



14 July 2020

To:: Member Associations
Continental Confederations
BWF Council (copy for information)

Subject: TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals 2020

From: Peter Tarcala
Chair, Events Committee

Dear Sirs,

The Badminton World Federation would like to inform you that new dates agreed by BWF and the hosts for the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals are from Saturday 3rd October to Sunday 11th October 2020 at Ceres Arena, Aarhus Denmark. This will be the 31st Thomas Cup and 28th Uber Cup Finals to be held.

BWF have developed detailed Covid 19 guidelines to keep players and team officials as safe as possible during the Championships and we are very grateful for the hard work and support of Badminton Denmark to make this happen effectively. These guidelines will follow in due course. Please make sure you respect and follow all the deadlines in this letter, they will be strictly enforced.

We look forward to welcoming the qualified teams including those from the continental men's and women's team championships 2020 to the Finals in Aarhus Denmark.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Tarcala".

Peter Tarcala
Chair
Events Committee



Badminton World Federation

TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 Men's & Women's World Team Championships

to be organised on behalf of the BWF by
Badminton Denmark

Event	TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020
Venue	Ceres Arena, Aarhus Denmark
Dates	New Dates 3 - 11 October 2020
Host Contact Details	<p>Badminton Denmark Brøndby Stadion 20, 2605, Brøndby, Denmark</p> <p>CEO: Bo Jensen Director of Events: Brian Bach Moesgaard</p> <p>Contact: Badminton Denmark Tel: +45 70 60 50 76 Website: http://www.denmark2020.dk Email: event@badminton.dk</p>
Technical Officials / Medical	<p>Referee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencho Stoynov (BUL) p.stoynov@abv.bg <p>Deputy Referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mojmir Hnilica (CZE) mojmir.hnilica@seznam.cz Ivanka Pokorni (CRO) ivpokorni@gmail.com Nicos Vladimirov (CYP) nicosv@primehome.com <p>Medical Doctors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Saroj Shrestha (NEP) Dr. Ashwin Patel (ENG) Dr Sarban Singh (MAS)
Shuttlecocks	<p>Yonex Tournament Grade (3 Speeds available).</p> <p>Each player will be given 3 new shuttles for practice.</p>
Practice facilities	A number of practice courts will be available upon request

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice courts will be available from Thursday 1st October 2020 to Sunday 11th October 2020 at Ceres Arena, from 9.00am - 9.00pm (exceptions; ends 5 pm on Thursday 1st October and ends 12 noon on Sunday 11th October). • Familiarisation on the competition courts will be available from 8.00am - 5.00pm on Thursday 1 October 2020 and from 8.00am - 9.00pm on Friday 2nd October 2020. • Familiarisation on the competition courts once competition has begun is necessarily very limited but will be available Saturday 3 October to Friday 9 October 2020 6.30 am to 7.45 am each day and 8.00 am to 10.00 am Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October (the latter subject to adjustment for victory ceremony rehearsals). How time during these slots can be booked will be explained at the team managers meeting. • Requests for pre competition practice facilities either in the practice or main hall must reach BWF by Friday 18 September 2020. • Fitness facilities are available at the Venue throughout the duration of the tournament at the venue. • Please complete the attached practice form and forward to BWF Senior Events Officer Shan Ramachandran: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy the organisers. The forms are also posted on the BWF official website along with confirmed available practice times.
<p>Entries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Member Association is entitled to take part subject to qualification (see Major Events Tournament Regulations, Thomas & Uber Cup Regulation 9).
<p>Qualification & Seeding</p>	<p>Qualified teams in seeding order (world ranking of 3rd March)</p> <p>Thomas Cup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indonesia 2. Japan 3. China 4. Denmark 5. Chinese Taipei 6. India 7. Malaysia 8. Korea 9. Thailand 10. England 11. Germany 12. Canada 13. France 14. Netherlands 15. Australia 16. Algeria

