



Bahrain International Challenge 2021

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Prospectus

23 – 27 November 2021

Manama, BAHRAIN

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Organizer	Bahrain Badminton & Squash Federation Address: Isa Town, Bahrain Tel :+ 973-39666766 Email : bbsf@bbsf.bh			
Sanctioned By	Badminton World Federation & Badminton Asia			
Host Organizer	The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam			
Date	23rd(Tuesday) – 27th (Sunday) November 2021			
Venue	The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Address : P.O. Box 757, Bldg. # 32, Block – 328, Road 2801, Sugayya, Manama, Bahrain Phone : +973 17251878			
Entries	<p>Member Associations are advised to submit your entries ONLINE at the link provided: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/058AD6FA-6E90-43BB-A020-BA9A57BB2F3F</p> <p>Entry Dateline: 26th October 2021</p> <p>Kindly contact Mr. Shanmugam at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org for the username and password if required. The online entry page will close immediately on the entry closing date at 23:59 hours Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All late submissions including technical error will not be accepted 2. All entries MUST be submitted by ranking order 3. No changes to the entries is allowed except for withdrawal after the release of the M&Q Report. 4. All entries MUST only be submitted through your Members Association. <p>For members who are having technical difficulties, kindly contact Ms. Belle at belleng@badmintonasia.org before the Entry Dateline provided above.</p> <p>After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by the Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following close of entries.</p> <p>If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.</p>			
Tentative Timetable	Day	Date	Start Time	Program
	Monday	22 nd November 2021	18:00 Hours	Team Managers Meeting
	Monday	22 nd November 2021	19:00 Hours	Technical Officials Briefing
	Tuesday	23 rd November 2021	09:00 Hours	Preliminary/Qualifying Rounds
	Wednesday	24 th November 2021	09:00 Hours	Preliminary Rounds
	Thursday	25 th November 2021	09:00 Hours	Quarter Finals
	Friday	26 th November 2021	17:00 Hours	All Semi Finals
	Saturday	27 th November 2021	17:00 Hours	All Finals
	<p>*Alterations due to number of entries received, TV coverage or any other reasons, to the order of play is possible at the discretion of the Referee.</p> <p>*All events are on strict timetable system. Match will be forfeited if the players are not present during the time of play when their match is scheduled.</p>			

Events & Draw Size	Event		Entries – Main Draw		No. of Entries - Qualifying draw		
			Direct	Qualifiers			
	Men's Singles		24	8	32		
	Women's Singles		12	4	16		
	Men's Doubles		12	4	16		
	Women's Doubles		12	4	16		
Mixed Doubles		12	4	16			
Format of Play	Rally Point System: 3 x 21 points, Play will be in accordance with the Laws of badminton as mentioned on the web site of BWF.						
Entry Fee	USD \$ 25.00/- (per event). Entry fees must be paid at the venue on the first day of the event.						
Prize Money & Medals	Total Prize Money of US\$ 15,000 (tax free) will be distributed at the Prize Giving Ceremony, copy of passport is required for verifications purposes.						
		Event	Champion	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	Quarter finalists	Last 16
	*	Men's Singles	USD\$1125	USD\$570	USD\$217.5	USD\$90	USD\$52.5
	*	Women's Singles					
	**	Men's Doubles					
	**	Women's Doubles	USD\$1185	USD\$570	USD\$210	USD\$108.75	USD\$56.25
	**	Mixed Doubles					
	* - Per Player, **- Per Pair The organizer will pay the prize money in cash at the prize giving Ceremony to the players/pairs competing in the finals. Trophies will be awarded to all winners & runners up and medals to all semifinalists.						
Key Dates	Entry closing		Tuesday, 26th October 2021				
	Main and Qualifying List, Qualification Draw seeding & Promotions – World Ranking date		Tuesday, 26th October 2021				
	M & Q Publish Date		Friday, 29th October 2021				
	Main Draw Seeding – World Ranking date		Tuesday, 2nd November 2021				
	Seeding Report Publish date		Friday, 5th November 2021				
	Last date for Withdrawals Without Penalty		Monday, 8th November 2021				
	Draw		Tuesday, 9th November 2021				
	* All Documents can be found in Badminton Asia Website : https://badmintonasia.org/tournaments/badminton-asia-event-calendars/bahrain-international-challenge-2021						
Shuttles	YONEX AS30						
Competition Rules & Regulation	Relevant Badminton World Federation Regulations shall be applicable to this competition.						

Clothing & Advertising	<p>Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the competition regulations of Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24)</p> <p>The player's name on the back of clothing shall be identical with the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member count. (GCR 23.3)</p> <p><u>MANDATORY CLOTHING REGULATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event. 2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same color. 3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colors.
On Court Doctor	<p>On Court Doctor will be on duty throughout the competition at the tournament Venue.</p>
Doping Control	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Compliance with GCR 7.9	<p>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."</p>
Team Managers Meeting	<p>22nd November 2021 (Monday) at 18:00 Hours Venue: Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, Bahrain</p> <p>* As per BWF Regulations, Each Team must be represented in the Team Managers Meeting. Failing to attend may result in penalty.</p>
Technical Officials Briefing	<p>22nd November 2021 (Monday) at 19:00 Hours Venue: Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, Bahrain</p>
Referee	<p>Mr. Sharad Varma (IND) Email : sfvarma@gmail.com</p>
Deputy Referee	<p>Ms. Jayashree S Nair (BRN) Email: jsrn2006@gmail.com</p>
Tournament Email	<p>bahraininternational2021@gmail.com</p>

