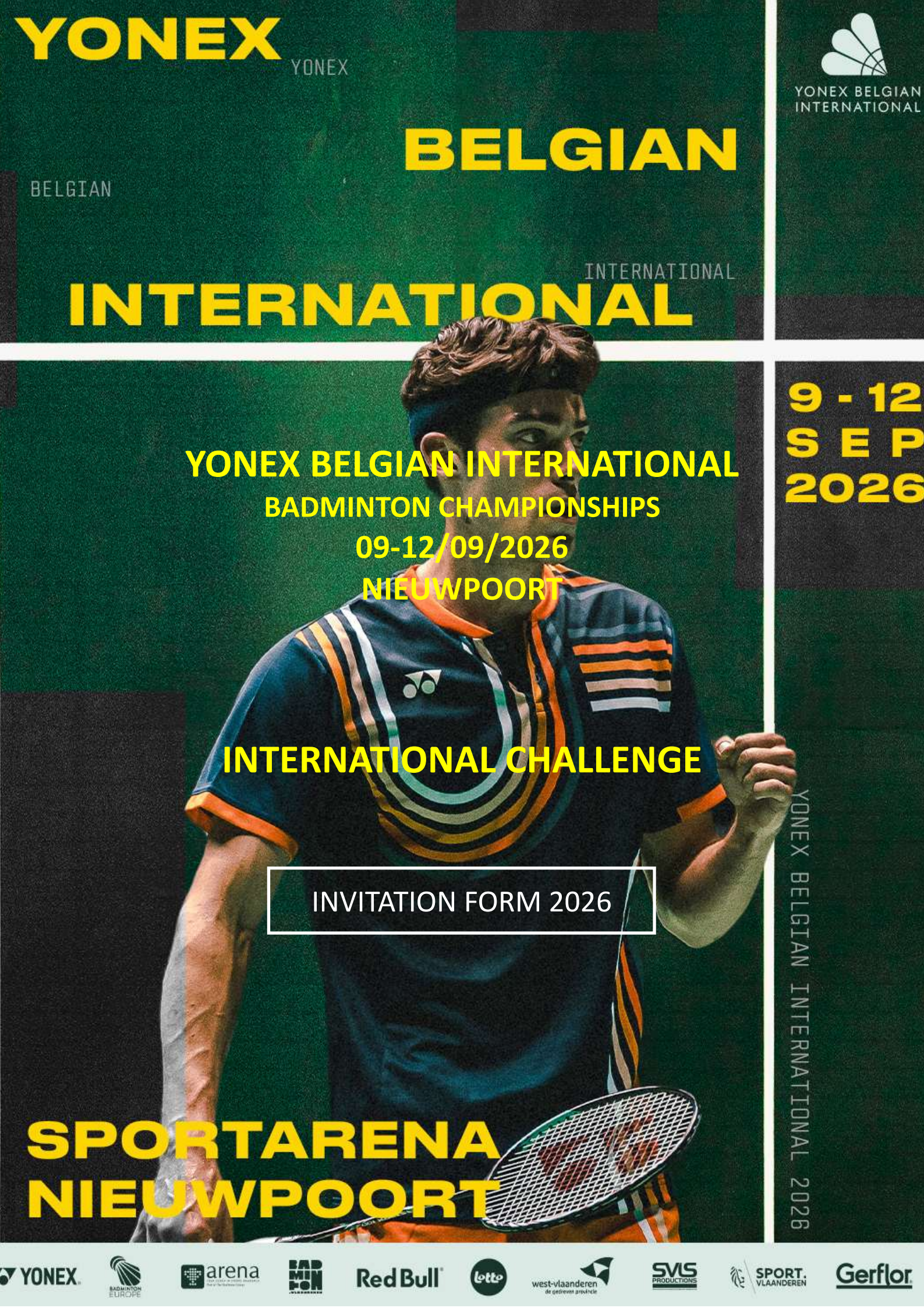




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INVITATION FORM 2026

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KEY DATES

August 11, 2026
(23:59 BWF HQ-time)

August 11, 2026

August 14, 2026

August 31, 2026

September 1, 2026

September 8, 2026
(18:30 CET time)

entry deadline

world ranking date for M&Q report

date for publication of M&Q-report

last day for withdrawals without fine

world ranking date for seeding and draw

date for the draw

team managers meeting (venue)

SCHEDULE

September 09	09:00	Qualifying rounds (max. 100 matches)
September 10	09:00	Main tournament (1st and 2nd round)
September 11	10:00	Quarter finals
	18:30	Semi finals
September 12	15:00	Finals

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on Badminton Europe'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

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8620 Nieuwpoort
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E-mail: sport@nieuwpoort.be
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FORMAT

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

The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main single events is 32, for the main double events 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.

ELIGIBILITY

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/E7302B68-B6C9-4A0C-B3EF-2A2C50B65DA5>

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.

Compliance with GCR 7.9: "In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."

