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## INVITATION

### HELLAS INTERNATIONAL 2026

A Badminton Europe Elite Circuit  
Future Series Tournament



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| <b>Tournament:</b>     | <b>HELLAS INTERNATIONAL 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Organiser:</b>      | <b>HELLENIC BADMINTON FEDERATION</b><br><br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@badminton.gr">info@badminton.gr</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.badminton.gr">www.badminton.gr</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Referees:</b>       | Referee:<br>Tomasz Rogowski (Poland)<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:trogowski19@gmail.com">trogowski19@gmail.com</a><br><br>Deputy referee:<br>Christos Evangelidis (Greece)<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:chrisev@sch.gr">chrisev@sch.gr</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Venue:</b>          | <a href="#">“Georgios Vasilakopoulos” Indoor Sports Hall, 50 Patron Street, Pyrgos, Greece</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Dates:</b>          | <p><b>QUALIFYING ROUNDS:</b> Tuesday 20 October 2026. The estimated starting time will be at 09:00 (subject to change due to the number of entries).</p> <p><b>MAIN DRAW ROUNDS 1 &amp; 2:</b> Wednesday 21 October 2026. Starts at 09:00.</p> <p><b>QUARTERFINALS &amp; SEMIFINALS:</b> Thursday 22 October 2026. Starts at 09:00. Semifinals will start at 16:00.</p> <p><b>FINALS:</b> Friday 23 October 2026. Starts at 10:00.</p> <p>The final tournament schedule will be published at least 20 days before the start of the tournament on Badminton Europe’s website and the <a href="#">Hellenic Badminton Federation website</a>. All times are provisional and are subject to change depending on the number of entries subject to the Referee’s approval.</p> <p><b>Entry deadline:</b> 22 September 2026.</p> <p><b>World ranking date used for M&amp;Q report:</b> 22 September 2026.</p> <p><b>M&amp;Q report release date:</b> 25 September 2026.</p> <p><b>World ranking date used for seeding and draw:</b> 13 October 2026.</p> <p><b>Last day of withdrawal without penalty:</b> 12 October 2026.</p> <p><b>Draw Date:</b> 13 October 2026.</p> <p><b>Team Managers’ Meeting:</b> The Team Managers’ Meeting will take place at the venue on Monday, 19 October 2026, at 20:00.</p> |

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| <b>Practice courts</b>                 | On Monday, 19 October 2026, practice courts will be available from 16:00 to 21:00. Each time slot will last approximately 50–60 minutes. Court allocation will depend on the number of requests received for each time slot. The practice courts are located in the main hall. During the tournament, warm-up courts will also be available in the main hall. Practice courts can be booked after completing your registration through <a href="#">here</a> . Once registered, please navigate to the “Practice Courts” tab to proceed with your booking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Players’ arrival and departure:</b> | The official tournament accommodation is located at the <a href="#">International Olympic Academy</a> (I.O.A.) in Ancient Olympia. The I.O.A. premises are a 20-minute drive from the Venue. Hourly transportation between I.O.A. and the venue will be provided throughout the tournament.<br>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 penalized 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Closing date for entries:</b>       | 22 September 2026 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT+08:00)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Shuttles:</b>                       | VICTOR Master ACE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Courts:</b>                         | 5 VICTOR courts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Entries:</b>                        | All entries must be made using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday, 22 September 2026 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)<br>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 use Tournament Software to register new players for a BWF ID number before the closing date of the tournament. For online entries, please use this link:<br><a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/FD0483F1-A943-43D3-B74A-AE283E91D815">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/FD0483F1-A943-43D3-B74A-AE283E91D815</a><br><b>No late entries will be accepted.</b><br>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.” |
| <b>Entry fees:</b>                     | Singles 65 EURO per player and Doubles 55 EURO per player, per event. The entry fee must be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.<br>Payments can be made after completing your registration through <a href="#">here</a> . Once registered, please navigate to the “Pay Entry Fees” tab to proceed with your payment. 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.<br>The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member. (BEC Elite Circuit Regulation 17.2).                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Conditions:</b>                     | The tournament will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Prize Money:</b>                    | There is no prize money for this tournament.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Events:</b>                         | MS/WS – 32, MD/WD – 32, XD – 32                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Clothing and advertising:</b> | <p>Color, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Insurance:</b>                | <p>Insurance must be arranged individually by each participant.</p> <p>Member and/or Organizer 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.</p> <p>It is recommended that Member and/or Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Force majeure:</b>            | <p>The organizing 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.</p> <p>If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organizing 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Draw:</b>                     | <p>The draw will be conducted by Badminton Europe in accordance with the BWF Regulations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <b>Visa:</b>                     | <p>Once players have been entered in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to obtain any required visas for them. Visa applications should be submitted well in advance.</p> <p>The Tournament Organizer will make every reasonable effort to assist entered players in obtaining visas.</p> <p>Visa Letter requests can be submitted after completing your registration through <a href="#">here</a>. Once registered, please navigate to the "Visa letter" tab to submit your request.</p> <p><b>Deadline for visa request letters: 22 September 2026.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <p><b>Withdrawals and no-shows:</b></p>       | <p>Please inform the Organizer immediately if a player has to withdraw, preferably stating the reason.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Point of arrival and transport:</b></p> | <p>Free transportation will be provided from <a href="#">Kalamata International Airport</a> “Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos” the official point of arrival, to the official tournament accommodation, located approximately 110 km from the airport. This service will be available only to participants who have booked their accommodation through the Organizer using the official Booking &amp; Transportation Form.</p> <p><b><u>Athens International Airport (AIA) “Eleftherios Venizelos” Arrivals &amp; Departures</u></b></p> <p>On Monday, 19 October, bus transfers will be available from AIA to the International Olympic Academy at 13:30 and 17:00. The fare is EUR 40 per person. For departures to AIA, bus transfers will be available on Thursday, 22 October 2026, at 15:00 and on Friday, 23 October 2026, at 15:00. The fare is EUR 40 per person.</p> <p><b>For travel-planning purposes, participants intending to travel via Athens International Airport should note that the journey from the IOA to the airport takes approximately 3,5 hours. Participants are therefore advised to allow sufficient time before their scheduled flight departure.</b></p> <p>Participants wishing to use any of the above transport services must complete and submit the official Booking Accommodation &amp; Transportation Form by 23 September 2026. Transport requests can be submitted by participants who have already booked their stay through the organiser. After completing your registration through <a href="#">here</a>, please navigate to the “Booking Accommodation and Transport” tab to submit your request. Transport requests submitted by any other means will not be accepted.</p> <p>During the competition there will be free transport provided by organisers every 1 hour between Official Hotel and Venue.</p> |
| <p><b>Badminton Integrity</b></p>             | <p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes, the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, addresses anti-corruption and the prevention of match manipulation and applies to all participants in this tournament.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF-sanctioned tournaments, participants must not bet on badminton matches, must uphold the principle of fair play and must not attempt to influence the course or outcome of any game or match.</p> <p>Everyone is required to report to the BWF any approach made by a person seeking inside information or attempting to influence the outcome of one or more matches.</p> <p>For more information, please visit the BWF website:<br/><a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Doping control</b>    | <p>Under Greek law, drug testing may be carried out at random at any time.</p> <p>Doping controls may be conducted both in and out of competition, in accordance with the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, and may involve the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their bodies. Before taking any medication, athletes should consult their doctor and, if necessary, obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p> |
| <b>Meals and drinks</b>  | <p>During the tournament, a lounge will be available for athletes and coaches, where full meals, snacks and drinks may be purchased.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Stringing Service</b> | <p>Stringing services will be available at the venue at a cost of EUR 20.00 per racket.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Portrait Rights:</b>  | <p>Photographs and audio-visual recordings may be made during the tournament.</p> <p>By participating in the tournament, players, coaches and officials consent to the recording, publication and broadcast of their images and voices in live or recorded television programmes, online streams, websites, radio programmes, films, press coverage and similar media.</p> <p>ASD Sport Promotion and the official tournament photographer may use photographs and other images taken during the tournament for non-commercial promotional purposes</p>                                                                                                                                                            |

#### ACCOMMODATION:



Official tournament accommodation:

#### [INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY](#)

Ancient Olympia , 27065 Ilia, Greece

#### Room rates:

- Single room: EUR 110 per room, per night
- Standard double room: EUR 150 per room, per night
- Triple room: EUR 170 per room, per night

All rates include breakfast.

Accommodation requests can be submitted after completing your registration through [here](#). Once registered, please navigate to the "Booking Accommodation and Transport" tab to submit your request.

#### Accommodation and transportation booking deadline:

23 September 2026

Accommodation bookings are subject to availability and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date and time at which the completed booking form is received.

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*There is so much to see, experience and enjoy in PYRGOS. Welcome!!!*

