

INVITATION

to compete in

FINNISH OPEN 2022

World ranking and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit
International Challenge Tournament

Tournament dates 28 September – 1 October 2022

Entry closes on 30 August 2022

Official hotel reservation closing date 16 September 2022

ORGANISER

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<https://www.sulkapallo.fi/tapahtumat/finnish-open/>

BEC – Badminton Europe

BWF – Badminton World Federation

REFEREES

Tournament Referee: Mircea Solymosi (Romania) - mirceasolymosi@gmail.com

Deputy referee: Ari Vartiainen (Finland) – ari.vartiainen@pp.nic.fi

DATES

Tuesday 27 September 2022 - Practice courts available 16:00-21:00 at the venue

Tuesday 27 September 2022 – Team Managers meeting 19:00 at the venue

Tuesday 27 September 2022 – Umpire briefing 20:00 at the venue

Wednesday 28 September 2022: Qualifications (if necessary) from 09.00

Thursday 29 September 2022: Main tournament Round 32 from 09.00

Friday 30 September 2022: Round 16 from 10.00 and Quarter Finals from 17.00

Saturday 1 October 2022: Semi-finals from 10.00 and Finals from 17.00

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. The organizer will arrange the transport from and to the official hotel for Team Managers and Umpires for meetings on 27 September.

VENUE

Energia Areena, Rajatorpantie 23, FIN-01600 Vantaa

Phone: +358 10 633 0303 (during tournament only)

There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotel and the tournament venue for those who stay in the official hotel.

CONDITIONS

The Finnish Open will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations, of which the Finnish Open 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 shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). BEC shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

EVENTS

Men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles
Number of players/pairs accepted for the tournament:

	Main draw
Men's singles	32
Women's singles	32
Men's Doubles	32
Women's Doubles	32
Mixed Doubles	32

BEC Elite Circuit regulations 3.3.

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. BEC 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.

CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT

BEC Elite Circuit regulations

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.). BEC is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

3.6 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. BEC 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.

ENTRIES

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/7DB208D1-6C69-4D8F-B368-2F3A4E654F7B>

Players can't be entered unless they 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."

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 23.59 BWF HQ-time (GMT +8h)

VISA: Important information for all players who need visa for Finland.

<https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>

Please request the official Letter of Invitation from Badminton Finland as early as possible by a valid Visa details form that can be found on the tournament website

<https://www.sulkapallo.fi/tapahtumat/finnish-open/> and process your Visa application accordingly as soon as possible.

DRAW

The Draw will be made by BEC on **13th of September 2022**

KEY DATES

- Closing Date for Entries (Tue) **30th of August 2022**
- World Ranking Date used for Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report (Tue) **30th of August 2022**
- Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date (Fri) **2nd of September 2022**
- World Ranking Date used for Seeding Report (Tue) **6th of September 2022**
- Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty (Mon) **12th of September 2022**
- Draw Date (Tue) **13th of September 2022**

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees:

55 € in singles

50 € per player in doubles (separately MD, WD and XD) i.e. total 100 € per combination.



Organizer: Badminton Finland
Bank: Nordea
IBAN: FI4814543000102205
BIC: NDEAFIHH

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.

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.

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. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion within 48h after the message has been sent by the organisers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

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

No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 7.10.

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).



Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 (or US\$ 1000,00) 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 15 000 (equals EUR 14.465 based on exchange rate 1 USD = 0.9514 EUR on June 20th 2022), which will be distributed in cash in euros at the prize ceremony. The prizes of quarter-finalists and semi-finalists will be paid after their last matches.

in EUR	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*	Total
Winner	1145	1145	1285	1285	1285	6145
Runner-up	690	690	860	860	860	3960
Semi-finalist	290	290	380	380	380	3440
Quarterfinalist	115	115				920
					Total	14465

*= total per pair

INSURANCE

To be arranged individually by participants.

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/>

ADVERTISING AND 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 shirts and shorts/skirts at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 €.

DOPING CONTROL

During the tournament drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time. 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 WEB SITE: <https://www.sulkapallo.fi/tapahtumat/finnish-open/>

OTHER INFORMATION

* Shuttlecocks Yonex Aerosensa 30

* The tournament will be played on Victor Pro courts. Number of courts 4-5.

ACCOMMODATION

The official tournament hotels are Airport Hotel Skyline and Pilot Airport Hotel. Both hotels are situated very close to the Airport. See chapter ARRIVAL for details about the airport pick-up. All guests must settle their own accounts before departure at the hotel. Payments can be made by major credit cards or cash.

There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotels and the tournament venue. No other pick-up or drop-off locations will be available.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AT LATEST 16.9.2022.

Bookings are to be made directly to the hotel by using the email address of the hotel of your choice that can be found below.

Remember to use the tournament code: **FINNISHOPEN22** (applicable for both hotels)

Skyline

Elannontie 9, 01510 Vantaa, Finland

www.airporthotelskyline.fi/en/

Email: hotel@airporthotelskyline.fi

Prices:

EUR 111 single room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 124 twin room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 148 triple room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 168 room for four (per room), includes breakfast

Pre-ordered buffet meals (lunch/dinner) 15 EUR per person per meal.

Pilot Airport Hotel

Veromäentie 1, 01510 Vantaa, Finland

<https://airporthotelpilot.fi/en/>

Email: hotel@airporthotelpilot.fi





Prices:

EUR 95 single room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 109 twin room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 128 triple room (per room), includes breakfast

EUR 145 room for four (per room), includes breakfast

Pre-ordered buffet meals (lunch/dinner) 15 EUR per person per meal.

PRACTICE COURTS

There will be possibility to practice at the tournament venue on Tuesday 27th of September in the afternoon, a day before the tournament starts. More information will be available on the tournament webpage. Practice times can be booked with a form at the tournament website <https://www.sulkapallo.fi/tapahtumat/finnish-open/>.

ARRIVAL

The official airport is Helsinki-Vantaa (HEL). There will be no pickup service by the organiser as the tournament hotels are located in the Airport area. All the players and officials will get free transportation from the Airport to the official tournament hotel and back by the hotels' bus service according to their service hours (even outside the official pick-up hours). Please see <https://airporthotelskyline.fi/en/services/airport-transportation/> for details.

