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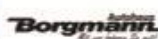
Westenergie Sporthalle Mülheim an der Ruhr



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Veranstalter: Vermarktungsgesellschaft Badminton Deutschland mbH (VBD) für den Deutschen Badminton-Verband e.V. (DBV)

Ausrichter: 1. Badminton-Verein Mülheim an der Ruhr e.V.





— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

# YONEX German Open 2026

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300

24 February – 01 March 2026

Westenergie Sporthalle, Mülheim an der Ruhr,  
Germany

Prize Money: **US\$ 250,000**

Dear Members,

The German Badminton Association (DBV e.V.) is proud to invite your players to compete in the “YONEX German Open 2026”, from 24 February to 01 March 2026, in Mülheim an der Ruhr, which is part of the prestigious HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300.

The attached 14-page letter which contains all the general information about the event, has important details that should be brought to the attention of the Team Managers as well as the players.

You can find the following documents in combination with this invitation:

- Visa invitation letter form
- Accommodation form
- Transport form (online)
- Team official Accreditation form (online)
- Media Accreditation form
- Practice form (online)

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 be able to spark enthusiasm and excitement as images of this great tournament will be broadcasted around the world.

Sincerely yours,

Ralf Michaelis

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








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## General Details

<b>Organiser</b>	<p>Vermarktungsgesellschaft Badminton Deutschland (VBD) mbH for the German Badminton Association/Deutsche Badminton Verband e.V. (DBV) Südstrasse 25a, 45470 Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany</p> <p>T: +49 (0)208 30827 17 E: <a href="mailto:office@german-open-badminton.de">office@german-open-badminton.de</a> W: <a href="https://www.german-open-badminton.de/">https://www.german-open-badminton.de/</a> <a href="https://www.badminton.de/">https://www.badminton.de/</a> <a href="https://badminton-events.de/">https://badminton-events.de/</a></p>
<b>Sanction</b>	Badminton World Federation
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 24 February to Sunday, 01 March 2026
<b>Competition Venue</b>	Westenergie Sporthalle An den Sportstätten 6 45468 Mülheim an der Ruhr Germany
<b>Media Links</b>	<p>Championship Website: <a href="https://www.german-open-badminton.de/">https://www.german-open-badminton.de/</a></p> <p> <a href="https://de-de.facebook.com/germanopenbadminton">https://de-de.facebook.com/germanopenbadminton</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPSXVOjpZQI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPSXVOjpZQI</a>  <a href="https://www.instagram.com/germanopenofficial/?hl=de">https://www.instagram.com/germanopenofficial/?hl=de</a></p>
<b>Referee Team</b>	<p><b>Referee:</b> Ashley Raju George (IND) / <a href="mailto:ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com">ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Referee:</b> <b>TBC</b></p>
<b>Useful Contacts</b>	<p><b>Tournament Director:</b> Tamara Geeraerts / <a href="mailto:office@german-open-badminton.de">office@german-open-badminton.de</a></p>
<b>Insurance Coverage</b>	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 with repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.
<b>Indemnity</b>	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.



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<b>Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos</b>	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 rights, including without compensation.		
<b>Form Deadlines</b>	Visa Invitation Letter	:	21 Jan 2026
	Accommodation	:	3 Feb 2026
	<a href="#">Team Official Accreditation</a>	:	9 Feb 2026
	Media Accreditation	:	9 Feb 2026
	<a href="#">Transport</a>	:	10 Feb 2026
	<a href="#">Practice</a>	:	13 Feb 2026

Entry Details				
<b>Regulations (Conditions of Play)</b>	<p>This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes - <a href="#">General Competition Regulations (GCR)</a>, and <a href="#">BWF World Tour Regulations</a>. 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 Statute 5.1. This includes restrictions on certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>			
<b>Scoring System</b>	Best of three games to 21 points, as per <a href="#">Laws of Badminton</a> .			
<b>Instant Review System</b>	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available and is regulated as per <a href="#">BWF Statute 4.1.8</a> .			
<b>Key Dates</b>	<b>Entry Deadline / World Ranking Date for M&amp;Q Report</b>		20-Jan-2026	
	<b>Publication Date for M&amp;Q Report</b>		23-Jan-2026	
	<b>Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty</b>		16-Feb-2026	
	<b>World Ranking Date &amp; Publication Date for Seeding Report / Draw Date</b>		17-Feb-2026	
<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Direct Main Draw Entries</b>	<b>Qualifying Positions for Main Draw</b>	<b>Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw</b>
	Men's Singles	28	4	16
	Women's Singles	28	4	8
	Men's Doubles	28	4	8
	Women's Doubles	28	4	8
	Mixed Doubles	28	4	8