	<p>Uber Cup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japan 2. China 3. Korea 4. Thailand 5. Indonesia 6. Chinese Taipei 7. India 8. Denmark 9. Malaysia 10. Canada 11. France 12. Germany 13. Spain 14. Australia 15. Egypt 16. Scotland 																																																				
<p>Outline schedule</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Subject to change and the final schedule to be approved by the referee</p>	<p>Group matches will be played in 3 sessions from 8.30am, 1.30pm, & 7.00pm</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Day</th> <th>Events</th> <th>Rounds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3 October</td> <td>Day 1</td> <td>Thomas & Uber</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 October</td> <td>Day 2</td> <td>Thomas & Uber</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 October</td> <td>Day 3</td> <td>Thomas & Uber</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 October</td> <td>Day 4</td> <td>Thomas & Uber</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 October</td> <td>Day 5</td> <td>Thomas & Uber</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 October</td> <td>Day 6</td> <td>Thomas Cup</td> <td>Group matches</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Uber Cup</td> <td>Quarter- finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 October</td> <td>Day 7</td> <td>Thomas Cup</td> <td>Quarter- finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Uber Cup</td> <td>Semi-finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 October</td> <td>Day 8</td> <td>Thomas Cup</td> <td>Semi-finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Uber Cup</td> <td>Finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 October</td> <td>Day 9</td> <td>Thomas Cup</td> <td>Finals</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Day	Events	Rounds	3 October	Day 1	Thomas & Uber	Group matches	4 October	Day 2	Thomas & Uber	Group matches	5 October	Day 3	Thomas & Uber	Group matches	6 October	Day 4	Thomas & Uber	Group matches	7 October	Day 5	Thomas & Uber	Group matches	8 October	Day 6	Thomas Cup	Group matches			Uber Cup	Quarter- finals	9 October	Day 7	Thomas Cup	Quarter- finals			Uber Cup	Semi-finals	10 October	Day 8	Thomas Cup	Semi-finals			Uber Cup	Finals	11 October	Day 9	Thomas Cup	Finals
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<p>WR date to determine the additional qualifiers</p>	<p>Tuesday February 18, 2020</p>																																																				
<p>Team Entry Confirmation</p>	<p>Friday February 28, 2020</p>																																																				
<p>WR dates to determine the overall strength of team seeding in Group play</p>	<p>First World Ranking date after last Continental stage tournament - Tuesday March 3, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total ranking points of the three highest ranked singles players and two doubles pairs from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no ranking is available, the ranking points will be taken as zero. • Please ensure the three highest-ranked singles players and two doubles pairs selected from the World ranking do comply with “GCR 6 - International Representation”. 																																																				
<p>Penalty for withdrawal</p>	<p>The following penalties will be imposed on Member associations should they withdraw;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the entry dateline and before the draw USD1000 • After the draw – USD3000 • Does not participate (No Show) USD5000 																																																				

Team Draw Date	Monday 3 August 2020
WR dates to decide the ranking order of singles and doubles	Tuesday 15 September 2020
Draw for the Knock-out stage WR date to determine the ranking of teams qualifying for Knock-out stage	Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 October 2020 Venue : Press conference room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draw for the knock-out stages shall be done immediately after the last match of the group playoff is over. This will be Wednesday evening for the Uber Cup competition and Thursday afternoon for the Thomas Cup competition. Two top-ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage. Tuesday 6 October, 2020
The nomination of players, team managers, and other officials	<p>The deadline for entering your team nomination is Friday 18 September 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each competing Member Association shall nominate to the BWF not fewer than four players and not more than ten players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. <p>Ranking Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players nominated shall be listed in an order consistent with current World Rankings in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength. Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in an order consistent with current World Rankings in doubles as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 nominated players : the 6 possible pairings 5 nominated players : the 10 possible pairings 6 nominated players : the 15 possible pairings 7, 8, 9 or 10 players : the 21 possible or most probable pairings Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength. To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.4, Explanation of Adjusted and Notional Ranking where they apply. BWF will use the on-line entry procedure for nominating players. The team nominations are to provide the best possible pair combinations in order of ranking for the Thomas & Uber Finals: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=0211D10E-ED56-46FB-8053-9461630C3CF8

Appointment of Team Manager	The deadline for submission of the team managers name is Friday 18 September 2020
Team Managers meeting	Friday: 2 October 2020, Time: 19:00 HRS Venue: CERES ARENA
Welcome Function	Thursday: 1 October 2020 Time: 18:30-20:00 HRS Venue: AROS Event and Details to be confirmed.
Arrival of participating Teams	Forty - eight hours (48 hours) prior to first schedule tie.
Handover of the composition for the team for that time	Four hours (4 hours) prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decreed by the referee. Online team composition will be made available. Login and password will be given at the team managers meeting
	Eight hours (8 hours) prior to the time fixed for a tie in Semi-final and Finals or such other period as decreed by the referee. Onlineteam composition will be made available. Login and password will be given at the team managers meeting
Regulations	Please pay close attention to BWF Thomas & Uber Cup regulations, BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1: MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS on BWF website: (click here)
Visa Application	Do you need a visa to Denmark? If you do, we shall gladly assist you in getting a visa. Just fill out the Visa Form, click here and Nicolaj Knudsen at the BAD office will issue an official invitation that should enable you to get your visa and if necessary contact Denmark's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to address any problem emerging. Please provide us with the following information on each person needing a visa using the Visa Form; Last Name, First name, Sex, Date of Birth, Nationality, Place of Birth, Passport No, Issue Date, Expiry Date, and Occupation/Position, not later than Tuesday 18 August 2020. The deadline for submission of visa support letter is Tuesday 18 August 2020.
Accommodation	All hotels are situated in the centre of Aarhus, at an average 10-15 min. drive from the arena. Team: Players and officials Hotels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scandic City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Room rate 1.275 DKK (SINGLE OR TWIN) • Scandic Mayor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Room rate 1.175 DKK (SINGLE OR TWIN) <p>Deadline for booking and payment is Tuesday 18 August 2020. Rooms will be released on this date and after this date it may not be possible to acquire your choice of accommodation and it may be at higher rates.</p>

