

To: BWF Members

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Dear Members,

We are very pleased to provide updated information to you with regards to the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2022.


The tournament will now be held at the Nimibutr Arena, Bangkok, Thailand from Wed 7 December to Sun 11 December 2022.

The information is particularly relevant for players from your Association should they qualify for the finals from the HSBC BWF World Tour rankings.

Please find enclosed information on the host organiser, the city and event logistics.

We look forward to your strong support in making this tournament a success.

Kind regards



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Deputy Events Director
BWF

1. GENERAL INFORMATION	
HOST	Badminton Association of Thailand
DATE OF TOURNAMENT	Wednesday 7 th - Sunday 11 December 2022
VENUE	Nimibutr Arena 154 Rama I Road Wang Mai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand
USEFUL CONTACTS	Championships Office Email: wtbangkok2022@gmail.com
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 (including Covid-19 treatment hospitalisation) expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to his/her country of residence.</p> <p>Participants are advised to bring enough cash for any hospitalisation and medical care cost as payment must be done upon check-out and treatment.</p>
INDEMNITY	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 in the Tournament.
PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS	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.
RULES AND REGULATIONS	<p>The Event will be conducted in accordance to, but not limited, to the Laws of Badminton, BWF General Competition Regulations and BWF World Tour Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2)</p> <p>Do note that 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> <p>In matters involving disputes over the play throughout the Finals, the Referee's decisions will be final.</p>

COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS CLAUSE 7.9	<p>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.</p>
QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND CONDITION OF ENTRY TO THE FINALS	<p>The top 8 Men's Singles, 8 Women's Singles, 8 Men's Doubles, 8 Women's Doubles and 8 Mixed Doubles in the HSBC BWF World Tour Ranking will be invited to compete in the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals Bangkok 2022 where only a maximum of 2 players/pairs per Member Association is eligible to participate in the Finals.</p> <p>The wild card entry rule for World Champions 2022 (Tokyo edition) will apply for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals Bangkok 2022.</p> <p>The Tournaments under the HSBC BWF World Tour Ranking are as follow:</p> <p>YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2022 Syed Modi India International 2022 Odisha Open 2022 YONEX GAINWARD German Open 2022 YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2022 YONEX Swiss Open 2022 Orleans Masters 2022 Korea Open Badminton Championships 2022 2022 Gwangju YONEX Korea Masters GR TOYOTA GAZOO RACING Thailand Open 2022 DAIHATSU Indonesia Masters 2022 EAST VENTURES Indonesia Open 2022 PETRONAS Malaysia Open 2022 PERODUA Malaysia Masters 2022 Singapore Open 2022 YONEX Taipei Open 2022 DAIHATSU YONEX Japan Open 2022 YONEX Canada Open 2022 YONEX-SUNRISE Vietnam Open 2022 Denmark Open 2022 presented by VICTOR KB FINANCIAL GROUP Indonesia Masters 2022 YONEX French Open 2022 HYLO Open 2022 SATHIO GROUP Australian Open 2022</p>
ENTRIES TIMELINE:	<p>Invitation of entry: Tuesday 22 November 2022, after the conclusion of the finals of the SATHIO GROUP Australian Open 2022</p> <p>Acceptance of entry: Tuesday 29 November 2022 12:00 PM (GMT +08:00)</p>
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	<p>Referee: Ivanka Pokorni (ivpokorni@gmail.com) Deputy Referee: Eric Lissillour (eric.lissillour@orange.fr)</p>

SEEDING DATES	Seeding Date: Tuesday 22 November 2022
DRAWS	<p><u>Group Stage Draw</u> Date: Monday, 5 December 2022 Time: TBC Location: TBC</p> <p><u>Knock Out Stage Draw</u> Date: Friday, 9 December 2022 Time: Immediately after the conclusion of the group stages Location: TBC</p>
TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING	<p>Date: Tuesday 6 December Time: 15:00 Location: VIP Lounge</p> <p>Conducted by Tournament Referee.</p> <p>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.</p>
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' / UMPIRES' BRIEFING	<p>Date: Tuesday 6 December Time: 14:00 Location: VIP Lounge</p>
EQUIPMENT	<p>Court Mats: Green Li-Ning Court Mats will be used on the competition arena and warm up hall.</p> <p>Shuttlecock: Li-Ning (3 speeds will be provided)</p> <p>Stringing services will be provided by Li-Ning during practice and tournament period. The service is free for Li-Ning sponsored players. Players with other rackets will be charged USD25 per racket.</p>

