

Bulgarian Open Championship 2021

Tournament is part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

International Series Tournament

City Sofia, BULGARIA

INVITATION

09 – 12 August 2021



Prize money fund: 5 000 USD

KEY DATES

- Entry deadline: 13 July 2021
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: 13 July 2021
- Date for publication of M&Q Report: 16 July 2021
- World Ranking date used for the seeding/draw: 20 July 2021
- Last date of withdrawal without penalty: 26 July 2021
- Date of the draw: 27 July 2021
- Team Managers Meeting: 08 August 2021, 19:00 h, Hotel Triada

ORGANIZER: **Bulgarian Badminton Federation**
TEL: +359 2 9867781; **E-mail:** badmintonbg@gmail.com

VENUE: Sofia CITY (BULGARIA), Badminton Hall "Europe", 7 Iskarsko Shose Blvd.

DATES: 09 - 12 August 2021
Monday, 09 August 2021 Qualification – start 09:00h.
Main Draw first round MD & WD (not before 18:00 h.)
Tuesday, 10 August 2021 Main Draw – start 09:00h
Wednesday, 11 August 2021- Quarter Finals (10:00 h.) and Semi Finals (16:00h.)
Thursday, 12 August 2021 Finals – start 10:00h.
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.

ENTRIES: Entries must be submitted Online no later than: 13 July 2021 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/2044E78A-D8F1-4F5B-8095-7F1AFDB8E02B>

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.

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."

No late entries will be accepted!

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (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.

ENTRY FEES:

- Singles (men and women) - 40 euro per player
- Doubles - 40 euro per player
- Mixed doubles - 40 euro per player

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.

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.

Bank account: **Bulgarian Badminton Federation**

TOKUDA BANK AD

IBAN: BG65CREX92601400202501

Swift/BIC: CREXBGSF

EVENTS:

Men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Number of players/pairs accepted for the Main Draw:

Men's singles 32

Women's singles 32

Doubles 24

WITHDRAWALS:

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

Before the withdrawals without penalty date, please use the online entry system to withdraw players. After the withdrawal without penalty date has passed (26 July 2021 23:59 EEST), please ensure that the Organizer is informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason, to the following e-mail: badmintonbg@gmail.com; daniel.l.sahlberg@gmail.com; alexander1996@abv.bg

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).

PRIZE MONEY: There will be total prize money of USD 5.000, which will be distributed in cash after the prize given ceremony after signing the required documentation.

Distribution

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$500	\$500	\$600	\$600	\$600
Runner up	\$275	\$275	\$350	\$350	\$350
Semi-finalist	\$150	\$150			

No taxes will be deducted.

DRAW: Will be made by Badminton Europe on 27 July 2021

REFEREE: Daniel Sahlberg (Sweden) – daniel.l.sahlberg@gmail.com

DEPUTY REFEREE: Aleksander Dzhurov (Bulgaria) - alexander1996@abv.bg

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.

SHUTTLECOCKS: FZ Forza VIP

COURTS: 4 Pro Court mats

PRACTICE

FACILITY: Training courts will be available on request on 08.08.2021. You can book directly on reception in tournament venue.

TEAM MANAGERS

MEETING: 08 August 2021, 19:00h. at Hotel Triada

BETTING:

There can be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly, manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal

prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results, Player's Code of Conduct, Coaches' and Educators' Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct for Technical Officials and will be sanctioned by BWF.

**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/>

**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/>

**PLACE OF
ARRIVING:**

Sofia (International Airport), transportation will be arranged from Airport to Hotel and back

DEPARTURE:

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.

VISAS:

We will provide full visa assistance. Important for all players who need visa for Bulgaria. Please request immediately from Badminton Bulgaria the official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible but no later than 23 July 2021. Contact: badmintonbg@gmail.com

Official website: www.bfbadminton.bg

Official e-mails: badmintonbg@gmail.com – **tournament organizers**

NOTICE:

Please be informed that **payment of hotel** and **entry fees** must be made to the **ORGANIZERS** when players arrive.

CONTACTS:

Antranik Kasabyan (**Chief Executive Director Bulgarian Badminton Federation**)

E-mail: badmintonbg@gmail.com; **T/F:** +359 2 9867781

INSURANCE:

Any special medical treatment necessary or hospitalization due to serious illness or injury is at the players or officials own expenses.

3.4 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.

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.

COVID-19:

Please note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period. BADMINTON EUROPE and Bulgarian Badminton Federation are not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament. Should the event be cancelled with short notice by the Bulgarian authorities, due to the Covid-19 situation, beyond the control of both BADMINTON EUROPE and Bulgarian Badminton Federation, neither of them will be liable for any costs related to travelling or accommodation made by players / officials for this event. It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets and hotel rooms with a cancellation insurance. Some national or global epidemiological restrictions might be in place in the sports hall, hotel, transport etc. If applicable, such information will be published on the official event's website and circulated.

ACCOMMODATION FORM

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Bulgarian Badminton Federation is responsible for the hotel accommodation and all booking forms must be received in the federation.

Phone: +359-2-986 77 81;
e-mail: badmintonbg@gmail.com
Website: www.badmintonbg.org

National Association:	
Contact person:	
E-mail address:	
Mobile Phone number:	
Fax number:	

Hotel Triada *** 5 Venera Str.	Price	09th August	10th August	11th August	12th August	13th August
No. of Single Standard Rooms	40 €					
No. of Double Standard Rooms	50 €					
Arrival date:						
Arrival hour:						
Airline:						
Departure date:						
Departure hour:						
Airline:						

Prices are in euro, per room/per night and are inclusive of:

Hotel accommodation
Breakfast
Airport transfer
Shuttle services during the event
Local tax and VAT

Please return this form until: 10th July 2021

to the Bulgarian organisers by mail

badmintonbg@gmail.com

All payments should be made upon arrival cash or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard)

Date:

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Signed: