

YONEX GAINWARD GERMAN OPEN 2022

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Invitation to

YONEX GAINWARD German Open 2022

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300

08 March – 13 March 2022

Westenergie Sporthalle, Mülheim an
der Ruhr, Germany

Prize Money: **US\$ 180,000**

Dear Member Associations,

We, at the German Badminton Association (DBV e.V.), are honored to be able to host the YONEX GAINWARD German Open International Badminton Championships in March 2022.

As you may know, our tournament was the first in the HSBC BWF World Tour in 2020 to be cancelled due to the pandemic. This marked the beginning of a very hard year for everyone around the globe. As we all work towards building a pathway forward, despite the many challenges we face, we look forward to welcoming you to Mülheim, Germany.

Our Event Team is working hard to ensure a smooth execution of the tournament within this extraordinary framework, and to ensure the safety of your team and staff. We hope that together we can help revive badminton and international sport.

In order to ensure everyone's safety, we will be working to create a "bubble environment" for the tournament. This will include all athletes, entourage, and staff. This means that strict health and safety measures and protocols will be in place and must be followed at all times.

We are very grateful to everyone – particularly YONEX, the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, the City of Mülheim, Regionalverband Ruhr and the 1. BVM – for their continued support and contributions.

We hope to spark enthusiasm and excitement as images of this great tournament are broadcast around the world.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Born

President of the German Badminton Association (DBV e.V.)

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1. General Details

Organiser	Vermarktungsgesellschaft Badminton Deutschland (VBD) mbH for the German Badminton Association/Deutsche Badminton Verband e.V. (DBV) Address Südstrasse 25a, 45470 Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany T: +49 (0)208 37027 13 or 17 E: office@german-open-badminton.de W: www.german-open-badminton.de
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	Tuesday, 08 March to Sunday 13 March 2022
Competition Venue	Westenergie Sporthalle (formerly known as innogy Sporthalle) An den Sportstätten 6 45468 Mülheim an der Ruhr Germany
Media Links	Championships website: www.german-open-badminton.de  https://de-de.facebook.com/germanopenbadminton  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPSXVOjpZQI  https://www.instagram.com/germanopenofficial/?hl=de
Referee Team	Referee: TBD Deputy Referees: TBD

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Useful Contacts	<p>Jonathan Rathke, Tournament Director /Niko Schmelzle, Deputy Tournament Director E: office@german-open-badminton.de</p> <p>Wilfried Jörres / Technical & Sports Director E: wjoerres@t-online.de</p> <p>Markus Schwendtner / Asst. Technical & Sports Director E: markus-schwendtner@web.de</p>
Insurance coverage	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.</p> <p>The organiser holds no liability for losses due to tournament cancellation, as a result of pandemics or other causes beyond their control. Teams are liable for all costs incurred, including hotel fees, travel expenses and medical care.</p>
Indemnity	<p>To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.</p>
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.</p>

2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)	<p>This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>														
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)														
Instant Review System	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available on Court 1 for Semi-final and Final matches, and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.														
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Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/3EE97BA3-95BB-460D-B464-FF31CF46EF9D>

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:

s.ramachandran@bwf.sport or hj.yee@bwf.sport

The entry deadline is Tuesday, 01 February 2022 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group 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.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, 02 February 2022 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 03 February 2022 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

Online Entry – Hosting Member Association Entries

Eligible players wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process to international entries.

The entry deadline for German Players is Sunday, 30 January 2022 at 23:59, German local time.

Entries must be submitted exclusively by e-mail to: german-entries@badminton.de

Entries submitted to other e-mail addresses or via fax will NOT be accepted.

Entry Data required for registered members of National badminton associations:

- Last name, first name
- BWF number (if applicable)

Fees

No fees apply for OK, PK and EK German National Team athletes registered with the German Badminton Association (DBV e.V.).

The fees (incl. 19 % VAT) for NK1, NK2 and non-national team players, entered by state associations (Badminton-Landesverbände - BLV), are as follows:

25 € per singles player / 25 € per doubles player

The registration fee must be paid BEFORE the tournament starts. The same fees apply if a player is promoted from the reserve list. Accreditations will not be available until all fees are paid.

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Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Referee: TBD Email: TBD

Deputy Referee: TBD; Email: TBD

Host Organiser Contact: Tanja Kruppa; Email: office@german-open-badminton.de

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3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$180,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

Prize money is subject to German taxes. As such, a 15% levy and a subsequent 5,5% German Solidarity Tax on the sum of the levy, will be deducted from the figures below.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$13,500	\$6,840	\$2,610	\$1,080	\$630
Women's Singles	\$13,500	\$6,840	\$2,610	\$1,080	\$630
Men's Doubles*	\$14,220	\$6,840	\$2,520	\$1,305	\$675
Women's Doubles*	\$14,220	\$6,840	\$2,520	\$1,305	\$675
Mixed Doubles*	\$14,220	\$6,840	\$2,520	\$1,305	\$675

* – per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start	End
Tuesday 08 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw First Round	3	09:30	10:00	21:00
Wednesday 09 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw First Round	3	8:30	09:00	21:00
Thursday 10 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	2 nd round	3	09:30	10:00	21:00
Friday 11 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarterfinals	3	13:00	14:00	22:00
Saturday 12 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi-finals	2	12:00	14:00	21:00
Sunday 13 March 2022	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	10:00	12:00	18:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.

