



— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

VICTOR Korea Masters 2026

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300

4th – 9th August 2026

**Asan Yi Sun-sin Gymnasium,
Asan-si, Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea**

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





General Details

Organiser	Badminton Korea Association RM301, Olympic Center, Olympic-ro 424, Songpa-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea #05540 T: +82 2 422 6173 E: badmintonkorea@bka.kr W: www.koreabadminton.org/ 
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	04/08/2026 to 09/08/2026
Competition Venue	Asan Yi Sun-sin Gymnasium 370-42, Nambu-ro, Asan-si, Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea #31580
Media Links	 https://www.instagram.com/official_bka/
Referee Team	Referee: Ilkka Vainio (FIN) / vainioilk@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: KANG Sunyoung (KOR) / sy0698@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Operational Area – Ms. Kim Min Ju / kmj111310@bka.kr
Insurance Coverage	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance covering any damage or injury they may cause to third parties. The insurance must also cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses, incurred in the host country, as well as any expenses and costs associated for repatriation of the insured party its country of residence.
Indemnity	To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release and hold harmless the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents, and representatives, from any liability, damage, loss, cost, or expense arising from or connected with their participation in the Tournament.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	By entering the Tournament, Players and all members of the national delegation grant the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full rights to use their images and likenesses in photographs, television footage, and other recordings taken during matches or tournament-related activities. These rights include use for any commercial, news, promotion, or other purpose, together with the right to transfer such right without compensation.





Form Deadlines	Visa Invitation Letter : 07-Jul-2026 / Mr. Park Joo Sung / wntjd0907@bka.kr Accommodation : 17-Jul-2026 Accreditation : 16-Jul-2026 / Ms. Kim Min Ju / kmj111310@bka.kr Media Accreditation : 16-Jul-2026 / Ms. Kim Min Ju / kmj111310@bka.kr Transport : 16-Jul-2026 / Ms. Ha Chae Won / cwh0623@bka.kr Practice : 23-Jul-2026 / Mr. Park Joo Sung / wntjd0907@bka.kr
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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 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.			
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per Laws of Badminton .			
Instant Review System	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8 .			
Key Dates	Entry Deadline / World Ranking Date for M&Q Report			30-Jun-2026
	Publication Date for M&Q Report			3-Jul-2026
	Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty			27-Jul-2026
	World Ranking Date & Publication Date for Seeding Report / Draw Date			28-Jul-2026
Draw Size	Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
	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
Online Entry – International Entries	Entries for this tournament must be made by the Member using the BWF Online Group Entry system. 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, 30th Jun 2026 at 23:59 hrs, 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 <u>Wednesday, 1st Jul 2026 at 12:00 hrs</u> BWF Headquarters time. If no objection is received by BWF by <u>Thursday, 2nd Jul 2026 at 23:59 hrs</u> BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.
Online Entries – Host Member Entries	Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member may follow a different process to international entries. Please submit request to BKA.
Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF Statute 5.1. 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. 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: Ilkka Vainio (FIN) / vainioilk@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: KANG Sunyoung (KOR) / sy0698@gmail.com
World Tour Regulation Updates	No updates.





Tournament Details

Competition Schedule	Date	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start Time
	Tuesday 4-Aug-2026	All Events	Qualification	4	08:00	09:00
		MD/WD	R32 (Except Qualifiers)	4		15:00
	Wednesday 5-Aug-2026	All Events	R32 & MD/WD R32 Qualifiers	4	08:00	09:00
	Thursday 6-Aug-2026		R16	4	10:00	11:00
	Friday 7-Aug-2026		Quarterfinals	3	11:00	12:00
	Saturday 8-Aug-2026		Semifinals	2	10:00	11:00
	Sunday 9-Aug-2026		Finals	1	10:00	11:00
	Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.					
	All Finalists from YONEX Taipei Open 2026 will play their main draw first round matches on Wednesday, except for those in Qualifying Rounds. All Qualifying Rounds will be played on Tuesday.					
Official Shuttlecock	VICTOR MASTER ACE					
Practice Facilities	Practice Hall	Location: Asan Yi Sun-sin Sports Complex Number of Courts: 8 Schedule:				
		SUNDAY - SATURDAY		09:00 – 18:00		
		SUNDAY		09:00 – 13:00		
	Competition Courts	Schedule:				
		MONDAY	08:00 – 22:00			
		Court Mat Color: Green Number of Courts: 4				
Warm-up Courts	Location: Next to the main stadium (Temporary annex building outside the gymnasium) Schedule: Not available for practice Court Mat Color: Green Number of Courts: 2					
Practice Shuttles	3 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice					



Players' Facilities	Players' Lounge	Location: Main stadium 1F, Players' Lounge Facilities: WIFI/CHARGING STATION/WATER/SNACKS Operational Hours: From doors open to end of competition each day					
	Stringing Services	Location: TBA Operational Hours: <table border="1"><tr><td>MONDAY - SATURDAY</td><td>09:00 – 19:00</td></tr><tr><td>SUNDAY</td><td>10:00 – end of match</td></tr></table> Cost: VICTOR rackets free; others: KRW 30,000 / USD20 (Cash Only)		MONDAY - SATURDAY	09:00 – 19:00	SUNDAY	10:00 – end of match
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Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during Monday practice and tournament, free of charge to the player. Location: Main stadium 1F, Players' Lounge Operational Hours: From Monday onwards						
Meetings	Team Managers' Meeting	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 . Members are allowed to request representation by another Member, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves. Date : Monday, 3 Aug 2026 Time : 17:30 hrs Location : Official Hotel (Shilla Stay Cheonan)					
	Umpires' Briefing	Date : Monday, 3 Aug 2026 Time : 16:00 hrs Location : Official Hotel (Shilla Stay Cheonan)					
Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 9th Aug 2026 , immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all finalists. In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations , 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.						