	<p>Media: All Media are welcome to contact Badminton Denmark if they need help to book hotels at event@badminton.dk.</p> <p>Booking procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please click here to book your rooms. • Please inform us the exact dates you need rooms, how many rooms etc. • After submitting a booking request you will receive a confirmation and at this point you will be asked to fill out all names of persons staying in the rooms. • If we are fully booked on the available hotels before the deadline, other hotels will be made available. • Bookings entered later than Tuesday 18 August can only be honoured if available and may be subject to a price increase per room per night. <p>Booking conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hotel invoice for the total stay shall be paid upon booking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A credit card will be required as payment when booking is completed. ○ A credit card will be required upon arrival as security for extra charges. • All bookings are final, and refunds after this is not possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neither in case of Injuries, visa problems or sickness etc. • Generally, departure or transfer to another hotel must be completed before 12.00 o'clock on the same day. • All damages to property of hotels or venues shall be charged to the relevant National Federation and payment in full is expected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is prohibited to use any kind of cooking appliances inside the hotel or in your rooms.
Insurance	Participants must arrange their own insurance for health, travel, and property.
Tickets	Find tickets and prices click here .
Medals	<p>All medals will be suitably inscribed by the BWF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners Gold • Runners-up Silver • Losing Semi-finalists - Bronze • 15 medals will be provided to the above winners
Airport and Airport transport	<p>Competitors from abroad are requested to inform Badminton Denmark of time of arrival, flight no., etc. as soon as possible before arrival, according to the enclosed information.</p> <p>Important; Please only route your journey to Billund Airport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pickup will be available at other locations. • Airport transfers from Billund Airport will be provided for players / officials attending the tournament who are staying in an official hotel. • Please complete travel form click here.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotels due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport and to the venue. <p>Deadline for booking of transport is Friday 28 August 2020.</p>						
<p>Shuttle transportation between Venue and hotels in Aarhus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A courtesy shuttle service is available between the hotel and the Venue for participants and officials staying in all Official Championships hotels. Shuttle service will be available from Thursday 1 October to Sunday 11 October during your stay in Aarhus. 						
<p>Shuttle transportation to Danisa Denmark Open presented by Victor in Odense</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A courtesy shuttle service is available between Aarhus and Odense at the end of Thomas and Uber Cup. Schedule will be on request at the Championship Office at the Venue. 						
<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Entry (accreditation) to the arena for players and officials will be controlled by colour coded name badges (id-cards). Badges will be issued to all nominated players and officials.</p> <p>Deadline for accreditations and photos is Friday 28 August 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please complete attached application form and forward to the organiser's. Please complete accreditations form click here. Players and accompanying team officials must submit their photographs in jpg or png format. Accreditation passes will be issued to nominated team officials on the following scale: <table border="1" data-bbox="767 1272 1386 1391"> <thead> <tr> <th>Teams with player</th> <th>No. of Free ID Passes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to 6</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 7 to 10</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A limited number of additional ID passes in the Team Block seating may be purchased at a special rate of US\$ 150. Please pay in cash at championships office, we do not take credit card. Should you require to replace the accreditation pass, there will be a fee of USD 150. Please pay in cash at championships office, we do not take credit card. Please note that failure to submit this form by the above date may result in lengthy queues upon your arrival at the venue. For further information, please feel free to contact Event Assistant: Nicolaj Knudsen, Tel: +45 70 60 50 76, event@badminton.dk. 	Teams with player	No. of Free ID Passes	Up to 6	3	Between 7 to 10	5
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<p>Doping Control</p>	<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.</p> <p>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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>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.</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. For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
<p>Prize Ceremony Protocol</p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place immediately after the completion of each Final on Saturday and Sunday respectively. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions, runner up and losing semi-finalists. In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol. No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR. In addition Covid 19 guidelines for player safety will be applied.</p>