Finalists from the Spain Masters 2022 will play on Wednesday.



Official Shuttle	YONEX Aerosensa (AS 50)
Practice Facilities	<p>Practice Facility Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Deutsches Badminton-Zentrum, Südstrasse 23, 45470 Mülheim• Number of Courts: TBD• Schedule: will be posted on the official tournament website• Booking/Reservation information: Teams must complete the Practice Request Form and send it to office@german-open-badminton.de by the 22nd of February 2022. <p>Competition Courts Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule: will be posted on the official tournament website• Booking/Reservation Information: Teams must complete the Practice Request Form and send it to office@german-open-badminton.de by the 22nd of February 2022.• Number of Courts: 3• Court Mat Color: green• Practice times on the main courts at the tournament venue will be available on Monday 07nd of March 2022. <p>Warmup Courts Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of courts: 2 <p>Practice Shuttles Information: no practice shuttles</p>
Player Facilities	<p>Player Lounge Information: Location: Seating will only be available for players in the warm-up hall.</p> <p>Stringing Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: main hall• Schedule: available during tournament hours• Cost: information will be given during the Team Managers' Meeting

Team Managers' Meeting

The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday, 07 March 2022
- Time: 19:00
- Location: **Official Hotel**

It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.

Umpire Briefing

The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday, 07 March 2022
- Time: 17:00
- Location: Official Hotel

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 13th March 2022, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.

Accreditation

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.

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The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$150, charged to the respective Member Association, and is payable in full via bank transfer prior to the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g., transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

Medical Services

A medical officer will be available free of charge at the venue during tournament hours. A physiotherapist will be available free of charge to players at the official Team Hotel.

Tournament Doctor: Dr. Thomas Allroggen, Tournament Physician for the German Badminton Association.

Location: Westenergie-Sporthalle (formerly innogy Sporthalle), Ground Floor

Address: An den Sportstätten 6, 45468 Mülheim an der Ruhr Germany



Anti-Doping

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/>

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/>

Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9

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."

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4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel, practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:

- PLANE: Dusseldorf International Airport (DUS)
- TRAIN: Oberhausen Hauptbahnhof (OB Hbf / Oberhausen Main Station)

PLEASE USE OUR **GENERAL REQUEST FORM** FOR ALL TRAVEL, HOTEL AND ACCREDITATION NEEDS
Submit this form no later than 15 February 2022.

Visas

If a visa is required to enter Germany, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

Please complete and return the **Visa Request Form** by 31. January 2022.

The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.

The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.

It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Germany; the final decision is made the Government of Germany.

Players travelling internationally will need letters of confirmation proving that they are travelling for business / professional tournament. These will be sent automatically after the draw has been finalized.

COVID-19 Protocols

1. Germany entry requirements

Please see below links for the current Germany entry requirements, more specific information will be released prior to the tournament. In general travelers entering Germany from 'risk areas' must provide either a negative COVID-19 certificate or proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Competing in the YONEX GAINWARD German Open is considered as an 'urgent need travel' to enter Germany and the organising committee will provide letters to participants who require them to enter.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv_Risikogebiete/Risikogebiete_aktuell_en.pdf?_blob=publicationFile

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268>

List of approved vaccines:

https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=1C0176BBED0A1A2A9AC846DB0FF7AFD5.intranet232?cms_pos=3

More information regarding entering Germany will be released in advance of the tournament.

2. Insurance

Specific COVID-19 insurance is not currently required to enter Germany; however, all participants must have personal insurance covering any situation included Covid-19 hospitalization, quarantine and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee is not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

3. Hotel

It is a condition of entry that all participants must stay in the official hotel listed below. The hotel will be almost exclusive to the tournament however segregated breakfast, lunch and dinner areas will be available.

4. COVID-19 Testing

The Covid-19 testing programme will be confirmed in due course and the prospectus updated accordingly

5. Accommodation Details

Hotel accommodation

It is a condition of entry that all players and team officials must stay in the official team hotel: Art Hotel Ana Soul and Living Oberhausen.

	Rooms available	Rates	Catering
135 x Rooms	Single	95 €	breakfast
	Double	110 €	breakfast
65 x Apartments	Single	110 €	breakfast
	Double	125 €	breakfast

Please complete and return the **GENERAL REQUEST FORM** by 15 February 2021

The hotel will have safety measures in place to ensure safe environment for all participants.

Rooms will be assigned by the Event Office according to availability – first come first serve!

Please fill in accommodation form completely. Missing information may lessen the chance of getting the type of room you want.

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER 15 FEBRUARY 2021

After the cancellation deadline has passed, you will receive an invoice for the full amount. This must be paid immediately in full, to confirm your reservation. Non-payment may lead to exclusion from the tournament.

Catering

The hotel offers full board from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the form of a buffet. Please reserve your desired meals in advance using the General Request. The price per person and day is € 25. A booking on site is only possible if available.

6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>									
Media Accreditation	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form, by Friday, 18 February 2022.</p> <p>Please contact our Press Manager for more information: Claudia Pauli; Email: claudia.pauli@cp-presse.de</p>									
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Video Recording and Photography	<p>Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the INFO POINT at the Team Hotel. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>									