INVITATION TO

CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2020
part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 750

AXIATA ARENA, KUALA LUMPUR SPORTS CITY, KL
31 March – 05 April 2020

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: US$750,000.00

CLOSING DATE: 18 February 2020

To All BWF Member Associations:

Your players are invited to compete in the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2020, part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 750

Please find enclosed all the necessary information.
1. **National Governing Body & Host Organizer:**

   **Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM)**
   Kompleks Sukan Bukit Kiara
   Jalan 1/70D, Bukit Kiara
   60000 Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA
   Tel. : +603-2011 2655 / 2011 2755
   Website : www.bam.org.my

2. **Tournament dates** : 31 March – 05 April 2020

3. **Sanctioned by** : Badminton World Federation (BWF)

4. **Venue** : Axiata Arena
   Kuala Lumpur Sports City, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur

5. **Referee** : Girish Natu (IND)
   Email : girishnatu@gmail.com

   **Deputy Referee** : Zahra Rahmati Haghnejad (IRI)
   Email : zahrarhag@yahoo.com

   **Local Deputy Referee**: Lui Wan Swee (MAS)
   Email: wslui168@gmail.com

6. **Prize Money** : US$ 750,000.00

   (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations).
   **Medals for all winners and runners-up**

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<th>Champion</th>
<th>Runner-up</th>
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* Per players  ** Per Pair
All prizes are non-taxable.
7. **ENTRIES Closing Date:**

7.1 Member Associations are advised to log on to CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2020 at: http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=8CB90A14-EABC-4E76-92B5-87F11A0D4825 and submit the entries online.

7.2 You will require a username and password to submit your entries this can be obtained from the BWF: please contact Mr. Shan Ramachandran at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org. The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

7.3 No entry form is required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.

7.4 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 (+08.00h 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 (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

All entries must be submitted online only.

8. **Events:**

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9. World Ranking Date for M&Q : 18 February 2020
Publish M&Q Report : 21 February 2020
Seeding Date : 03 March 2020
Publish Seeding : 06 March 2020
Last Date of Withdrawal without penalty : 09 March 2020
Draw Date : 10 March 2020

10. **Withdrawals:**
Please ensure that we are informed by email:
Referee at girishnatu@gmail.com and host contact at eric.a@bam.org.my
as soon as a player is forced to withdraw, giving the reason. If withdrawal
arises after your players arrive in Kuala Lumpur notification of withdrawal
must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee and must be
confirmed in writing. Withdrawals made after 09 March 2019 for whatever
reason may be subjected to a penalty.

11. **Schedule:**

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<td>Sat.</td>
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<td>Sun.</td>
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(The above times and schedule may be changed at the discretion of the
Referee and BAM after M&Q report published)

**Notice:**

i. All events will be run on a strict timetable system.
ii. Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their
scheduled time.
iii. Players not ready to play at the scheduled time can be disqualified.
iv. Alterations to competition schedule due to Television coverage is possible
and will be announced by the Referee.

12. **Technical Briefing** will be held on Monday 30 March 2020 at 1500hrs at
Meeting Room, Level 1, Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil.

13. **Team Managers’ Meeting** will be held on Monday 30 March 2020 at
1600hrs at the Meeting Room, Level 1, Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil.

"It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers
meeting. Failing to attend the meeting they are liable to be fined as per
the Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes, Section 2.5) and
following GCR 9.3.3. Member Associations can make a request someone to
represent them at the meeting as long as Referee knows in advance that
is acceptable."
14. **Shuttlecocks**: VICTOR (Master Ace)

15. **Official Hotel**: HOTEL ISTANA  
73, Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.  
Tel: +603-2141 9988    Fax: +603-2144 0111  
Website: [www.hotelistana.com.my](http://www.hotelistana.com.my)

**Room Rates** (with buffet breakfast):

- Deluxe Single : RM330.00nett per room per night with one (1) buffet breakfast.
- Deluxe Twin : RM350.00nett per room per night with two (2) buffet breakfast.

*The rates is not inclusive of Tourism Tax of RM10.00nett per room per night.*

**Booking should be made on the prescribed Hotel Reservation Form, and payment should be settled directly with Hotel Istana.**

**Contact Person**
1. **Reservation Department**  
   Email: rsvn@hotelistana.com.my  
   General Line : +603-2141 9988

2. **Ms. Gayathri Wera Singgam – Reservation Manager**  
   Email: gayathri.w@hotelistana.com.my  
   General Line : +603-2141 9988 ext 3675

3. **Ms. Normira Jamal – Sales Coordinator**  
   Email: normira.jamal@hotelistana.com.my  
   General Line : +603-2141 9988 ext 3677

4. **Mr. Mohd Helmi Norazali – Director of Sales**  
   Email: mohd.helmi@hotelistana.com.my  
   General Line : +603-2141 9988 ext 3607

All Reservation should be made not later than **06 March 2020**. Any booking and changes after this date will be subjected to room availability and higher rates.

16. **Competition Rules & Regulations**:  
The BWF General Competition regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in the Regulations for the HSBC World Tour. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the HSBC World Tour Regulations will take precedence. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final.
17. **Clothing and advertising** are in accordance with the current BWF General Competition Regulations, including Regulations 20-24 which govern player and coach clothing. Players and Coaches should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies.

Key regulations include, it is **MANDATORY**:
- for all players to display their last name as in the BWF Database on the back of their shirt,
- for doubles partners to wear the same coloured clothing,
- for opposing players to wear significantly differing colours from each other.

18. **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/](https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/)

19. **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/](https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/)

20. **Compliance with General Competition Regulations 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."
21. **Visa Application:**
All players and officials, who require visa to enter Malaysia should submit passport details in the *Visa Form* to email visa@bam.org.my by **18 February 2020**. Please complete all required information, otherwise we will not able to issue the official invitation letter (for visa application).

22. **Transportation:**
Airport transfer will be provided from **28 March – 6 April 2020** from KLIA/KLIA2 to the official hotel **upon request**.

The flight details must be filled up in the *Flight Details Form* and must be sent to transportation@bam.org.my not later than **11 March 2020** for pick-up arrangement.

Any request after the above dateline will not be entertained. Request for refund of taxi charges will not be entertained.

Ground transportation to and from the venue will **ONLY** be provided to participants staying at the official hotel.

23. **Practice Sessions:**
Practice schedule at the tournament venue (4 courts) will be prepared according to the teams’ arrival details and size of each team. The practice schedule will start at **0830am to 2200pm** on **Monday 30 March 2020**. The Schedule will be decided by the Referee and **not** on a first come first served basis.

Practice in the practice hall (8 courts) will be available from **Sunday, 29 March 2020 to Saturday, 4 April 2020**. The practice will be available from **0830am until 1730pm**. Request can also be made at the Liaison Desk in the official hotel lobby upon arrival. The Schedule will be confirmed by the Referee.

24. **Team Accreditation:** Please list out your team officials’ name into the *Team Officials’ Accreditation Form* and send to accreditation@bam.org.my not later than **11 March 2020**.

Complimentary ID passes will be issued to nominated team officials on the following scale:

- Teams with up to 10 players    4 ID passes
- “ between 11-16 players    5 ID passes
- “ between 17-25 players    6 ID passes
- “ over 25 players    7 ID passes

Limited additional officials’ ID passes will be issued at a fee of **US$100.00 each (maximum of 5 passes for each team only)** and should be requested not later 11 March 2020 to accreditation@bam.org.my.
25. **Insurance:**
The organizers will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in this Championship. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned. *All players and officials are recommended to review their insurance cover and ensure that it meets your current requirements.*

26. **Medical Services**
On courts Doctors and Physiotherapist will be available for **free of charge** starting from the official venue practice and tournament days.

27. **Media Information /Media Obligations:**
It is essential that we do all we can to secure maximum publicity for our sport, and it is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to BWF Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes 5.3.6) for further details.

It is expected that Member Associations will help facilitate, but not be limited to, Autograph Signings and Player Appearances for fans attending the Championships.

The Championships will work closely with Member Associations, in accordance with BWF Regulations, in order to achieve this. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being applied.

28. **Media Accreditation:**
Any Media wishing to attend the Championships should apply through Mr Falah at **media@bam.org.my** no later than **11 March 2020**.

29. **Video Recording and Photography:**
Photography is not permitted within the playing arena at any time, and the Championships reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.

Video recording within the playing arena is only permitted by players and Team Officials of competing Member Associations from clearly defined points using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorization must be obtained in advance from the Information Office, and accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras. The Championships reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.
IMPORTANT DEADLINES and EMAIL CONTACT

Entry Deadline : 18 February 2020
- Online entry -

Visa Letter Deadline : 18 February 2020
visa@bam.org.my

Hotel Reservation Deadline : 06 March 2020
Hotel Istana
rsvn@hotelistana.com.my
gayathri.w@hotelistana.com.my
normira.jamal@hotelistana.com.my
mohd.helmi@hotelistana.com.my

Accreditation Deadline : 11 March 2020
accreditation@bam.org.my

Media Accreditation Deadline : 11 March 2020
media@bam.org.my

Flight Details Deadline : 11 March 2020
transportation@bam.org.my

Last Date of Withdrawal Without penalty : 10 March 2020
girishnatu@gmail.com
eric.a@bam.org.my

These tournament prospectus and related forms will be established in BAM website. Please refer to www.bam.org.my for updated information.