disciplinary Processes.”
<b>21. On Court Doctor</b>	On-Court Doctor will be on duty throughout the competition at the tournament Venue.
<b>22. Dispute</b>	In matters involving disputes over the plays throughout the championships, the Referee’s decisions will be the final.
<b>23. Team Managers’ Meeting</b>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Tuesday) at 17:00 Hours</p> <p>Venue: Meeting Room at the Tournament Venue</p> <p>* As per BWF Regulations, Each Team must be represented in the Team Managers Meeting. Failing to attend the Team Managers’ meeting may result in a penalty.</p>
<b>24. Technical Officials’ Briefing</b>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Tuesday) at 18:00 Hours</p> <p>Venue: Meeting Room at the Tournament Venue</p>
<b>25. Technical Officials</b>	<p><b>25.1. Referee</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Name: P.P.S. Rohana De Silva (SRI)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Email Address: <a href="mailto:paduladesilva@yahoo.co.uk">paduladesilva@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>25.2. Deputy Referees</b></p>

	<p>25.2.1. Name: Tino Thomas (UAE) Email Address: <a href="mailto:tinothomas_uaebf@outlook.com">tinothomas_uaebf@outlook.com</a></p> <p>25.2.2. Name: Mathew Midhun Mammen (UAE) Email Address: <a href="mailto:mammen_midhun@yahoo.com">mammen_midhun@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>26. UAE Visa Requirements</b></p>	<p>GCC citizens do not need a visa to enter the UAE. Certain nationalities can obtain visa-on-arrival while others need to apply for a visa in advance. Find out if you need a visa to enter the UAE from the link <a href="#">Dubai Visa &amp; Entry Information</a>.</p> <p>We suggest you process the visa application 14-21 days before the tournament start.</p> <p><b>26.1. Eligibility of Visa-free entry/ Visa on arrival</b> Check the <a href="#">visa on arrival page</a> from the UAE Government’s official portal <a href="http://www.government.ae/">http://www.government.ae/</a> to know if you are eligible.</p> <p><b>26.2. GCC Residents’ Visa.</b> If you are an expatriate resident of a GCC country, you can visit the <a href="#">eVisa page</a> from the UAE Government Portal for applying for a visa in advance. It is mandatory to have an eVisa before you travel.</p> <p><b>26.3. All other nationalities must apply for a visa through any of the channels below</b></p> <p>26.3.1. <b>Recommendation:</b> - Contingents who require a visa for entry into UAE must furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable the Official Travel Agents to process the visa. The duly filled forms must be sent to <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a> before the date specified in the form. The cost of processing visa is USD 100/- per applicant, which must be paid to the agent via bank transfer, as per the details in the invoice (will be sent once you submit the Visa Request Form). We do not accept any responsibility nor are we liable under any circumstances for the costs and hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.</p> <p>26.3.2. Optional method: - Through a UAE based airline – check the respective links of <a href="#">Emirates</a>, <a href="#">Etihad Airways</a>, <a href="#">Fly Dubai</a> or <a href="#">Air-Arabia</a>. This is applicable only if you are traveling with any of those airlines.</p> <p>26.3.3. Should you need any assistance from the UAE Embassy in your country, visit the <a href="#">UAE Embassies abroad</a> link to find out</p> <p><b>26.4. Invitation Letter:</b> - Contingents requiring an “invitation letter” for processing visa/entry into the United Arab Emirates, are expected to email the form along with copies of their passport and photo in a digital format not later than 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to the email address: <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>27. Hotel Accommodation/</b></p>	<p>All the expenditures (Hotel and Food) must be borne by the respective National Association/Federation of Participants. Hotel Booking must be made through the organizer.</p>



