



## **56 Portuguese International Championships 2021**

**Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit**

**International Series Tournament**

Prize Money: 10 000USD

**Badminton High Performance Sports Centre**

**Caldas da Rainha**

**March 11 to March 14, 2021**

# **Invitation**

**ORGANIZER:** Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

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**VENUE:** Badminton High Performance Sports Centre (Av. Vasco da Gama nº1, Caldas da Rainha)

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.fpbadminton.pt/>

**REFEREE:** Jas Bedi (Scotland) – Email: [badminton.jas@ntlworld.com](mailto:badminton.jas@ntlworld.com)

**DEPUTY REFEREE:** João Fragoso (Portugal) - Email: [jfrazgan@gmail.com](mailto:jfrazgan@gmail.com)

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

Qualification (9.00 - start depends on the number of entries)

**Friday, March 12, 2021**

9.00 – First and second round

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

09.30 - Quarter finals

16.00 - Semi finals

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

10.00 - Finals

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. All times are provisional and are subject to change due to the number of entries and to the referee's approval.

**CLOSING DATE:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:59 PM (GMT)

**RANKING DATE (used for M&Q report):** February 9, 2021

**M & Q RELEASE DATE:** February 12, 2021

**RANKING DATE (used for seeding and draws):** February 16, 2021

**DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT PENALTY:** Monday, February 22, 2021 11:59 PM (GMT)

**DRAW DATE:** The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on February 23, 2021

**DATE FOR TEAM MANAGERS MEETING:** March 10, 2021– 20:00 at the venue

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.

**ENTRIES:**

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=3C95EFCA-27EF-4355-9A89-78BC3BC5A823>

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:59 PM (GMT)**. Players can not 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.

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."

**Singles - 50€ per player**

**Doubles – 45€ per player/event.**

The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite 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 are advised to be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member. Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

**PRIZE MONEY:**

8.295€ (10 000USD \* 0,8254 - Considering December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 exchange rate):

	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*
Winner	830	830	995	995	995
Runner up	455	455	580	580	580
Semi-finalist	250	250	<b>amounts in €</b>		

Prize money will be paid in cash.

No taxes will be deducted.

\*Per pair

**EVENTS:**

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The numbers of players/pairs accepted for the main events are 32 in Singles and 24 in Doubles.

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors. If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with clause 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published main draw of an event must contain at least one entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

BADMINTON EUROPE or the organizer are not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

#### **WITHDRAWALS AND NO SHOWS:**

Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of USD150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of USD500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

##### **#1 Hotel Cristal Caldas\*\*\* (Address: Rua António Sérgio, 31 – Caldas da Rainha)**

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€
Triple room	85€

##### **#2 Caldas Internacional Hotel\*\*\* (Address: Rua Dr Artur Figueiroa Rêgo nº 45 – Caldas da Rainha)**

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited. Please send the accommodation requests until February 25, 2021 using the official form to [events@fpbadminton.pt](mailto:events@fpbadminton.pt). After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels, but we will do our best to assist and to try to find rooms, but these might be at full rate and not served by the tournament transport service.

Booking conditions:

1. All bookings have to be done by the reservation form
2. Reservations can be changed or cancelled until March 4, 2021 otherwise the rooms will be charged.

3. Rooms will be charged by Portuguese Badminton Federation by invoice prior to the event (e-mail). Payment must be done before arrival, by bank transfer, using the bank details in **PAYMENTS**, until March 4, 2021.
4. All nights booked in advance, have to be paid for. If you leave a day sooner as booked, no refunds are possible.
5. All prices are inclusive of VAT and breakfast.
6. All rooms are subject of availability.
7. E-mail and phone number are obligatory fields to fill in.
8. Transport from/to the airport and sports venue is foreseen from these hotels.

#### **TRANSPORT:**

Transport will be provided free of charge between Lisbon International Airport and Caldas da Rainha (80 km) **only** for participants who booked hotel through the organization. In order to guarantee transport, the relevant information (arrival date, hour and flight) should reach the organizers until February 25, 2021.

Participants who don't book hotel through the organization may request airport transport, but it will have a cost of 60€ per person (both ways).

Transport between the official hotels and the hall will also be provided free of charge during the tournament.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**

The tournament will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will 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 penalized 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.

#### **CLOTHING AND 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. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

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.

**SHUTTLES:**

YANG YANG 300B

**COURTS:**

5 Yonex courts (+2 warm up courts in a separate hall in the same venue).

**PRACTICE COURTS**

Five courts will be available in the main hall and two in the practice hall on Wednesday, March 10 2021 between 14:00-21:00 . Please send the Practice court reservation Form until February 25, 2021 to [events@fpbadminton.pt](mailto:events@fpbadminton.pt)

**DOPING CONTROL:**

According to Portuguese law Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

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/>

**INSURANCE:**

Member 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 Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant purchases a proper insurance.

**VISA:**

If you need Visa for Portugal, after entering your players, please send us the Visa application form, no later than February 11, 2021 for the official invitation letter. Any additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and has to be paid by the Member.

## **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/>

## **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:**

The organising Member 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 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.

## **COVID-19:**

Please be aware that the tournament takes place during the current pandemic situation with COVID-19. The conditions for hosting the tournament, as well as hygiene, sanitary and preventive measures, will be those determined by the Portuguese authorities at all times. If the Portuguese authorities require it, each participant may have to deliver a responsible declaration before participating in the tournament.

Should the event be cancelled with short notice by the Portuguese authorities, due to the COVID-19 situation, beyond the control of both Badminton Europe and the Portuguese Badminton Federation, neither of them will be liable for any costs related to travelling or accommodation made by players/officials for this event.

Each Member must ensure through the following web address <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/PRT> that it is allowed to enter Portugal in the current circumstances. It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets with a cancellation insurance.

Covid-19 guidelines for the tournament will be presented latest on February 28, 2021 and published on the website [www.fpbadminton.pt](http://www.fpbadminton.pt) .

**PAYMENTS:**

We would appreciate if you can make your payments (entry fees and accommodation) in advance, by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be accepted by the organization):

Name: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

Bank: Crédito Agrícola

Address: Caldas da Rainha, Portugal

Account IBAN: PT50004551304023129431752

Bank SWIFT CODE: CCCMPTPL

**CONTACTS:**

For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us at [events@fpbadminton.pt](mailto:events@fpbadminton.pt) This includes the following :

- Visa application
- Practice court request
- Hotel booking request
- Transport request

Key dates	
Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:59 PM (GMT)
Ranking date (used for M&Q Report):	February 9, 2021
Visa request deadline:	February 11, 2021
Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Data:	February 12, 2021
Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw:	February 16, 2021
Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty:	Monday, February 22, 2021 11:59 PM (GMT)
Draw Date:	February 23, 2021
Accommodation and transport deadline:	February 25, 2021
Practice form:	February 25, 2021
Team manager meeting:	March 10, 2021– 20:00 at the venue