



8 November 2021

**To: Member Associations
Continental Confederations**

**Cc: Referee
Council**

Subject: BWF World Senior Championships

Following on the ninth successful World Senior Championships, the Badminton World Federation would like to invite you to compete in the tenth edition of the tournament, the BWF World Senior Championships and World Senior Festival 2021, to be held **from Sunday 28 November - 04 Saturday December 2021** in Palacio de Los Deportes Carolina Marín, Huelva, Spain. Please find attached the following documents for your attention:

- Invitation letter
- Hotel Booking and other various forms linked in this letter

For more information and if you have any queries, please either contacts the BWF Secretariat headquarters or our host contact person: Alberto Prada Carazo secretariat@huelva2021.com

Thank you

Best regards

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BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

INVITES entries to the

BWF WORLD SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021
to be organised on behalf of BWF by the Spanish Badminton Federation
in Huelva, SPAIN

Event	BWF World Senior World and World Senior Festival Championships																					
Dates	28 November – 04 December 2021																					
Venue	Palacio de los Deportes Carolina Marín, Huelva, Spain																					
Host Organisers	Spanish Badminton Federation C / FERRAZ, 16-5 º, 28008 Madrid, Madrid, Spain General Manager: Alberto Prada Contact Person: Carlos Longo Esteban Phone: 0034 635726758 http://www.huelva2021.com Email: secretariat@huelva2021.com																					
Useful contacts	Tournament Manager	Alberto Prada Mobile: +34 615 652 770																				
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	Accreditation	acreditaciones@badminton.es																				
	Accommodation and Transport	Accommodation.huelva2021@viajeseci.es																				
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<p>Draw sizes in Group play</p>	<p>All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 will be played on a knock-out basis.</p> <p>Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played on a league format based on the following distribution:</p> <p>Conduct of tournament: All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 are played in a knock out format. Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 611 1369 813"> <thead> <tr> <th>No. of entries</th> <th>No. of Groups</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – 5</td> <td>1</td> <td>Group play only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 – 16</td> <td>2</td> <td>Group play followed by knock out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 – 16</td> <td>4</td> <td>The top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 8 entries</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: if there are less than four entries in an event of any age group, the right is reserved to cancel that event. In such case, the players who have entered in that cancelled event will be eligible to enter in the same event in lower age group, provided there are entry spaces available.</p> <p>The Committee of Management reserves the right to modify the above playing format.</p>	No. of entries	No. of Groups	Remarks	1 – 5	1	Group play only	6 – 16	2	Group play followed by knock out	11 – 16	4	The top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 8 entries
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<p>Entries</p>	<p>Each Member Association shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in level doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Singles – 8 males + 8 females 2. Doubles – 16 males + 16 females 3. Mixed – 8 males + 8 females <p>A player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age groups. E.g. a male player eligible in 45+ age category, can enter in 45+ Men’s Singles, then he will not be eligible to play in Men’s Singles event in any other age group.</p> <p>Note: Passports will be checked against date of birth in BWF headquarters and also by the Referees at the venue against the original copy of Passport. Please forward a copy of the passport to Thevagi - t.suppiah@bwfbadminton.org or Shan - s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org, and copy to v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p>												

Online Entry

All entries must be submitted via Member Associations in the online entry system. Closing Date: **Friday ,08 October 2021** BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (GMT +08.00)

Member Associations are advise to log in into online entry system link for BWF World Senior Championships 2021: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/4199C35B-7F1E-4CBF-A6EF-8FCF856AA909> and submit the entries online.

Please ensure to submit your entries in ranking order to ensure your players are correctly separated in the draw.

The order of entries, as made by each Member in the group entry system, is considered to be the national ranking order. Entries with an existing World Ranking will prioritised over national ranking order.

Separation of entries:

The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows:

If a knock out draw only (i.e. more than 16 entries):

- the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;
- the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters.

If group play only (i.e. 1-5 entries):

- no national separation.

If group play followed by knock out (i.e. 6-16 entries):

- the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups.

You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: Please contact R. Shanmugam s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy to v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org

Players must possess BWF ID numbers to submit their online entries. Players without BWF ID numbers are requested to contact your National Association to obtain BWF ID Numbers through online ID system.