<b>Reservation</b>	<p><b>Hotel Name: Holiday Inn Dubai Festival City</b></p> <p>Address: Gateway Avenue, Dubai Festival City, P O Box 410909, Dubai</p> <p>Category: 4 Star. Check-In: 3pm and Check-Out: 12pm.</p> <p>Single Occupancy: USD 95/-</p> <p>Double Occupancy: USD 110/-</p> <p>The hotel is in <a href="#">Dubai Festival City</a>, one of the most exciting, must-see destinations which combine World-Class shopping, hotels, entertainment, and lifestyle experiences situated on one of Dubai's most famous waterfronts. With its contemporary and spacious design, access to a variety of dining and leisure facilities, a short drive from Dubai International Airport (8kms, nearly 10 minutes' drive) and downtown, as well as direct access to <a href="#">Festival City Mall</a>, offering over 500 retail stores, <a href="#">Holiday Inn Dubai Festival City</a> would be the ideal choice for a memorable stay in Dubai during the DIC 2019. It is nearly 24 km away (~25-30 minutes' drive) from the Tournament Venue.</p> <p><u>Hotel Rate Conditions</u></p> <p>The above rate is inclusive of breakfast, Wi-Fi, 7% Municipality Fees, 10% Service Charge, 5% VAT and AED 15 Tourism Dirham</p> <p><b>Hotel Booking</b></p> <p>All hotel bookings must be made to the Official Hotel directly using the attached form.</p> <p>For Reservation, please submit your reservation forms to email: <a href="mailto:lovina.dalmeida@ihg.com">lovina.dalmeida@ihg.com</a> with cc to <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a> latest by <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>.</p>
<b>28. Transportation</b>	<p>Organizers shall provide transport from Dubai International Airport (DXB, Terminals 1, 2 and 3) to the official hotel and from the official hotel to the venue to the players/officials attending the tournament and who have booked through the official channel. We request you to kindly send the travel details in the enclosed format, to the e-mail address <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a> latest by <b>6<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>, to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Teams who choose not to stay in the official hotel must arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport to hotel and back and to and from the venue during the practice and tournament. Kindly note that the Tournament Venue has limited public transport connectivity.</p>
<b>29. Practice Sessions</b>	<p>Practice Courts are available at the venue from 9 am on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</p> <p>Practice Court requests should be sent in the prescribed format before the date specified in the form to <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a>. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis. The Referee will approve the practice schedule.</p>
<b>30. Accreditations</b>	<p>Please submit your Accreditation Forms to UAE Table Tennis and Badminton Association by email: <a href="mailto:uaebfevents@gmail.com">uaebfevents@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>31. Indemnity &amp;</b>	<p>Any participating associations and its delegated competitors/officials should agree to indemnity</p>



<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and against any claims for personal injury, monetary loss, death or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament.</p> <p>The organizer will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.</p> <p>Please ensure that your players &amp; team officials possess the necessary insurance coverage to meet current requirements.</p>
<p><b>32. Regulations</b></p> <p><b>Specific to UAE</b></p>	<p>About Dubai and UAE – check the <a href="#">Official UAE Fact Sheet</a></p> <p>Dubai is the largest and most populous city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and is the capital of the Emirate of Dubai, one of the seven emirates that make up the country.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> The UAE has a modest dress code, which is part of Dubai's criminal law. Most malls in the UAE have a dress code displayed at entrances. At Dubai's malls, females should cover their shoulders and knees; therefore, women are not permitted to wear sleeveless tops. However, people can wear swimwear at the pools and beaches.</p> <p><b>Religion:</b> Islam is the official religion in the UAE; the practice of other religions is allowed.</p> <p><b>Language:</b> The official language of the UAE is Arabic. Other widely spoken languages include Bengali, English, Farsi, Hindi, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Russian, Sinhalese, Tagalog and Urdu.</p> <p><b>Time:</b> The UAE is 4 hours ahead of GMT.</p> <p><b>Climate:</b> The UAE maintains a desert climate. It is warm and sunny in the winter, and during the summer, it is hot and humid.</p> <p>During October, the average temperature is 29°C (35°C to 23°C max-min).</p> <p><b>Currency:</b> The Emirati Dirham is the official currency of the UAE, abbreviated officially as AED. The UAE Dirham is pegged to the USD. 1 USD = AED 3.6725</p> <p><b>Working days:</b> Government and semi-government offices operate from Sunday to Thursday.</p> <p><b>Airports:</b> Dubai has two airports viz. <a href="#">Dubai International Airport</a> (IATA code: DXB) and <a href="#">Al Maktoum Airport</a> (IATA code: DWC). The DXB is at the heart of the city and close to the official hotel and the venue and a preferred disembarkation point for the participants.</p> <p>The DXB Airport has three terminals, with Terminals 1 and 2 handling both international and domestic flights from airlines around the world, and Terminal 3 is for the exclusive use of Emirates Airlines and its passengers.</p>

For more details, visit the Government of Dubai web page [for visitors here](#).

**Traveling in and around Dubai:** From public means like the Dubai Metro, buses, taxis, and marine transportation to private transport, the city offers easy and affordable travel to visitors and residents alike, in the city as well as inter-emirates.

**Attractions in Dubai:** Visit the linked [Dubai Tourism web page](#) to know more.

Dubai has a reputation for being a visionary city; a first-mover that shapes its own destiny.



We wish you a pleasant stay and all the very best in Dubai, as you shape your Badminton Journey here.



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