COVID 19 Protocols

Covid-19 Protocols

- Only fully vaccinated participants (including players, team managers, coaches, technical officials, and any other tournament support personnel) are permitted to participate in this event as per the Bahrain government guidelines. In addition, participants **MUST** submit an official vaccination certificate (Printed in English only) as proof of having the requisite doses of vaccination as mandated and approved by the participant's home country.
- Participants entering the tournament from Red List countries **MUST** apply for a visa at least 30 days before the tournament start date. **PLEASE NOTE** that entering the tournament **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** a visa. It is subject to approval from Bahrain's Ministry of Health.
- All participants **MUST** submit a negative PCR test conducted by an authorized testing agency in the home/departing country of the participant, which is not older than 72hours from their date of arrival in the kingdom of Bahrain.
- All participants entering the Bahrain International Airport will be charged an amount of BHD 36/- (Approximately 100US\$) as Covid -19 test charges (3 mandatory tests).
- All participants must stay at the official Hotel and use the official transport **ONLY**.
- All players and team officials **MUST** do an arrival test at Bahrain International Airport.
 - Upon arrival, participants will be transported to the official Hotel.
 - Teams will have their own transport to the Hotel.
 - Players and team entourage as well as the bus drivers are required to wear face masks at all times during transport.
 - After the on-arrival PCR test, participants are required to stay in isolation while waiting for their test results.
- Participants will be allowed access to practice courts only once a negative test report is obtained.
- All participants must stay within the bubble areas at all times - these are limited to specific parts of the Hotel, venue, practice hall, and tournament transport.
- The organizers will formulate necessary guidelines to minimize unnecessary contact between attendees to the event. For example, only personnel who have been properly tested will be allowed to come in close contact with the players. In addition, the number of persons in the hall will be restricted at all times to avoid any unnecessary risks.
- Participants arriving in Bahrain are required to download and activate the **BaAware** application for contact tracing purposes.
- Please visit the following Gulf Air website for the Kingdom of Bahrain's latest Covid Regulations <https://www.gulfair.com/covid19>.
- For further information on BWF Covid-19 protocol, please visit here → <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/covid-19-protocols/>.

Person testing positive:

- Participants with a positive PCR test result must self-isolate immediately for minimum 10 days and are therefore withdrawn from the tournament
- A person identified as close contact may be required to self-isolated for 10days and may be subjected to additional PCR test. The decision about this is made on a case-by-case basis by the locate health authority.

Breach of Covid protocol:

- The BWF has introduced specific penalties for breaches of the COVID-19 safety protocols. An overview of the breaches and penalties can be found here →: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/>

Your safety is our priority. Therefore, all participants are requested to cooperate in ensuring the safe and smooth conduct of the tournament!!!!

Visa Application	<p>Contingents requiring visa for entry into Bahrain, are required to email copies of their passport, their photo to arrange visas.</p> <p>All players and officials who require visa to enter Bahrain should email a copy of their passport to bahraininternationalvisa@gmail.com before 21st October 2021. Bahrain Badminton and Squash Federation (BBSF) will process visas only for those players and officials whose passport copies are received before deadline. Bahrain Badminton and Squash Federation will process the visas free of charge.</p> <p>Alternatively, BBSF can provide invitation letters to the participants who wish to process visas themselves.</p>
Hotel / Accommodation Reservation	<p>All of the expenditures (Hotel and Food) must be borne by the respective National Association/Federation of Participants.</p> <p><u>AS PART OF COVID REGULATIONS IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL PLAYERS STAY AT THE OFFICIAL HOTEL ONLY.</u></p> <p><u>Park Regis Lotus Hotel</u></p> <p>Address : Building 147, Avenue 22, Block 324, Juffair, Kingdom of Bahrain.</p> <p>Phone : +97317362220</p> <p>Deluxe Single Room BHD 25.00/- (local currency Bahraini Dinars)</p> <p>Deluxe Double Room BHD 40.00/- (local currency Bahraini Dinars)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive of 10% service charge, 5% Govt. tax & 5 % VAT tax. • Inclusive of buffet breakfast served at Ewan restaurant. • Complimentary 24 hours wireless high speed internet access throughout the hotel facilities. • Complimentary airport transfers. • All rates are quoted in local currency. • Rates are subject to availability except when an allotment has been agreed upon and all rates are not based on Last Room availability. • Should the Government tax increase the hotel reserves the right to increase rates & taxes accordingly. • Check in time is 02:00 PM (14:00hrs). Check out time is 12:00 NOON (12:00hrs). Early check in subject to availability. • Free Cancellation: 24 hrs. Prior to the day of arrival, otherwise one night's charge. • No show Policy: if guest fails to arrive as per booking, hotel will charge No-show for 1st night & rest of the reservation may be released <p>For Reservations please submit your reservation forms to bahraininternational2021@gmail.com latest by 15th November 2021.</p>
Transportation	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the hotel from Bahrain International Airport (BAH) to the official hotel and from official hotel to the hall. Flight Details Form should be sent to the following email no later than 17th November 2021 to bahraininternational2021@gmail.com</p> <p>Organizers will provide transportation from the Hotel to Venue and back.</p>
Practice Sessions	<p>Practice sessions will be arranged upon arrival.</p>

Indemnity & Insurance	<p>Any participating associations and its delegated competitors / officials should agree to indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and against any claims for personal injury, financial loss, death or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament.</p> <p>The organizer will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and / or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.</p> <p>Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements.</p>																													
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