

Copenhagen January 2026

TO MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS of Badminton World Federation

INVITATION

STATE Denmark Challenge 2026
Presented by RSL

International Challenge

Part of Badminton Europe Circuit

PLAYED IN BRØNDBY MAY 28th- 31st 2026

ORGANISER: **Værløse Badminton**

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May 27th: 19:00 Team managers meeting

May 28th: 09:00 Qualifications (start time depends on entries)

May 29th: 09:00 Singles Last qualification round, doubles 1st Round
14:00 Singles 1st round, doubles 2nd Round

May 30th: 09:00 Singles 2nd round, quarter finals all categories.
16:00 Doubles semifinals

May 31st: 10:00 Single semifinals
12:30 Finals all categories

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

VENUE: Brøndbyhallen, Brøndby Stadion 20, 2605 Brøndby, Denmark.

Practice facilities will be available in the main hall on Wednesday from 6 PM – 10 PM
2 warm-up courts will be available throughout the tournament.
Final information about booking of practice facilities will be available on the tournament website from May 1st.

EVENTS: Men and Women Single,
Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
Number of players/pairs accepted for the main draw: Singles 32 and Doubles 24.

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 players of clubs affiliated through their National Associations to the BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

SHUTTLES: RSL Classic Tourney

COURTS: Taraflex Courts

ENTRIES: All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/D51E89F1-3A71-4129-9AE6-9972D33A937F>

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday April 28th 2026 at 23.59 BWF HQ-time (16.59 CET)

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 get 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."

VISA: If you need Visa for Denmark, please write to info@state-dc.dk for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the Visa in time.

ENTRY FEES: **Singles: € 90.- per player Doubles: € 80.- per player/event**

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.

Entry Fees must be made by bank transfer to the following Account:

Bank: Nordea, DK-2300 København S
 IBAN: DK0720004396760199
 SWIFT: NDEADKKK

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. If no payment has been received after the deadline has passed the organizers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe.

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. After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organizers 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.

Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year. No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries until the draw has been made in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations 7.10.

WITHDRAWAL: Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

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).

REFEREE: Jens Köster - jens-koester@gmx.de

DRAW: The draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

KEY DATES: **Entry deadline: April 28th, 2026, 23:59 BWF HQ-time (16.59 CET)**
 World Ranking date for M&Q-report: April 28th, 2026
 Date for publication of M&Q-report: May 1st, 2026
Accommodation deadline: May 3rd, 2026
 World Ranking date for seeding/draw: May 19th, 2026 Last
 day for withdrawals without fine: May 18th, 2026
 Date for the draw: May 19th, 2026

PRIZE MONEY: **US \$ 20.000,- = € 16.800 Euro**
 Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,84) of 17.2.2026

AMOUNT €	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	1350	1350	1520	1520	1520
Runner up	810	810	1000	1000	1000
Semi-finalist	340	340	420	420	420
Quarter-finalist	140	140			

The prize money will be paid out in cash. No taxes will be deducted.

**CONDITIONS
OF PLAY:**

The tournament will be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations as adopted by the BWF as well as Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations.

In the events of any dispute, the Referee's decision shall be final.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Advertising and Clothing Regulations:

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 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.

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.

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.

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DATION:**

Official tournament hotel:

Scandic Hvidovre
Kettevej 4
2650 Hvidovre

Type of rooms and prices (breakfast included):

Twin/Double room: DKK 1.350 / night
Single room: DKK 1.150 / night

All rooms have a flat-screen TV. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. The hotel has restaurant, fitness facilities, pool and sauna.

Deadline for reservation is **May 3rd**. For reservation after this date, available rooms and special prices cannot be guaranteed.

Free transport between the hotel and the venue will be provided throughout the tournament according to the shuttle bus plan that will be published on the tournament web page on May 20th.

All reservations and payments must be made at the tournament website www.state-dk/hotel-reservation.

TRANSPORT: Official point of arrival is Copenhagen Airport (CPH) from where transport will be provided for free for participants staying at the official hotel (Scandic Hvidovre), reserved through the tournament webpage.

Transport from and to the airport by arrival and departure must be reserved at the tournament website <https://www.state-dc.dk/airport-transfer>. Reservation of transport must be made at the same time as the hotel reservation.

INSURANCE: 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: 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/>