In the online entry system, players CANNOT make a request as "Partner Wanted". Players who are keen to partner a player from different Member Association in the doubles event are requested to contact their Member Association sufficiently in advance for approval before the closing date.

Entries will not be accepted if a Member Association's 2021 subscription has not been paid or their National Association is suspended by BWF.

Clothing Regulations	<p>General Competition Regulations 20 to 24 and 5.3.7 Summary of GCR 21&23 – clothing will be applicable, as appropriate.</p> <p>All players must adhere to the clothing regulations. Failing to meet the clothing regulations will be liable to a fine.</p>
Ethics	<p>Please refer to regulations “Ethics - Section 2.3 – 2.5” on BWF website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3 Anti-Doping Regulations • 2.4 Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions • 2.5 Table of Offences and Penalties

Withdrawals	<p>Any withdrawal after the Tuesday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, automatically renders the Member Association concerned liable to a fine of USD 250 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.</p> <p>Last date for withdrawal without penalty – Tuesday 16 November 2021 BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (GMT +08.00).</p>
Substitutions	<p>After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in clause 7 are respected.</p> <p>If there is a withdrawal of player and the respective Member has not requested for a substitute, such player, should he/she agree to the partner, should be granted a partner from the “partner wanted” list, and this should only be done until the publication of the draw.</p> <p>After the publication of the draw, substitutions are allowed to be made until the end of the Team Managers’ Meeting for normal withdrawals, and in events that have not already started (for those players who suffer an on-court injury in another event).</p> <p>Otherwise, no other changes or substitutions of any kind can be made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>
Shuttlecocks	<p>BWF approved (3) Speeds will be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice shuttlecocks can be purchased at the secretariat office • The altitude of Huelva is 54m above sea level
Technical Officials	<p>Referee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicos Vladimirov (CYP) Email: nicosv@cytanet.com.cy <p>Deputy Referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julien Albert Nys (BEL)

	<p>Email: julien@badmintonvlaanderen.be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zahra Haghnejad Rahmati (IRI) Email: zahrarhag@yahoo.com Ashley Raju George (BRN) Email: ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com <p>BWF Medical On-court Doctors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Nisith Chowdhury (IND) Dr. Vikram Sharma (IND) Dr. Terlochan Singh Suaran Singh (MAS) Dr. Bahar Hassanmirzaei (IRI)
<p>Accommodation Hotel information</p>	<p>Reservation must be done through official travel agency Viajes El Corte Inglés Contact person: Candi López E-mail: accommodation.huelva2021@viajeseci.es Tfn.: (+34) 954 506 623 Mob: + 34 679 660 974</p> <p>Link to book accommodation: https://www.divisioneventosdeportivos.com/deportes/cgi.hrb?idexp=Y828S&main=alojamientos&idsubexp=PVBMA</p> <p>As per the advice of the local authorities with regards to the organization of the WSC it is mandatory for all players to stay at the official hotels during the event. It is mandatory to book the official hotels through the organisers.</p> <p><u>Cancellation terms:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Until October 18: Cancellation free of charged - Between 19 October-1 November: 50% cancellation fees - From November 2nd onwards: 100% cancellation fees <p>If the tournament is cancelled or postponed then teams will receive a full refund only if they have booked through the official travel agency.</p> <p>Transport will be provided from all the official hotels listed in the link.</p> <p>Any extras such as purchases from the minibar etc. are paid directly to the hotel.</p> <p>If you have questions about hotels please contact: accommodation.huelva2021@viajeseci.es</p>
<p>Transport</p>	<p>Airport transfers from Sevilla International Airport and Faro International Airport will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament who have booked an official hotel through the organisers. You are required to kindly let the hosts know your travel details in the registration form provided, which</p>

