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YONEX-SUNRISE INDIA OPEN 2026

13 - 18 JANUARY | NEW DELHI

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OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2026

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour 750

13th to 18th January 2026

Main Arena (Gymnastics Hall) **Indira Gandhi Sports Complex** New Delhi- 110002

Prize Money: **US\$ 950,000**

Dear Members,

We are pleased to welcome you to the YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2026, part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 750, from 13 - 18 January 2026.

May I take this opportunity to invite you all to New Delhi, India to be part of this prestigious event where all top World class players will be seen in action. We in Badminton Association of India (BAI) are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you all with open arms and shower you with our warm hospitality. Through unity and harmony in our badminton community, we are, and we will emerge stronger.

It gives me great delight to note that the excitement in badminton keeps on growing, the number of players and fan base keeps on rising to the point where badminton is now virtually an uprising in India. The India Open is another prestigious feather in our cap and we look forward to support and encouragement from each one of you. This tournament is not only the pride of India but also a pride of the whole Sports World. I believe the whole world will share our pride and joy, our enthusiasm and excitement as well as our achievement and victory.

In conclusion, and on behalf of the BAI, I express our sincere thanks to the Government of India and its ministries, our principal partners, namely Yonex-Sunrise and HSBC as well as all our sponsors for their massive contribution and untiring support during the previous years and their continued support for the upcoming India Open 2026.

Regards

Himanta Biswa Sarma

President **Badminton Association of India**





















1. General Details

Badminton Association of India Organiser

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Badminton World Federation Sanction

13th January to 18th January 2026 **Date**

Competition Main Arena (Gymnastics Hall) Indira Gandhi Sports Complex Venue New Delhi-110002. India

Media Links Championships website: https://sites.google.com/view/indiaopen

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E: indias750@badmintonindia.org

Mr. Rakesh Sekhar **Competition Manager**

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Insurance coverage

Referee Team

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.





















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 to 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.

Deadlines

| Visa Invitation Letter Request Form | Monday, 08 December 2025 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accommodation Request Form | Monday, 08 December 2025 |
| Accreditation Request Form | Monday, 15 December 2025 |
| Practice Request Form | Monday, 15 December 2025 |
| Transport Request Form | Monday, 15 December 2025 |
| Media Accreditation Request Form | Monday, 05 January 2026 |





















2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play) 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.

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.

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 and 2 and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.

Key Dates

| Entry Deadline World Ranking Date for M&Q Report | Tuesday, December 2, 2025 |
|--|---------------------------|
| Publication Date for M&Q Report | Friday, December 5, 2025 |
| Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty | Monday, January 5, 2026 |
| World Ranking Date for Seeding Report Draw Date | Tuesday, January 6, 2026 |

Draws

| Event | Maximum Entries in Main Draw |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Men's Singles | 32 |
| Women's Singles | 32 |
| Men's Doubles | 32 |
| Women's Doubles | 32 |
| Mixed Doubles | 32 |

Online Entry -International **Entries**

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

To submit entries online, Member Associations log in here.

If the Member requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport

The entry deadline is Tuesday, December 2, 2025 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 Members confirming receipt of final entries.





















Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.

Members should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, December 4, 2025 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 Entries**

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

The last date of entering the tournament by Indian Registered players fulfilling the eligibility criteria is **Tuesday, 26 November 2024.** Entry fees to be paid in advance as under:

Singles: INR 4,000 Doubles: INR 6,000

Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 11, 13 and 14.

Members 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 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: Artur Zaluzhnoi / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Ian Ross / bwfreferee@gmail.com

Host Organiser Contact: Mr. Sanjay Mishra; Email: indias750@badmintonindia.org

World Tour Regulation Updates

No updates.





















3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of US\$ 950,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below.

Prize Find will be subjected to withholding taxes as per regulations of Government of India. Present maximum rate is 20.60%

| | Winner | Runner Up | Semi Finalist | Quarter Finalist | Last 16 | Last 32 |
|------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Men's Singles | \$66,500 | \$32,300 | \$13,300 | \$5,225 | \$2,850 | \$950 |
| Women's Singles | \$66,500 | \$32,300 | \$13,300 | \$5,225 | \$2,850 | \$950 |
| Men's Doubles* | \$70,300 | \$33,250 | \$13,300 | \$5,937.50 | \$3,087.50 | \$950 |
| Women's Doubles* | \$70,300 | \$33,250 | \$13,300 | \$5,937.50 | \$3,087.50 | \$950 |
| Mixed Doubles* | \$70,300 | \$33,250 | \$13,300 | \$5,937.50 | \$3,087.50 | \$950 |

per pair

Competition Schedule

| Day | Event | Round | Courts | Doors Open | Start |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Tuesday 13 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | First Round | 4 | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Wednesday 14 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | First Round | 4 | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Thursday 15 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | Second Round | 4 | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Friday 16 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | Quarter Finals | 3 | 10:00 | 11:00 |
| Saturday 17 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | Semi Finals | 1 | 10:00 | 11:00 |
| Sunday 18 January 2026 | MS/WS/MD/WD/XD | Finals | 1 | 10:00 | 11:00 |

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

All the finalists from Malaysia Open 2026 will play their first-round matches on Wednesday. Top Half of the draw will be played on Tuesday and Bottom half of the draw will be played on Wednesday.

Due to regulation change (BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.2), positions of players in the draw may be affected during the withdrawal and promotion process at the Team Managers' Meeting. This may result in players in the Top Half of the Draw being moved to the Bottom Half of the Draw or vice versa.

