

Invitation



International Series
Part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

FZ FORZA

Norwegian

International 2021

Venue:

Jotunhallen, Sandefjord

11.-14. November 2021

Closing date: 12th October

Norwegian Badminton Association

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Web-site: www.badminton.no (Norwegian International)

Local organizers: Sandefjord Badmintonklubb



CONDITIONS

The FZ FORZA Norwegian International 2021 will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the regulations of the BEC Elite Circuit of which the Norwegian International Championships forms a part. 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. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit Regulations).

VENUE

The FZ FORZA Norwegian International 2021 will be played in **Jotunhallen** (Sportsveien 25, 3224 Sandefjord, Norway) (phone: +47 93038999) with the Norwegian Badminton Association and Sandefjord Badmintonklubb as organisers from the 11th to 14th November 2021.

DATES OF EVENT/ PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday 11th November from 12:00 pm – Qualification

Friday 12th November from 10:00 am – First and second round

Saturday 13th November from 10:00 am – Quarter-finals
and from 15:00 pm Semi-finals

Sunday 14th November from 10:00 am – Finals

All times are provisional and are subject to change due to the number of entries and to the referee's approval. 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.

Practice facilities will be available in the hall before tournament start on Wednesday afternoon/evening and Thursday, but unfortunately not during play.

To book practice please make contact by e-mail: badminton@badminton.no

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.

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

Covid-19

The event will be conducted in accordance with BEC's Covid-19 guidelines as well as the Norwegian government's Covid-19 related measures valid at the period of duration of the event. See the following links for further information about travelling to Norway: <https://reg.entrynorway.no/>

As of today, in accordance with the regulations of the Norwegian Government, players, coaches and referees / umpires who come to Norway for sports competitions are released from quarantine. Each participant must have a certificate with a negative result of the PCR test or antigen test for SARS-CoV2, taken 48 hours before crossing the border, or a certificate of vaccination for SARSCoV-2. You don't need to wear a mask outside. It is also required to keep a minimum distance of 1 m between people. The organization of the competition is possible only under certain conditions and rules. As of today, Fans cannot participate in the event. All participants must be accredited persons and will be treated as participants in the Tournament or associated with its organization. For all participants (players and their entourage), it is mandatory to book accommodation via the organisers in order to create a safe bubble. Access to the venue will be denied for all those who are not staying in the official hotels

ARRIVAL

Competitors from abroad are requested to inform the Norwegian Badminton Association of the date and time of arrival, flight no., etc. at the latest a week before the start of the tournament. We will only provide transport (see capture "TRANSPORT") from the airport, Sandefjord, Torp. **If you do not inform us of your arrival time at the latest a week before, we will not be able to**

provide transport for you from the airport (Sandefjord, Torp). Nearest airport is Sandefjord, **Torp**, and you (if you inform us in time) will be met at the airport.

ENTRIES

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

Link for BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/C28D78F5-FB78-46A7-BC5B-1D6B9B154EE8>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

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.”

After entering a player(s) in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough. The Tournaments Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa. Please make contact to e-mail:

badminton@badminton.no

ADVERTISING & CLOTHING

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.

PRIZE MONEY

The tournament is classified as “International Series”.

There will be a total prize money of **USD 5 000,-**, which will be paid to the winners according to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations, § 10.

Division of prize money (USD):

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	500.-	500.-	600.-	600.-	600.-
Runner up	275.-	275.-	350.-	350.-	350.-
Semifinalist	150.-	150.-			

The prize money in the double categories is for each pair.

Prize money will be paid (USD) to account numbers only, no cash payments. The tournament organizer guarantee that the payment will be in the player's account immediately after the tournament and will also bare all costs for the money transfer. Players are required to provide bank account number, bank IBAN and SWIFT. Prize money to be paid to the players and not to the Members. Unfortunately, we cannot pay cash due to the restrictions on cash handling in Norway. No taxes will be deducted.

DRAW

The draw will be made by Badminton Europe.

The qualification and the main tournament will be played on 5 courts. The main draw will be 32 in Men's singles, 32 in Women's singles, 24 in Mixed doubles, 24 in Men's doubles and 24 in Women's doubles

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.

The list (M&Q Report) of players for the main draw and qualifying will be released the 15th October. The World ranking date used for the M&Q Report will be the 12th October. The draw will be made the 26th October. The date for

withdrawal without a penalty is the 25th October. The World ranking date to be used for making the seeding and draws is the 19th October.

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).

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees are:

EURO 50,- (NOK 550.-) in singles

EURO 70,- (NOK 770.-) per combination in doubles.

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 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.

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 abovementioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

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 member/members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry.

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

The entry fees must be paid to:

Norwegian Badminton Association,
N-0840 Oslo, Norway, Bank Account 78740597255.

Bank address: DnB, 0021 Oslo, Norway

SWIFT-code: DNBANOKK

IBAN-no: NO2678740597255

Bank charges etc. have to be paid by the National Association and will not be accepted by the Norwegian Badminton Association.

WITHDRAWALS

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).

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/>.

OTHER INFORMATION

- The tournaments **referee** will be Barbara Fryer

E-mail: barbara.fryer@gmx.ch;

Phone: + 41 79 405 19 70

- The tournaments **deputy referee** be Nils Petter Johansen

E-mail: npj@bssj.no

Phone: +47 95209053

The team managers meeting will be in the hall the 11th November at 09.30 am depending on number of entries and tournament start.

- FORZA VIP shuttlecocks will be used for the tournament
- The tournament will be played on 5 courts, portable Yonex mats
- **Doping control:** According to Norwegian law Drug Testing might 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/>

- **Tournament website:** www.badminton.no (Norwegian International)
 - **Norwegian Badminton Association**
Tel. + 47 93038999/+47 99724340
E-mail: badminton@badminton.no

TRANSPORT

There will be arranged pick-up service from and to **Sandefjord Airport Torp** as follows:

- Wednesday the 10th November from 09.00.hrs am onwards
- Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of November there will be a pick-up service from Sandefjord Airport, Torp. Transport from the hall to the airport will be upon request.
- Saturday the 13th of November there will be transport from the hall to the airport after the quarterfinals at about 15.00hrs.
- Sunday the 14th of November there will be transport leaving from the hall to the airport after finishing the finals at about 14.30.hrs.

The official hotel is Clarion Hotel Collection Atlantic, and it's possible to travel (at your own expense) to and from the airport by shuttlebus/train. The train station (Sandefjord) is situated about 300 metres from the hotel.

There will be a scheduled transport between the official hotel and the venue during the tournament.

ACCOMMODATION

Reservations must be made using the hotel reservation form. Reservations made directly to the hotel will not be accepted. All guests must settle their own accounts directly to the hotel before departure.

Clarion Collection Hotel Atlantic (Jernbaneallèen 33, 3201 Sandefjord,
phone +47 33 42 80 00, e-mail: cc.atlantic@choice.no)

Prices: NOK 1150,- single room per night (including breakfast)

NOK 1450,- twin room per night (including breakfast)

NOK 1750,- triple room per night (including breakfast)

At the hotel there will be fruit available all day long in the reception area.

Between 15.00hrs and 18.00hrs it will be possible to make some “waffles” and coffee, and between 18.00hrs and 21.00hrs there will be a light evening meal available, all in the same area, and free of charge.

HOTEL AND TRANSPORT RESERVATION FORM

Hotel Reservation Form to be returned to the Norwegian Badminton Association not later than **18th October 2021**.

Room allocation will be done in order of receipt of booking form.

Click on this link below to make booking for transport and accommodation.

<https://surveys.analyzer.com?pid=rdsurmuh>