	<p>should reach the organisers at the email address: accommodation.huelva2021@viajeseci.es with a copy to BWF at v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p> <p>Deadline for sending these details is November 8th.</p> <p>Transport from the Official Hotels to the Venue will also be provided from the officials hotels to the main and training hall.</p>
<p>Visa</p>	<p>Contingents requiring visa for entry into Spain, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable the organisers to send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The visa application form is available on the website: www.huelva2021.com so as to reach the organisers before the date specified in the form.</p> <p>You must apply for your visa at least 30 working days before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed.</p> <p>Please note, the letter of invitation the organisers provide does not guarantee granting of visa and/or entry into Spain and the final decision is made by the Spanish Embassy in your country or nearby Spanish consulates. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa sufficiently in advance. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt directly with the Embassy Official who is dealing with your application.</p> <p>The organisers accept no responsibility nor are liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or difficulties because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.</p> <p>Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your Association.</p> <p>Please provide the Full Name, Date of Birth and Passport Number (as shown on passport) and Date of issue, Place of issue and Date of expiry for players and officials on the visa form and to the following address:</p> <p>Contact person details:</p> <p>Carlos Longo Esteban: secretariat@huelva2021.com and copy Thevagi Suppiah t.suppiah@bwfbadminton.org and Venu Mahalingam v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p>
<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Please submit your players' and officials' accreditation requests and passport size photos through prescribed Accreditation form before the date specified in the form.</p> <p>Here is the form: https://forms.gle/Xo3CiGPhcwesLTvx8</p>
<p>Physio</p>	<p>The physio services will be available at the venue with prior appointment. Host will provide two hour of free physio services for players each day.</p>
<p>Team managers Meeting</p>	<p>Date: Saturday 27 November 2021 Time: 2.00 pm</p>

	<p>Venue: TBC</p> <p>As per BWF Regulations, the Team must be represented in the Managers' Meeting. Member Associations must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.</p> <p><i>"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 regulations (Refer BWF Statutes Section 2.5)."</i> <i>"Table of Offences and Penalties". Member Associations can make a request to someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee is informed in advance that is acceptable"</i></p>																
<p>Outline schedule Subject to change and the final schedule to be approved by the Referee</p>	<p>Tentative PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 678 1386 949"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Rounds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sunday 28 November</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 29 November</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 30 November</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 1 December</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 2 December</td> <td>Quarter Finals all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 3 December</td> <td>Semi Finals all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday 4 December</td> <td>Finals all categories</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Rounds	Sunday 28 November	Preliminary rounds all categories	Monday 29 November	Preliminary rounds all categories	Tuesday 30 November	Preliminary rounds all categories	Wednesday 1 December	Preliminary rounds all categories	Thursday 2 December	Quarter Finals all categories	Friday 3 December	Semi Finals all categories	Saturday 4 December	Finals all categories
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	<p>Practice courts available from 8.30 am – 9.00 pm on Friday 26 November and Saturday 27 November 2021 at the main venue.</p> <p>Please forward the practice request form to : Alberto Prada Carazo secretariat@huelva2021.com.</p>												
Welcome and Farewell party	<p>Welcome party – TBC</p> <p>Farewell party – TBC</p>												
Entry Fees	<p>Entry fee per person: One event USD120 and Two or Three events USD150.</p> <p>The organizer provides a T-shirt and gifts for all players who have registered. TBC</p> <p>All entry fees must be paid to the organisers by:</p> <p>Account number: ES05 0049 0356 5521 1066 1575</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name of Beneficiary</td> <td>Federación Española de Bádminton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address of Beneficiary</td> <td>Calle Ferraz 16, 5º. 28008 Madrid.Spain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Name</td> <td>BANCO SANTANDER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Branch Address</td> <td>Calle Princesa 31 28008 Madrid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Account No (USD)</td> <td>ES05 0049 0356 5521 1066 1575</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SWIFT CODE</td> <td>BSCHEM</td> </tr> </table>	Name of Beneficiary	Federación Española de Bádminton	Address of Beneficiary	Calle Ferraz 16, 5º. 28008 Madrid.Spain	Bank Name	BANCO SANTANDER	Bank Branch Address	Calle Princesa 31 28008 Madrid	Bank Account No (USD)	ES05 0049 0356 5521 1066 1575	SWIFT CODE	BSCHEM
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Medals	<p>All medals will be suitably inscribed by the BWF:</p> <p>Winners</p> <p>Runners-up</p> <p>Semi- finalist</p>												
Medical insurance (optional)	<p>Players and officials are advised to have own medical insurance policy to cover their own medical expenses including COVID-19 coverage. The organisers will not be responsible for any medical cost.</p>												
Certificate of Medical Fitness	<p>"Fit to Participate" is voluntary and is not mandatory to submit the certificate. We would encourage all players to undertake a "fit to participate" checkup but this is not mandatory for this year. This will be kept under review and we will determine whether to implement it as a mandatory measure for future events.</p>												
Grant	<p>The BWF will not be offering any financial assistance to compete in this competition.</p>												
Regulations	<p>BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1: Major Events Tournaments Regulations Table Section 5.3.2 Timelines for Tournament and Chapter 2 – Ethics - Section 2.3 – 2.5</p>												

