



**The 106<sup>th</sup>**

**AIG FZ FORZA Irish Open 2019**

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2019

National Indoor Arena,

Dublin, Ireland

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

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An

**International Challenge Tournament**

Prize Money: \$25,000

Closing Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 23:59 (GMT +8)

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The logo for Badminton Ireland, featuring a green arc above the text "BADMINTON IRELAND" in blue and green, with a stylized blue and green shuttlecock to the right.



The logo for Sport Ireland, featuring a green stylized 'S' shape to the left of the text "SPORT IRELAND" in black.

Organiser	Badminton Ireland Website: <a href="http://www.badmintonireland.com/page/34477/FZ-Irish-Open-2018">http://www.badmintonireland.com/page/34477/FZ-Irish-Open-2018</a>
Local Organiser	Badminton Ireland, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown Dublin 15 Tel: +353 1 8393028 Email: <a href="mailto:gfarrell@badmintonireland.com">gfarrell@badmintonireland.com</a>
Event Director	Conor Doherty +353 (0) 18393028 <a href="mailto:cdoherthy@badmintonireland.com">cdoherthy@badmintonireland.com</a>
Venue	National Indoor Arena Irish Sport HQ, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 <a href="mailto:sales@nationalsportscampus.ie">sales@nationalsportscampus.ie</a>
Airport	Dublin Airport (DUB) – Hotel 20 minutes, Venue 20 minutes
Dates	13 <sup>th</sup> November – 09:00, Qualification 14 <sup>th</sup> November – 09:00, Preliminary rounds (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 15 <sup>th</sup> November – 10:00, Quarter-Finals and 16.00, Semi-Finals 16 <sup>th</sup> November – 13:00, Finals – scheduled to finish by 18:00 (The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on TV requirements). 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. Players competing in finals should not depart on Saturday.
Events	Men’s and Women’s Singles (32 in main draw), Men’s and Women’s Doubles (32 in main draw), Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)
Eligible Players	All players of clubs affiliated through their National Associations to BWF
Conditions of play	The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe’s Elite Circuit. The tournament draw sizes are limited to: - (a) 120 matches per day (b) 2 rounds per event per day for the main draw (c) No more than 3 qualifying rounds for a maximum of 8 places in any event (d) If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the

events for which they were entered.

Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) 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. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit regulations).

The seeding's and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

**Clothing/ Advertising** 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.

**Key Dates** Entry Deadline: Tue 15 Oct 2019 - 23:59 in BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00)  
World Ranking Date used for M&Q Report: Tue 15 Oct 2019  
Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date: Fri 18 Oct 2019  
World Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw: Tue 22 Oct 2019  
Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty: Mon 28 Oct 2019  
Draw Date: Tue 29 Oct 2019

**Scoring System** All events: best of 3 games to 21  
Knock out system according to rules of the BWF

**Shuttles** Forza VIP 77/78

**Courts** 6 hover courts (6 Yonex)

**Practice Courts** Where possible, practice courts will be made available on the 12<sup>th</sup> November at requested times in the competition hall, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please email [cdohererty@badmintonireland.com](mailto:cdohererty@badmintonireland.com) to book.

**Prize Money** Total Prize Money: \$25,000 - €22370

	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*
Winner	€1785	€1785	€2010	€2010	€2010
Runner-up	€1075	€1075	€1340	€1340	€1340
Semi-finalist	€450	€450	€560	€560	€560
Quarter-Finalist	€180	€180			

\*per pair

Note: No tax will be conducted by Badminton Ireland

The prize money will be paid in Euro and in cash. Exchange rate of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 (1USD = 0.8921).

Tournament Referee João Fragoso (POR) Email: [jfrazgan@gmail.com](mailto:jfrazgan@gmail.com)

Deputy Referee Aengus Sheerin (IRL) Email: [sheerin.aengus@itsligo.ie](mailto:sheerin.aengus@itsligo.ie)

#### Entries

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=B0794BFF-580F-44FB-A54E-1E7D14E6B493>

No late entries will be accepted.

Based on 3.3 in Badminton Europe Circuit Regulations it is required that every event in a particular BE 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. Players cannot be entered unless they already 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.

**Singles: €50 per player**

**Doubles: €45 per player**

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 when the entry deadline passes. The entry fees will not be refunded in the event of a withdrawal once the entry deadline has passed.

Payment must be done before their first scheduled match, (NO CASH ACCEPTED ON DAY). This rule will be enforced – no exceptions and the national association will be liable for the withdrawal fee.

If a player/pair is listed on a “Waiting 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 “Waiting List” to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the “Waiting 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.

Organisers can refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

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.”

Withdrawals	<p>Any withdrawal after Monday 28 October 2019, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US \$150 for the withdrawal.</p> <p>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 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).</p>
Visas	<p>After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member Association’s responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. It is the Member Association’s responsibility to make sure that visa applications are made early enough.</p> <p>The Tournament Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa. Email: <a href="mailto:cdoherty@badmintonireland.com">cdoherty@badmintonireland.com</a></p>
Accommodation	<p>Please note: In order to get the discounted rate listed below and avail of free transport to and from the venue, all bookings must be made by completing the Badminton Ireland Online Accommodation Form: <a href="https://bi-acc.paperform.co/">https://bi-acc.paperform.co/</a></p> <p>Hotels must be booked before the <b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b> to avail of price listed below. Players who do not book through Badminton Ireland will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher rate and transport. <b>PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation is first come first serve as we have a limited number of rooms available at the advertised price. Invoices will be sent to the person who makes the booking and only one invoice will be supplied per room.</b></p> <p>Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown (4*) Dublin Church Road, Cruiserath, Dublin 15</p> <p>The Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown is ideally situated near the sports hall, next to shops and only a fifteen-minute drive from Dublin Airport. Complimentary WiFi. Rate includes breakfast at Carlton Hotel. Shuttle Bus to Airport is provided by Hotel. Distance from Venue: 5 km (5-10 mins)</p> <p><b>B&amp;B, €159.00 per person for a single room</b> <b>B&amp;B, €169.00 for a twin room based on two people sharing.</b></p> <p>Triple rooms may be reserved by request.</p> <p>Any questions about accommodation should be made with Badminton Ireland emailing <a href="mailto:cdoherty@badmintonireland.com">cdoherty@badmintonireland.com</a></p>
Transport	<p>Shuttle bus will be provided from Dublin Airport to the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown from zone 16. Shuttle bus will be booked via flight number. To book transportation to tournament hotel complete the online form <a href="https://bitravel.paperform.co/">https://bitravel.paperform.co/</a>. <b>Deadline 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b></p> <p>Questions should be emailed to <a href="mailto:gfarrell@badmintonireland.com">gfarrell@badmintonireland.com</a></p> <p>Transport will be provided between the tournament hotel and the venue from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Note: There is limited or no public transport between the hotels and the venue, transport will be provided regularly between the hall and the tournament hotels.</p>

Insurance	<p>The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.</p> <p>Member Association and/or Organiser 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 Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.</p>
Medical	<p>A physiotherapist will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>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>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>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.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website:  <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p>
Managers Meeting	<p>There will be a manager's meeting at 20:00 in the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. If further meetings are required, they will be advised in due course.</p> <p><i>The organising 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 organising 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</i></p>
Doping control	<p>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).</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>

Payments

Euro (€) payments:

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Westend Retail Park, Dublin 15, Ireland

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