Official Shuttle

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Practice Facilities

Practice Hall:

• Location: Practice Hall, K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall

• Number of Courts: 08

• Schedule: 08:00 to 22:00 on Sunday, 11 January 2026 08:00 to 20:00 on Monday, 12 - 18 January 2026

Competition Courts:

• Schedule: 10:00 to 17:00 on Sunday, 11 January 2026 08:00 to 22:00 on Monday, 12 January 2026

• No competition court practice from Tuesday, 13 January 2025 onwards

• Court Mat Colour: Green

Booking/Reservation Information: Practice Request Form to be submitted online at the following link latest by Monday, December 15, 2025

Warmup Courts: 2 courts

Practice Shuttles: 3 Shuttles per player

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

• Location: Next to Players' Entrance

• Schedule: 30 Mins prior to start until 30 minutes after end of matches

• Facilities Description: Refreshments and beverages, hot meals – available on competition days internet (Wi-Fi)

Stringing Services:

• Location: Next to warm up Area

• Schedule: During practice and competition timing

• Cost: US\$ 25 (By Cash/ Credit Card)

• Other: Complementary for the YONEX Sponsored Players

Team Managers' Meeting

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

• Date: Monday, 12 January 2025

• Time: 17:30 hrs.

• Location: Le Meridien

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

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





















Umpire Briefing

The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

• Date: Monday, 12 January 2026

• Time: 16:00 hrs. • Location: Le Meridien

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on **Sunday**, **18 January 2026**, 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.

Accreditation Request Form

The number of complimentary accreditations passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member:

| Number of Member 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\$200, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament (in cash and/or with credit card).

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$150 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the Tournament office (in cash and/or with credit card).

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 and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. |
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| | The service shall be available 30 minutes prior to start of the play until 30 minutes end of play. |
| 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 on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) 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, shall 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 match(es). |
| | For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/ |
| Compliance with General Competition | GCR 7.9: |
| Regulations Clause 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." |





















4. Travel & Visa Details

| Transport | Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues, if the hotel bookings are made only through the organisers: competition venue, official hotel(s), and the following transportation hubs: • Airport: Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi (DEL) |
|-----------|--|
| | To request transportation, please complete and return the <u>Transportation Request Form</u> latest by Monday, 15 December 2025 |
| Visas | If a visa is required to enter India, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. |
| | Please complete and return the <u>Visa Support Request</u> Form by Monday, 8 December 2025 . |
| | The tournament host and hosting Member will only communicate with a member. The hosting Member 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 accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. |
| | It is the responsibility of the Member 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 India; the |

final decision is made the Government of India.





















5. Accommodation Details

| Official hotel(s) | Rates | Facilities | Remarks | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | Single: US\$ 250 | Breakfast included GYM | Rates inclusive of all | |
| Hotel Le Meridian | Double: USD\$ 275 | Laundry 4 Pcs. per | taxes | |
| | Double: 03D\$ 275 | person per day | | |
| | | Breakfast included | | |
| Hotel Shangri-La Eros | Single Room: US\$230 | GYM | Rates inclusive of all | |
| | | Laundry 4 Pcs. per | taxes | |
| | Double Room: US\$250 | person per day | | |

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form by Monday, 08 December 2025.

Kindly note the following:

There are limited rooms available in the hotel. The allotment will be made on first come first serve basis. Hotel reservations should be made ONLY through the Organising Committee.

We will be able to provide accommodation only to those persons registered with us on the Hotel Request Form. No guarantee for availability of rooms can be given for late booking. NO deviation will be made from the procedure of hotel booking as specified below.

Full Advance Payment to be made:

On receipt of your hotel booking request, we will raise official invoice for processing the hotel booking payment.

Full advance payment must be made to the bank account details given below latest by Monday, 29 December 2025.

Name of the account: **Badminton Association of India**

Bank Account No.: 3068369795 Account Type: Current

Bank Name: Central Bank of India

Bank Address: Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001

Swift Code: **CBININBBPAR** IFSC Code: CBIN0280316

If payment is made after this date, an automatic surcharge of 10% will be levied on the total payable amount

Payment received in our bank should be net of Bank Charges. If bank charges, if any, deducted at source from the received, those shall be payable at the time of check-in. Please send us a copy of the Remittance Advice for easy tracking of the remittance. We will send you a confirmation and provide the hotel details after the closing date, or after having received your confirmation email.











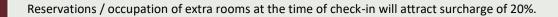












Cancellation Fees:

No cancellation for all confirmed bookings (Guarantee booking applies)

Cancellation of rooms cannot be made at check-in. Injuries, Visa problems, or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms. An early departure/amendment of dates after check-in shall be subject to the 100% cancellation fees.





















6. Media Details

Player Media **Obligations**

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).

Members should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.

Media Accreditation

Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form, by Monday, 5 January 2026

TV Broadcast Schedule

| Date | No. of TV | Number of matches | | Time |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----|-------|
| Juic | Courts | C1 | C2 | |
| Wednesday, 14 January 2026 | 1 | 10 | - | 10:00 |
| Thursday, 15 January 2026 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 10:00 |
| Friday, 16 January 2026 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 11:00 |
| Saturday, 17 January 2026 | 1 | 10 | - | 11:00 |
| Sunday, 18 January 2026 | 1 | 5 | - | 11:00 |

Video Recording and Photography

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.

Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Members, 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 tournament. The passes will be issued at the Managers' Meeting. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.

The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.

Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member and its coaching staff. Members may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.















