OFFICIAL INVITATION
TO THE SINGAPORE OPEN 2020
Part of HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500
ORGANISER

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VENUE

Singapore Indoor Stadium (SIS)
2 Stadium Walk
Singapore 397691

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

| TUESDAY 7 April | QUALIFYING ROUND & ROUND OF 32 FOR Men’s & Women’s Doubles (EXCEPT THE MATCHES WITH PLAYERS FROM THE MEN’S & WOMEN’S DOUBLES QUALIFYING ROUND) | Start 1000 hrs (Men’s & Women’s Doubles Main Draw to be played in the afternoon after qualifying) | 4 courts |
| WEDNESDAY 8 April | ROUND OF 32 (FOR MEN’S & WOMEN’S DOUBLES: ONLY THE MATCHES WITH PLAYERS FROM THE QUALIFYING ROUND) | Start 1000 hrs | 4 courts |
| THURSDAY 9 April | ROUND OF 16 | Start 1300 hrs | 4 courts |
| FRIDAY 10 April | QUARTER-FINALS | Start 1300 hrs | 3 courts |
| SATURDAY 11 April | SEMI-FINALS | Start 1300 hrs | 2 courts |
| SUNDAY 12 April | FINALS | Start 1300 hrs | 1 court |

Note: The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee
REFEREES

Referee: Yogen Bhatnagar (AUS);
Email Address: yogen.bhatnagar@gmail.com
Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong (HKG)
Email Address: s.chau@cityu.edu.hk

PRIZE MONEY

US $408,000.00
Pewter Gifts or equivalent will be awarded to all winners and runners-up.

Note: Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations

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ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Tuesday, 25 February 2020

- Member Associations are advised to log on to Singapore Open 2020:
  http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=7443A672-AF30-4A6D-B636-0DB6188FAA84 and submit the entries online.
- You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact S. Ramachandran: 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.
- No entry forms are required by Member Associations.
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.

**KEY DEADLINES**

**Ranking for M&Q, Qualifying Draw Seeding, Promotions**

- World Ranking for MQ date **Tuesday, 25 February 2020.**
- M&Q List will be published on **Friday, 28 February 2020.**

**Ranking for Main Draw Seeding and Draw**

- World Ranking for Seeding, **Tuesday, 10 March 2020**
- Seeding Publish date on **Friday, 13 March 2020.**

**Withdrawals**

- Will be managed according to the BWF Regulations. Withdrawals after **Monday, 16 March, 2020** 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 chris@singaporebadminton.org.sg and the Referees as soon as possible.

- Withdrawals, due to illness or injury, after the draw is made must be supported by a medical certificate.

- Withdrawals after players arrive at the venue city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee in writing.

**Draw**

- Draw will be made on **Tuesday, 17 March 2020 at BWF headquarters.**

- National Associations will be notified whether their players have been accepted directly into the Main Draw or if they are required to play in the Qualifying Rounds once entries are evaluated by BWF after the closing date.

**CONDITIONS FOR ENTRIES**

- The Organiser 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.
● Costs of medical treatment and hospitalization in Singapore are high. Adequate medical insurance coverage for your players/officials is necessary.

● Certificate of medical insurance coverage/full payment is required before medical treatment/Hospitalization takes place.

MEDICAL SERVICES

● On-court Doctor and Physiotherapist will be available at the official venue on tournament days and their services will be free of charge.

RULES & REGULATIONS

● The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and shall comply with the BWF World Tour Regulations and the BWF General Competition Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

● No player shall be eligible to compete unless he/she is
  o under the jurisdiction of a Member Association of the BWF
  o has been declared in good standing with that Member Association

● The seeding of the draw shall be done by the BWF. The draw shall be conducted in accordance with the World Tour Regulations.

● Alterations to the competition schedule may arise due to television coverage or unforeseen circumstances. Such alterations shall be announced by the Referee.

● Li-Ning A+600 shuttlecocks shall be exclusively used for the competition.

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.
For more information, please refer to BWF’s website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/

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.”

CLOTHING

- Colour, design, lettering and advertising on players’ clothing shall be regulated by General Competition Regulations 20 to 24. In particular, the following shall be noted;
  - It is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the start of the main draw onwards.
  - It is mandatory that, from main draw onwards, the opposing players/pairs in each match wear different colours from each other. In the event of a breach to GCR 21.6, the player/pair ranked lower or listed lower in the M&Q report, whichever the case may be, will be required to change the colour of clothing.
  - The name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory. **Player’s name shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database.**
  - The name of the player’s country on the back of the shirt is optional.
  - Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet and shall be placed, as close to horizontal as possible, near the top of the shirt. Lettering of the name of the player must be of a minimum height of six centimeters and a maximum height of 10 centimeters and the name of the country shall be a height of five centimeters.
  - Lettering sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be player name, country name (if present) and advertisement (if present).

- Advertising on players’ clothing shall comply with GCR 24.
- In applying General Competition Regulations 20 to 24, the decision of the Referee shall be final.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

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<td>Press Conference</td>
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<td>Team Managers’ Meeting</td>
<td>Monday, 6 April 2020 (1700 hrs)</td>
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**Note:** The meeting times are tentative and subjected to change.

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PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice Courts

- 8 Practice courts will be available from Sunday, 5 April 2020 to Sunday, 12 April 2020. The organiser will prepare an overall equitable practice schedule, taking team size into consideration.
- Teams can put in their request on their preferred time, however this is subject to availability and the confirmed schedule by the Referee. Please put up your request based on the attached form (Appendix A) by 20 March 2020.
- 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice.

Acclimatization Courts

- 4 Acclimatization sessions at the Singapore Indoor Stadium (competition venue) will only be available on Monday, 6 April 2020 (9am-9pm). The organiser will prepare an overall equitable acclimatization schedule, taking into considerations the size and arrival of each team.
- Access will be granted during the competition week, prior to the start of competition each day

PRESS INTERVIEWS

All Players must strictly adhere to the request of Organisers to attend all press conference, activities, marketing, publicity and promotional activities related to the event as per the BWF regulations.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Arrival flight details must be emailed to the organizer michellezhuo@singaporebadminton.org.sg / siewboon@singaporebadminton.org.sg by 20 March 2020 otherwise airport transfer will not be provided. (Refer to Appendix B for Travel Form)
2. Shuttle service between the official hotels and the competition/ training venue will be provided.
3. Teams who have not made hotel reservations through the organizers, must arrange for all their own transportation (between hotel, competition/ training venue and airport).
4. Teams arriving/departing by land must arrange for their own transport to/from the hotel.
5. Departure flight details must be provided at least 1 working day in advance to the Tournament Secretariat at the hotel. Kindly note that you will need to find your own transportation to the airport should you be unable to provide the required notice.

VISA

The Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority has implemented various measures to facilitate visa applications for entry to Singapore. For updated information, you may refer to the website: www.ica.gov.sg to check if visa is required for your respective countries. Deadline of submission for application form: TBC. (Refer to Appendix C for Visa Application form)
ACCOMMODATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT ACCOMMODATION IS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME (16 JANUARY 2020). AN UPDATED PROSPECTUS WILL BE CIRCULATED AND POSTED TO THE BWF WEBSITE WITH CONFIRMED ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ACCREDITATION

Please submit your players' and officials' passport size photographs in soft copy and your team officials' names in the prescribed form to: chris@singaporebadminton.org.sg by 20 March 2020 (Refer to Appendix D for Accreditation Form). Entry to the arena for players and officials will be controlled at the entrance to the hall.

Non-playing personnel

The number of accreditation passes will depend on the size of the playing team as listed below. Any additional or replacement passes will have to be purchased at 100 USD inclusive of GST.

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RELEVANT FORMS

Please fill up and return the following forms by:

1. Practice Session Form (Appendix A)
2. Travel Form (Appendix B)
3. Visa Application Form (Appendix C)
4. Accreditation Form (Appendix D)

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