



INVITATION
POLISH OPEN 2021

Organized by
Polish Badminton Association & Host City Gniezno
25th – 28th March 2021

The event is part of the BEC Elite Circuit
International Challenge Tournament
and a World Ranking Tournament

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT
Information

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BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

Regulations

1. Definition

1.1. All International Challenge, International Series and Future Series tournaments in Europe which are accepted by BADMINTON EUROPE and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) must be part of the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Elite Circuit.

2. Description

2.1. The BEC Elite Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members. Players from European Members earn points for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments which is in accordance with the BWF World Ranking system.

2.2. BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are BWF World Ranking tournaments.

Conditions of play: The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and the BWF General Competition Regulations adopted as well as the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

ORGANIZER

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SARS-CoV-2

As of today, in accordance with the regulations of the Polish Government, players, coaches and technical officials who come to Poland for sports competitions are released from quarantine. Each participant must have a certificate with a negative result of the diagnostic test for SARS-CoV-2, not older than 2 days before crossing the border, or a certificate of vaccination for SARS-CoV-2.

Due to the sanitary restrictions related to SARS-CoV-2, it is mandatory to stay at the official tournament hotels.

The list of hotels will be announced in the second half of January 2021. Until January 17, all hotels in Poland are closed in accordance with the introduced legal regulations regarding the limitation of the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

VENUE



**Sport & entertainment hall in Gniezno
(Hala Sportowo-Widowiskowa im. Mieczysława Łopatki)**

Sportowa 3, 62-200 Gniezno

ACCOMMODATION, CATERING, TRANSFERS

e-mail: accommodation@pzbad.pl

(mail will be open since 1 February 2021)

REFEREES

Referee: João Fragoso

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Deputy Referee: Marek Krawczyk

Contact: m.krawczyk@pzbad.pl

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

March 24th (Wednesday):

- Official training (take place in the competition venue from 8:00 – 21:00; no booking required)
- 20:00 Team Manager - Meeting will take place in the Venue
- 21:00 Umpires Meeting will take place in the Venue

Day 1 Qualification (max. 100 matches)

Time: 9:00 – 21:00

Day 2 Main Draw R1 (56) and R2 (40)

Time: 9:00 – 21:00

Day 3 Qf (20) + SF (10)

Time: QF 9:00 and SF 17:00

Day 4 Finals (5)

Time: 11:00

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9. Conditions for tournaments and players taking part in the BEC Elite Circuit

9.4 The provisional schedule can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuits Commission.

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. Such a final frame schedule cannot change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chairman of the BADMINTON EUROPE Circuits Commission approve such a change.

9.5. 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.

TOTAL PRIZE VALUE

US\$ 15.000,00

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 1350	\$ 1350	\$ 1350
Runner up	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Semi-finalist	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 375	\$ 375	\$ 375
Quarter-finalist	\$ 120	\$ 120			

For all players winning prize money, a 10% tax will be deducted.

The Organizer will pay the prize money in cash in USD at the prize giving ceremony to the players/pairs competing in the finals.

Q Finalists and S Finalists will receive cash prizes as soon as their matches have finished.

ENTRY FEES

- Singles: € 65.- per player
- Doubles: € 55.- per player/event

Payment requirements

The entry fees have to be transferred before 10 March 2021 following an invoice sent with all bank details included.

There will be also possibility to pay for entry fees, accommodation and meals provided by organizers directly to the organizers in Tournament Office after arrival.

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17. Entry fees

17.1. 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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

17.2 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.

17.3 The invoice for entry fees must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to BADMINTON EUROPE. All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to BADMINTON EUROPE by a tournament organiser following the above-mentioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

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

17.5 Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

ENTRIES

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=437A2FF2-C66C-4948-B5BA-4473018C829B>

Compliance with GCR 7.9: "In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."

ENTRY DATE

Entry deadline:	Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:59 PM (GMT + 01:00)
WR date used for M&Q report:	Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Date for publication of M&Q-report:	Friday, February 26, 2021
WR date used for seeding/draw:	Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Withdrawal deadline:	Monday, March 8, 2021 11:59 PM (GMT +01:00)
Draw:	Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Players cannot be entered without BWF ID-number. If a Member wishes to register 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.

EVENTS:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draw is 32 for Men's Singles, Women's Singles and 24 for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

System of the Competition: K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and BWF General Competition Regulations.

Eligibility: Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

Courts: 5 – brand tbc

Shuttles: tbc

WITHDRAWALS & NO SHOWS

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

ATTENTION:

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member 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).

Last date for withdrawals without penalty: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:59 PM (GMT +01:00)

Minimum number of entries

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3.3. 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 is 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.

3.4 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.

3.6 Member and/or Organizer 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 Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

DRAW

Will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

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/>

CLOTHING

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18.1 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.

18.2 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.

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/>*

VISA

Important for all players who need visa for Poland. Please request immediately from Polish Badminton Association an official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible
e- mail: m.langer@pzbad.pl

TRANSFERS

Transport (pick up) **only** from Poznan Airport to official hotels.

Transfer between airport to/from the official hotels will be provided by the Organizer free of charge, if accommodation is booked via organizer in the official hotels.

The Airport in Poznan is located approx. 70 km from Gniezno Venue.

Please notify the tournament office about your pick up time until 10th March 2021.

This information should be e-mailed to: accommodation@pzbud.pl

ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

The organizer offers accommodation in a full range of hotels. Reservations should be made using the booking form and sent to accommodation@pzbud.pl

The organizer provides free transport only between the official hotels, Venue and Poznan airport. Other transfers are possible after earlier request and will be charged extra. It is mandatory for all players to stay in the official tournament hotels due to the Covid-19 protocol.

Drinking water will be provided at the Tournament Venue by the Organizer for all participants. Catering service with hot and cold food and drinks will be available at the Tournament Venue.

Organizer will provide catering at an appropriate level and a well-balanced sports diet, which is why we also offer hot meal (lunch) - reservations at the Tournament Venue & after final confirmation of accommodation.

Due to Covid-19 situation, we are not able to confirm hotel name at this stage.

Prices for double room will be between 60 – 65 EUR

PRACTICE FACILITIES

Sport hall next to main venue

GOSiR GNIEZNO Sports hall
Sportowa Street 3-5
62-200 Gniezno

Practice Venue will be available during all Polish Open 2021 (25th – 28th of March 2021).

The hall booking schedule will be available from February 20.

Reservations should be sent to the email: accommodation@pzbud.pl

Earlier reservations (before 20th Feb.) will not be considered.