<b>Online Entry – International Entries</b>	<p>Entries for this tournament must be made by the Member using the <a href="#">BWF Online Group Entry system</a>.</p> <p>If the Member requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: <a href="mailto:technicalevents@bwf.sport">technicalevents@bwf.sport</a></p> <p>The entry deadline is <b>Tuesday, 20 January 2026 at 23:59 hrs, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT)</b>. Late entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Members confirming receipt of final entries.</p> <p>Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.</p> <p>Members should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by <b>Wednesday, 21 January 2026 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time</b>.</p> <p>If no objection is received by BWF by <b>Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time</b>, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.</p>
<b>Online Entries – Host Member Entries</b>	<p>Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member may follow a different process to international entries.</p> <p>The entry deadline for German Players is <b>Sunday, 18 January 2026 at 23:59, German local time</b>.</p> <p>Entries must be submitted exclusively by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:german-entries@badminton.de">german-entries@badminton.de</a> Entries submitted to other e-mail addresses or via fax will NOT be accepted.</p> <p>Entry Data required for registered members of National badminton associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last name, first name</li><li>• BWF number (if applicable)</li></ul> <p><b>Fees</b></p> <p>No fees apply for OK, PK and EK German National Team athletes registered with the German Badminton Association (DBV e.V.).</p> <p>The fees (incl. 19 % VAT) for NK1, NK2 and non-national team players, entered by state associations (Badminton-Landesverbände - BLV), are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65 € per singles player</li><li>• 55 € per doubles player</li></ul> <p>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.</p>



<b>Withdrawals</b>	<p>The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF Statute 5.1. GCR 11, 13 and 14.</p> <p>Members can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).</p> <p>Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the <a href="#">BWF Table of Offences and Penalties</a>.</p> <p>Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.</p> <p>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:</p> <p><b>Referee:</b> Ashley Raju George (IND) / <a href="mailto:ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com">ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Referee:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Host Organiser Contact:</b> Tanja Heuer / <a href="mailto:office@german-open-badminton.de">office@german-open-badminton.de</a></p>
<b>World Tour Regulation Updates</b>	No updates.

Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD 250,000 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	\$18,750	\$9,500	\$3,625	\$1,500	\$875
Women's Singles	\$18,750	\$9,500	\$3,625	\$1,500	\$875
Men's Doubles	\$19,750*	\$9,500*	\$3,500*	\$1,812,50*	\$937,50*
Women's Doubles	\$19,750*	\$9,500*	\$3,500*	\$1,812,50*	\$937,50*
Mixed Doubles	\$19,750*	\$9,500*	\$3,500*	\$1,812,50*	\$937,50*

\* - per pair



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Competition Schedule						
	Date	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start Time
	Tuesday 24 Feb 2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualification	4	08:30	09:00
		MD/WD (Except for the Qualifiers of MD and WD)	R32			Not before 14:00
	Wednesday 25 Feb 2026	MS/WS/XD	R32	4	09:30	10:00
		MD/WD (Qualifiers only)				
	Thursday 26 Feb 2026	All Events	R16	4	12:30	13:00
	Friday 27 Feb 2026		Quarterfinals	3	14:00	15:00
	Saturday 28 Feb 2026		Semifinals	2	10:30	12:00
	Sunday 01 Mar 2026		Finals	1	10:30	12:00
Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.						
Official Shuttlecock	TBC					
Practice Facilities	Practice Hall	Location 1: Deutsches Badminton-Zentrum Südstrasse 23 45470 Mülheim Number of Courts: 5-9 courts				
		Location 2: Sporthalle Otto-Pankok-Schule Von-Bock-Straße 81 45470 Mülheim Number of Courts: 10 courts				
		Schedule:				
			Location 1	Location 2		
		SUNDAY	08:00 – 21:00	/		
		MONDAY	08:00 – 16:00	16:30 – 21:00		
		TUESDAY	08:00 – 16:00	16:30 – 21:00		
		WEDNESDAY	08:00 – 16:00	16:30 – 21:00		
		THURSDAY	08:00 – 16:00	16:30 – 21:00		
		FRIDAY	08:00 – 16:00	16:30 – 21:00		
SATURDAY	08:00 – 21:00	/				
SUNDAY	08:00 – 21:00	/				



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	<b>Competition Courts</b>	<b>Schedule:</b> <table><tr><td><b>MONDAY</b></td><td>08:00 – 20:00</td></tr></table> Court Mat Color: green Number of Courts: 4	<b>MONDAY</b>	08:00 – 20:00
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	<b>Warm-up Courts</b>	<b>Schedule:</b> <table><tr><td><b>MONDAY</b></td><td>08:00 – 20:00</td></tr></table> Court Mat Color: green Number of Courts: 2	<b>MONDAY</b>	08:00 – 20:00
	<b>MONDAY</b>	08:00 – 20:00		
<b>Booking/ Reservation Information</b>	Teams must complete the <b>online <a href="#">PRACTICE FORM</a></b> by <b>13 February 2026</b>			
<b>Practice Shuttles</b>	TBC			
<b>Players’ Facilities</b>	<b>Players’ Lounge</b>	<b>Location:</b> Warm-up area (basement of the competition venue)  <b>Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seating and tables</li><li>• Relaxing area (bean bags)</li><li>• Drinks</li><li>• Toilets and changing rooms next to the warm-up hall</li><li>• Internet access</li></ul> <b>Operational Hours:</b> During the tournament hours and practice hours in the competition venue		
	<b>Stringing Services</b>	<b>Location:</b> At the exit of the FOP (ground floor of the competition venue)  <b>Operational Hours:</b> During the tournament hours and practice hours in the competition venue  <b>Cost:</b> Information will be given during the Team Managers’ Meeting (cash only in Euros)		