<p>PRACTICE</p>	<p>Practice courts will be available from Monday 5 December 2022 at the practice hall, warm up hall and competition hall. Please see tournament schedule below for the timing schedule of practice at each hall</p> <p>Practise Hall: 6 courts Warm up Hall: 2 Courts Competition Hall: 2 Courts</p> <p>For pre-tournament practice requests please fill up the online form with the following link by 2 Dec 2022. Each player will receive 3 shuttlecocks for the practice sessions. These can be collected at the secretariat at the Nimibutr Arena.</p> <p>For any issue accessing the online form, please contact Ms Lina Taib @ l.taib@bwf.sport</p> <p>Procedure: Courts will be allocated under the referee’s control on an equitable basis, taking into account the number of entries per Member Association, arrival date and time, match schedule, and Team Manager preferences. Although every effort will be made to meet requirements, we cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests. Before the arrival in Bangkok, the approved schedule for the first two days will be sent to team managers.</p> <p>Practice time may be subjected to change.</p>
<p>INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM</p>	<p>The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available on both TV Courts throughout the tournament and is regulated as per BWF Statute, Law of Badminton 4.1.8.</p>
<p>MEDICAL AND PHYSIOTHERAPY</p>	<p>There will be doctors and a medical team in attendance at the tournament and a physiotherapy service will be available free of charge for players beginning one hour before play start to one hour after play end.</p>
<p>ANTI- DOPING</p>	<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. 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/</p>
<p>BADMINTON INTEGRITY</p>	<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. 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/</p>

<p>PRESENTATION CEREMONIES</p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 11 December 2022 immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/Plates/other items will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>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 and COVID-19 safety measures.</p> <p>Only finalists, prize presenters and authorized persons are allowed on the field of play during the prize presentation ceremony. No equipment, including rackets and flags, and family member and coaches are allowed to be brought/accompany the players onto the podium.</p> <p>Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p>
<p>PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO-RECORDING</p>	<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>An area for teams to video record the competition courts will be allocated and the location will be updated during the team manager meeting and each team will be given 2 video tags during the team manager meeting.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p>

PRIZE MONEY	USD 1,500,000 total prize purse (no withholding tax)					
	USD Value	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-Finalists	3rd in Group	4th In Group
	Men's Singles	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$16,500	\$ 9,000
	Women's Singles	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$16,500	\$ 9,000
	Men's Doubles*	\$126,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$19,500	\$10,500
	Women's Doubles*	\$126,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$19,500	\$10,500
	Mixed Doubles*	\$126,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$19,500	\$10,500
	*per pair					
Plates/medals will be awarded to all winners and runners-up.						

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day and time	Activity	Venue
Sunday 4 December		
	Players to start checking into Players' hotel	Holiday Inn Express Bangkok Siam
Monday 5 December		
8:00 to 17:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
8:00 to 17:00	Practice in Competition Hall and warm up Hall	Nimibutr Arena
19:00 onwards	Gala Dinner and Draw Ceremony	TBC
Tuesday 6 December		
10:00 to 20:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
10:00 to 20:00	Practice in Competition Hall and warm up Hall	Nimibutr Arena
14:00	Technical Officials Briefing	VIP Lounge
15:00	Team Managers' Meeting	VIP Lounge
Wednesday 7 December – 1st Day of Competition		
10:00 – 20:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
Day 1	Group Matches	Televised
11:00 onwards	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2

Day and time	Activity	Venue
Thursday 8 December – 2nd Day of Competition		
10:00 – 20:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
Day 2	Group Matches	Televised
11:00 onwards	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2
Friday 9 December – 3rd Day of Competition		
10:00 – 20:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
Day 3	Group Matches	Televised
11:00 onwards	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2
End of Play	Knock out Draw	Nimibutr Arena
Saturday 10 December – 4th Day of Competition		
10:00 – 20:00	Practice in Practice Hall	
Day 4	Semi-Finals	Televised
11:00 onwards	10 matches	Court 1
Sunday 11 December – 5th Day of Competition		
Day 5	Finals	TV World Feed
13:00 onwards	5 matches (prize ceremony follows each match)	Court 1

*Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

2. ARRIVAL, ACCREDITATION, VISA, HOTELS, FLIGHTS AND TRANSPORT									
ACCREDITATION	<p>Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.</p> <p>However, the number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1713 1362 1953"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Member Association Players</th> <th>Number of Team Officials Accreditations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – 4</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 – 8</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 – 16</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A limited number of additional accreditations passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$150, charged to</p>	Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations	1 – 4	2	4 – 8	3	8 – 16	4
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	<p>the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament in cash in USD.</p> <p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$150 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.</p> <p>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 or if there is a breach of regulations.</p> <p>The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.</p> <p>Kindly fill up attached accreditation form and return it together with all necessary photos to the secretariat by 25 November 2022.</p>
ARRIVAL	<p>Players are strongly encouraged to arrive by 4 Dec 2022 to Bangkok.</p>
VISA AND CONDITION OF ENTRY	<p>If a visa is required to enter Thailand, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</p> <p>Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Friday, 25 Nov 2022. Please send email to wtbangkok2022@gmail.com.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Thailand the final decision is made the Government of Thailand.</p>

<p>HOTELS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All players will be accommodated at the Holiday Inn Express Bangkok Siam on a single room basis (cost to be borne by BWF) 2. For entourage, we recommend to make online reservation as the rates are more favourable. The recommended hotels are as follow (walking distance to the venue and practice court): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Holiday Inn Express Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) 889 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Siam, Bangkok, Thailand, 10330 B. Mercure Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) Rama 1 Wangmai, Siam, Bangkok, Thailand, 10330 C. Ibis Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) Rama 1 Wangmai, Siam, Bangkok, Thailand, 10330 3. Two way airport transfer will be provided to the above three hotels only.
<p>FLIGHTS</p>	<p>Players who qualified for the Finals will have their flight cost reimbursed to them. (Only economy class tickets is covered)</p> <p>Please send quote of the flight to BWF, Ms Jessy Sung (j.sung@bwf.sport) before purchase.</p> <p>Upon confirmation of flight quote, do send the receipt to same email for reimbursement after the tournament has concluded.</p>
<p>TRANSPORT</p>	<p>Complimentary airport transfer for players and team officials will be provided by the tournament to the following hotels only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Holiday Inn Express Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) B. Mercure Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) C. Ibis Bangkok Siam (SHA Extra Plus) <p>Airport transfer will only be from and to the following two airports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suvarnabhumi Airport • Donmueang Airport <p>To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by Friday, 25 Nov 2023. Please send email to wtbangkok2022@gmail.com</p>
<p>PLAYER MEDIA OBLIGATIONS</p>	<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>Members should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>
<p>MEDIA DAY</p>	<p>In order to promote Badminton, the players and the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals to the widest possible global audience, 5 and 6 December (Mon and Tue) has been designated as Media Day and we request all players support</p>

	and help with this endeavour. This activity will be organised and controlled by BWF and interviews will be scheduled to take place immediately after players practice in a safe environment.
TEAM ACCOMPANYING MEDIA PERSONNAL	Team Media wishing to attend this tournament may contact the following for more details: Lloyd Green – BWF Head of Communications @ l.green@bwf.sport
3. EVENT INFORMATION	
COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS	<p>From 1 October 2022, travellers entering Thailand are no longer required to show Proof of Vaccination or COVID-19 test result. All travellers can freely travel to Thailand. Travel Insurance is still highly recommended when you travel to Thailand.</p> <p>There will not be any Covid-19 testing requirements set-out for the tournament. Participants are however encouraged to stay vigilant with regards to own health.</p> <p>In the event of a reported positive Covid-19 case during the tournament, players who are positive will not be able to continue playing and may be subject to local Covid-19 positive case management measures.</p> <p>Identified fully vaccinated close contact (roommate and doubles partner) will be allowed to continue to go about their daily activities on the basis that they move to a single room (at their own cost) and are tested negative on a daily antigen test before the start of their activity each day. The cost of such test shall be borne by the respective individual.</p>

Information stated here may be subject to change and should there be changes, it will be communicated.