



INVITATION

YONEX Finnish International 2026

April 23.-26.2026

Future Series tournament part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

Vantaa, Finland

Prize Money 4 500 USD



**ELITE
CIRCUIT**





Organizer

Badminton Finland

tournament website <https://www.sulkaopallo.fi/tapahtumat/finnish-international-2026/>

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KEY dates

Entry deadline: Tuesday March 24, 2026 23:59 BWF HQ-time

World Ranking for M&Q-report: Tuesday March 24, 2026

Publication of M&Q-report: Friday March 27, 2026

Last day for withdrawal without fine: Monday April 13, 2026

World Ranking for seeding/draw: Tuesday April 14, 2026

Date for the draw: Tuesday April 14, 2026

Team managers meeting: Wednesday April 22, 2026 time: 20:00

Official hotel reservation/arrival notice date Tuesday March 31, 2026

The provisional time schedule

April 22 (Wednesday)	17:00-21:00	Practice on competition courts
	20:00-21:00	Team managers meeting at the venue Umpires briefing at the venue
April 23 (Thursday)	09:00	Qualification – all rounds
April 24 (Friday)	09:00	Main draw – 1st and 2nd rounds
April 25 (Saturday)	10:00	Quarterfinals
	16:00	Semi-finals
April 26 (Sunday)	11:00	Finals
		Prize giving ceremony

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organizer's website.

9.5 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). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

Venue

Vantaa Energia Areena

Rajatorpantie 23

01600 Vantaa

Finland

Referee

Patrik Andersson - patrik@granbacken.net

Deputy Referee

Liis Pöder - liispoder@icloud.com



Format

Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles

Number of players/pairs accepted for the main draw: Singles 32 and Doubles 32.

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.

Badminton Europe 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.

Eligible players

All badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

Entries

All entries must be made by using the BWF online entry system.

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/F9C2D890-591F-4208-BA1C-E80DBA1E3BD6>

Players cannot be entered unless they already 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 receive a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

No late entries will be accepted.

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 fees

Singles: 60€ per player

Doubles: 50€ per player/event

Closing Date

Tuesday March 24, 2026 23:59 BWF HQ-time (17:59 local time)

Payment

Entry fee payment should be made in advance by bank transfer

Account owner: Suomen Sulkapalloliitto ry

Bank: Nordea

Currency: EUR

IBAN: FI4814543000102205

BIC/SWIFT: NDEAFIHH

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.5 Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding



fees from a previous years.

22.1 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).

22.2 Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Prize money

Division of prize money 4 500USD

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	900	900	900	900	900

The Organizer shall pay the prize money via bank transfer after the tournament. Income tax will be reduced by 15%.

Winners shall bring their bank details to tournament office after their match. The details should not be handwritten to avoid misreading. The information required:

- Account owner
- Bank name
- IBAN (account number)
- BIC/SWIFT (bank code)
- Your personal ID/birthdate
- Account owner address

Shuttles

Yonex AS-30

Courts

5 Yonex court mats AC364EX and 2 warm up courts

Visa

Please find information about applying for a Schengen visa [here](#). Should you need a supporting letter from Badminton Finland, please inform fic@sulkapallo.fi

Please allow yourself enough time to apply for a visa.

Deadline: March 23, 2026

Draw

The draw will be performed by Badminton Europe.

Practice

There will be 7 practice courts (5 tournament courts and 2 warm up courts) available on Wednesday, April 22nd between 17:00 and 21:00 in the main hall. Please book your practice courts by using the online reservation form, which can be found at the [official tournament website](#), before Friday, April 17th, 2025.

During the tournament, there will be 2 warm up courts available at the main hall.

Point of arrival

Helsinki-Vantaa airport

Transport

Organizer provides transfer between the official point of arrival and the official hotel to those who have booked accommodation at the official hotel. The information can be found at the [official tournament website](#)

Please send arrival notice to e-mail fic@sulkapallo.fi at the latest March 31, 2026.



The transport from official hotel to venue and back is a bus operated once an hour. Please refer to the bus schedule at the [official tournament website](#)

Accreditation

All players will receive an accreditation. In addition to the players' accreditations, complimentary accreditation badges will be issued to nominated team officials on the following scale:

- Teams with up to 3 players: 1 accreditation
- Teams with 4 to 10 players: 3 accreditations
- Teams with 11 to 16 players: 4 accreditations
- Teams from 17 players: 5 accreditations

If you need more accreditations, please visit tournament office at the Venue. Additional accreditations will cost 20€ each.

Accreditations need to be made at the [official tournament website](#)

Accommodation

Pilot Airport Hotel
Veromäentie 1, Vantaa

Single room 107 EUR/night
Twin room 125 EUR/night
Triple room 140 EUR/night
Quad room 160 EUR/night

pre ordered meals lunch/dinner: 17 EUR / person

Included in price: buffet breakfast; airport transportation; fast free wifi.
Bookings to: sales@airporthotelshelsinki.com and cc to johannes.jaaskelainen@airporthotelsskyline.fi

Booking deadline: 31.03.2026

Bookings after the deadline, hotel will be using daily rate available on hotels website.
Preferred payment Method: credit card at the hotel on arrival or in advance. Also, prepayment by bank transfer. Details for bank transfer please use emails above.

More information on the provided Official hotel accommodation info.pdf

CLOTHING

18.1 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.
18.2 It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

FORCE MAJEURE

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

WAIVER

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. Badminton Europe 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.

DOPING INFORMATION

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/>

Welcome to Vantaa!