	<b>Medical Services</b>	<p>A medical officer will be available during the tournament, free of charge to the player.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Next to the FOP (ground floor of the competition venue)</p> <p><b>Operational Hours:</b> During the tournament hours</p>
<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Team Managers' Meeting</b>	<p>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 <a href="#">BWF Table of Offences and Penalties</a>.</p> <p>Members are allowed to request representation by another Member, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p> <p>Date : Monday, 23 February 2026 Time : 15h00 Location : VIP Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the competition venue)</p>
	<b>Umpires' Briefing</b>	<p>Date : Monday, 23 February 2026 Time : 18h30 Location : VIP Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the competition venue)</p>
<b>Presentation Ceremonies</b>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 01 March 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with <a href="#">Player Commitment Regulations</a>, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	



## Accreditation

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

Please send us **accreditation pictures of all players entered** in the tournament before **9 February 2026** to [office@german-open-badminton.de](mailto:office@german-open-badminton.de).

To request complimentary accreditation passes, please fill out the **online [TEAM OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION FORM](#)** before **9 February 2026**.

The number of complimentary accreditation 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 Accreditation
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 is payable in full via bank transfer prior to the tournament after receiving the invoice.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$200 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament in cash.

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.

## 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).



<b>Badminton Integrity</b>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (<u>Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions</u>) 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, shall 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 match(es).</p>
<b>Compliance with General Competition Regulation Clause 7.9</b>	<p>"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>

<b>Travel &amp; Visa Details</b>	
<b>Transport</b>	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue / practice venue, official hotel(s), and the following transportation hubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Düsseldorf International Airport (DUS)</li> </ul> <p>To request transportation, please complete the <b>online <a href="#">TRANSPORT FORM</a></b> by <b>10 February 2026</b>.</p> <p><b>For receiving official airport transport, it's mandatory to book the hotel via the tournament organization!</b></p>
<b>Visa</b>	<p>If a visa is required to enter Germany, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</p> <p>Please complete and return the <b>VISA INVITATION LETTER FORM</b> by <b>21 January 2026</b>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Germany; the final decision is made by the Government of Germany.</p>

## Accommodation Details

Hotels	Name of Hotel	Rate Single room	Rate Double/Twin room	Facilities
	Elaya Hotel ****	EUR 119	EUR 134	Breakfast included Free wifi No laundry service No gym*
	Elaya Apartment ****	EUR 144	EUR 159	Breakfast included Free wifi Kitchen No laundry service No gym*
<p>*There is a gym available in the tournament venue free of charge for all participants.</p> <p>Hotel and apartments are in the same building.</p>				
<b>Payment and Other Information</b>	<p><b>For receiving official transport, it's mandatory to book the hotel via the tournament organization!</b></p> <p>A shuttle service between the hotel and the event hall is available free of charge to all participants who have booked through the organizer.</p> <p>Please complete and return the <b>ACCOMMODATION FORM</b> and <b>HOTEL ROOMING LIST</b> by <b>3 February 2026</b>.</p> <p>Please fill in the accommodation form completely. Missing information may lessen the chance of getting the type of room you want.</p> <p>Rooms will be assigned by the Event Office according to availability – first come first serve!</p> <p>You will receive an invoice by mail directly from the hotel for the full amount. This must be paid immediately in full, to confirm your reservation. There will be no guarantee of room availability if payment is not made by the deadline.</p> <p><b>ALL ROOMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER 3 FEBRUARY 2026.</b></p>			

## Media Details

<b>Player Media Obligations</b>	<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 <a href="#">BWF Player Commitment Regulations</a> for more information.</p> <p>Members should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>
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<b>Media Accreditation</b>	Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the <b>MEDIA ACCREDITATION FORM</b> by <b>9 February 2026</b> .  Please contact our Press Manager for more information: Claudia Pauli E: <a href="mailto:claudia.pauli@cp-presse.de">claudia.pauli@cp-presse.de</a>											
<b>International TV Broadcast Schedule</b>	<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Number of Matches</th><th>Start Time</th></tr><tr><td>Sat, 28 February 2026</td><td>8</td><td>12:00</td></tr><tr><td>Sun, 01 March 2026</td><td>5</td><td>12:00</td></tr></table>			Date	Number of Matches	Start Time	Sat, 28 February 2026	8	12:00	Sun, 01 March 2026	5	12:00
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Sun, 01 March 2026	5	12:00										
<b>Match Recordings</b>	<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 for match review purposes within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited team officials of participating Members from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the <b>INFOPOINT at the Competition Venue</b>. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training/coaching purposes by the Member and its coaching staff and not for further distribution. Members may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p> <p>The BWF and host organising committee reserve the right to remove any non-approved items of recording equipment.</p>											



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