	<p>On BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/</p>
<p>Media Rights</p>	<p>Players and officials give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and officials during all matches and activities around the tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.</p>
<p>Indemnity and Insurance</p>	<p>By sending the entry for the tournament, the participating association and its nominated players/officials release to the extent permitted by applicable law the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players or officials may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the tournament, including its cancellation or postponement, or the non-granting of visas.</p> <p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid medical insurance. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical, and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence and/or costs associated if diagnosed COVID-19 positive or self-quarantine measures imposed if a person has to self-isolate/quarantine because he/she is identified as direct contact as per BWF safety protocols.</p> <p>Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the appropriate and adequate insurance coverage to meet their current requirements.</p>
<p>COVID PROTOCOLS</p>	<p><u>1. Spain Entry Requirements</u></p> <p>1.1. All information about the current requirements to entry to Spain is available here: www.spth.gob.es/info-pcr</p> <p>Health QR code</p> <p>All participants traveling to Spain must fill out the details of the Health Control Form (FCS) to obtain a QR code, which will need to be shown upon arrival. The form can be completed either on the Spain Travel Health (SpTH) website www.spth.gob.es/create or on the SpTH app. The download link for the app are as below. Android: https://spain-travel-health.en.uptodown.com/android Apple: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/spth/id1521156190</p> <p>Before the trip:</p> <p>Before traveling to Spain, make sure you have signed the form, on the https://www.spth.gob.es or in the mobile app. With this you will get the Health QR Code that you will have to show (paper or mobile) at the airport health control to be able to continue your trip. If you sign the form from the app, it will appear in the 'My Travel' section, in addition to receiving an email that you can print.</p>

You can only complete the health-related questions and sign the completed form 48 hours before your arrival in Spain.

In the airport: once at the airport, you must show the QR Code that will be scanned at the health control, in order to access the terminal and collect your luggage.

1.2. Health requirements:

<https://www.spth.gob.es/faq?tab=2>

<https://www.spth.gob.es/info-pcr>

1.3. Risk countries: People travelling from a risk country
The list of high risk countries /areas, as well as the criteria used to define them, will be reviewed by Spanish authorities every seven days and update here: <https://www.spth.gob.es>

2. Travelling to-from FARO (PORTUGAL) AIRPORT: Please note that conditions for travelling through Faro International Airport must be check with Portugal's autohorities throught their official website.

3. Insurance

Specific COVID-19 insurance is not currently required to enter Spain. However, all participants must have personal insurance covering any situation included Covid-19 hospitalization, quarantine and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee and BWF are not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

4. Hotels

For security reasons, it is a condition of entry that all participants must stay in the official hotels.

5. What COVID-19 prevention measures are recommended in Spain? Which ones are mandatory?

- a. To maintain a physical interpersonal distance of at least 1.5 metres with non-cohabitants.
- b. To wash hands frequently and thoroughly.
- c. Respiratory etiquette: when coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow. Use tissues to remove respiratory secretions and throw them away after use. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as hands facilitate the transmission of coronaviruses.
- d. Masks must be worn by those over 6 years of age:
 - o On public transport.
 - o On public roads, in open air spaces and in any enclosed space for public use or open to the public, whenever it is not possible to ensure the maintenance of an interpersonal safety distance of at least 1.5 metres.

More information will be distributed before the tournament.

6. Positive test protocol

In the event of a positive test the participant and direct/close contacts are required to follow the instructions of the LOC, BWF and the local authorities at all times which may result in players being withdrawn from the tournament. More information on these protocols will be released closer to the event.

7. COVID-19 test services

The local organisers will offer an exclusive COVID test service (PCR or Antigen) for all participants who have made their reservations through the official travel agency. Prices will be advised in advance.