ENTRY DEADLINE

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00). No late entries will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES

Singles	80 euro per player
Doubles	140 euro per pair per event

We urge that entry fees for all players are paid by the Member before August 28, 2026. The invoice for all players will be sent by e-mail on August 18, 2026.

If no payment has been received, the invoice and original entry will be sent to Badminton Europe, no later than 2 months after the event. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to Badminton Europe shall result in an additional administrative fine of US\$ 150,00 for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

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 year.

WITHDRAWAL NO SHOW & CANCELLATION

Please ensure that the Organizer and Referee team is informed immediately when a player must withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

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).

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

The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

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.

PRIZE MONEY

€ 17.255,00 (20.000 USD)

official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 00,8577) of 30/05/2026 (date of issue of this invitation)

	MS	WS	MD (per pair)	WD (per pair)	XD (per pair)
WINNER	€ 1.375,00	€ 1.375,00	€ 1.545,00	€ 1.545,00	€ 1.545,00
RUNNERS UP	€ 825,00	€ 825,00	€ 1.030,00	€ 1.030,00	€ 1.030,00
SEMI FINALISTS	€ 345,00	€ 345,00	€ 430,00	€ 430,00	€ 430,00
QUARTER FINALISTST	€ 140,00	€ 140,00			

Prize money will be paid by bank transfer on the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs' provided bank account. An 18% domestic tax will be deducted. Any costs related to the bank transfer will be paid by the tournament organizer. If there is any specific information necessary regarding the bank account of transfer, it is the responsibility of the player/pair to inform the organizer.

OTHER TOURNAMENT DETAILS

SHUTTLES

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COURTS

5 GERFLOR TARAFLEX COURTS

CLOTHING REGULATIONS

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.

BADMINTON INTEGRITY

There will be betting on offer from this event.

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of 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>

CONDITION OF PLAY

The tournament will be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton (BWF statutes 4.1) and the Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations.

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

There is a knock-up court in a signposted room at the tournament venue.

MEDICAL SERVICE

A physiotherapist will be present in the venue during the tournament and is able to perform first aid.

DOPING INFORMATION

According to Belgian law and the BWF statutes 2.3 drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

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>

PRACTICE COURTS

On Tuesday September 8, 2026 practice courts (5) are available in the main hall from 18h00 till 21h45. Please fill in the document, available via this link:

<https://twizzit.com/go/YBI2026-practicecourts>

Reservations should be made before September 2, 2026.

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

There will be a team managers meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 18h30 in a signposted room at the tournament venue.

VISA

If you need a visa for Belgium, please fill out the visa application form, no later than July 31, 2026. Additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and must be paid by the Member.

The VISA application form can be found on our tournament website:

<https://twizzit.com/go/YBI2026-VISA>



ACCOMMODATION

Please send your hotel reservation request no later than August 17, 2026, using the hotel booking form on our tournament website.

<https://app.twizzit.com/go/YBI2026-Hotel>



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8620 Nieuwpoort, België
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IBIS Styles

Brugsesteenweg 41
8620 Nieuwpoort, België
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	Studio 1 person	Studio 2 persons	Appartment 2 persons	Single room	Double room
Prices per night	€ 145	€ 190	€ 210	€ 170	€ 205

Prices include the mandatory city tax (€ 3,50 per person per night) and breakfast.

No cooking or heating food in Ibis Styles

Be aware that cooking or heating food (with gas fires or boiling water) inside Ibis Styles is strictly forbidden and will be punished with a fine of €250.

Payment Procedure

Rooms will be invoiced by Badminton Vlaanderen prior to the event (via e-mail). Payment must be done when booking.

TRANSPORT

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Provided by the organizer between the official hotels and the sports hall.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

Airport transport is provided by the organizer between Brussels airport (BRU) and the official hotels. To make a transport reservation please use the form which you can find on the tournament website no later than September 3, 2026.

<https://twizzit.com/go/YBI2026-Transport>

Passengers arriving at Brussels South Charleroi (CRL) must arrange for their own transportation. We recommend to book the taxi service in advance, with for instance Flibco (<https://www.flibco.com/en/d2g-connections/taxi-leuven-charleroi-airport>).

Brussels Airport (BRU)

Leopoldlaan
1930 Zaventem

Brussels South Charleroi (CRL)

Rue des Frères Wright 8
6041 Charleroi

Website

During tournament week, all important information and updates for athletes and coaches will be available on the closed pages of our website, <https://www.yonexbelgianinternational.be/>. Information such as transport schedules, practice court sessions, information about the tournament, venue or city and contact details will always be available and up to date in the application.

To access these pages, please use the following password: YonexBI26.
You will find the QR-code and password aswell on your accreditation.



We kindly ask all participants and coaches to check the website regularly throughout the week to stay informed. The organization assumes that all documentation posted on the website is considered read. The information on the website, together with mails, is therefore the official communication for the event. A notification will be sent to everyone in the channel in case of new information or changes.

CONTACTS

For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us via email

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