Prize Money	A prize fund of USD250,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below. * - per player					
	TAX DEDUCTION: 22% of the Prize Money					
		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*
Accreditation	Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.					
	The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player 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			
	Additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD200 or KRW300,000 by CASH ONLY , charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament.					
	The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD200 by CASH ONLY on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament.					
	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.					
Please note that photos should not be embedded or attached within the Excel file. Instead, please save each photo as a separate file, using the exact player name or team official name as the file name, and provide the files accordingly.						
Example: Player: John Smith → JohnSmith.jpg Team Official → Michael Brown → MichaelBrown.jpg						
Please submit the Player and Team Official Accreditation Form by Thursday, 16th Jul 2026 to Ms. KIM Min Ju (kmj111310@bka.kr).						



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).
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).
Acceptance of BWF Statutes	By making or authorising entries, the Member confirms its acceptance, and that of its Players, of the BWF's Statutes and disciplinary processes.

Travel & Visa Details	
Transport	Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs: Airport pick-ups will be available starting from <u>Saturday, 1st Aug 2026</u> at the following airports to the official hotel ONLY. • Incheon Airport Terminal 1(ICN T1) • Incheon Airport Terminal 2(ICN T2) Please note that it takes approximately 2 hours (130km) from airport to hotel. To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by <u>Thursday, 16th Jul 2026 to Ms. Ha Chae Won (cwh0623@bka.kr)</u>.
Visa	If a visa is required to enter Korea, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. <u>Before preparing to travel to Korea, be sure to check the information on entry into Korea from Korea embassy in your country of departure if your citizens need to obtain.</u> <u>1. Korea entry visa</u>



2. Or K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization)

<https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/newapply/index.do?locale=EN>

Please complete and return the **Visa Support Request Form** by **Tuesday, 7th Jul 2026 to Mr. Park Joo Sung (wntjd0907@bka.kr)**. Late applications may be rejected by the embassy.

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 Korea; the final decision is made by the Government of Korea.

Accommodation Details

Recommendation Details					
Hotels	Name	Rooms Available	Rates	Facilities	Remarks
	Shilla Stay Cheonan	Standard Double (1 Double bed)	₩165,000	Breakfast Public Laundry Free Gym	1 person
		Standard Twin (2 Single Beds)	₩176,000		2 people
Payment & Other Information	<u>Shilla Stay Cheonan</u> Add: (postal code: 31110) 177 Dongseo-daero, Seobuk-gu, Cheonan-si, Chungcheongnam-do, South Korea +82-41-415-9000 / cheonan@shillastay.com All participants are kindly requested to book their rooms through the official reservation: <u>BOOKING LINK</u>. Reservations can be made up until 17 July 2026. Booking requests after this date need to be made through email cheonan@shillastay.com based on first come first serve basis. Please note that a maximum of three rooms can be reserved per booking. If you wish to reserve more than three rooms, please kindly make additional bookings, with each booking containing no more than three rooms. If you wish to cancel or change your reservation, please contact us at: TO: cheonan@shillastay.com C.C: myounghan01.kim@shillastay.com; Jihye04.lee@shillastay.com Cancellation Policy: ❖ Room reservations cannot be transferred to other participants. ❖ All reservations made through the link provided are subject to the cancellation policy below.				

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Payment & Credit Card Authorization

- When making a room reservation through the booking link, payment will be processed using the credit card information provided at the time of booking.
- The guest also agrees that the hotel may charge the provided credit card for the room rate or any applicable cancellation fees in accordance with the hotel's cancellation policy.
- By completing the reservation, the guest is deemed to have agreed to these terms and may not dispute any charges made to the provided credit card in accordance with these terms.

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. 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 <u>Thursday, 16th Jul 2026 to Ms. KIM Min Ju (kmj111310@bka.kr).</u>										
International TV Broadcast Schedule	<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Number of Matches</th><th>Start Time</th></tr><tr><td>Sat, 8-Aug-2026</td><td>8</td><td>11:00</td></tr><tr><td>Sun, 9-Aug-2026</td><td>5</td><td>11:00</td></tr></table> Additional domestic-only TV matches may be produced. Schedule will be communicated at Team Managers’ Meeting if applicable.		Date	Number of Matches	Start Time	Sat, 8-Aug-2026	8	11:00	Sun, 9-Aug-2026	5	11:00
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Match Recordings

Video recording for match review purposes within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited team officials of participating Members from clearly defined positions. There are a limited number of these positions and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament officials.

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.

The BWF and host organising committee reserve the right to remove any non-approved items of recording equipment.

Number of Member Players	Number of Camera Accreditations
15 or less	2
16 or more	3

