

INVITATION

Polish International 2026 presented by YONEX , KRAKÓW

Organized by

Polish Badminton Association & Polish Badminton

16th – 20th September 2026

The event is part of the BEC Elite Circuit
International Series Tournament
and a World Ranking Tournament

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT Information

www.PZBad.pl

BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

Regulations

1. Definition

1.1. All International Challenge, International Series and Future Series tournaments in Europe which are accepted by Badminton Europe and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) must be part of the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Elite Circuit.

2. Description

2.1. The BEC Elite Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members. Players from European Members earn points for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments which is in accordance with the BWF World Ranking system.

2.2. BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are BWF World Ranking tournaments.

Conditions of play: The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and the BWF General Competition Regulations adopted as well as the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

ORGANIZER

Polish Badminton Association

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KEY DATES

Entry deadline: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 23.59 BWF Headquarters time

World Ranking date for M&Q-report: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Date for publication of M&Q-report: Friday, August 21, 2026

World Ranking date for seeding/draw: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Withdrawal deadline: Monday, September 7, 2026 23.59 BWF Headquarters time

Date for the draw: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Date, time and location for the team managers meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2026
8:00 PM (GMT +02:00) at the venue.

Players cannot be entered without BWF ID-number. If a Member wishes to register 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.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Day 1 Qualification	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 2 Qualification: final rounds all events + Main Draw: : R1 MS / WS / XD	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 3 Main Draw: R1 MD / WD + R2 all events	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 4 QF + SF	Time: QF 10:00 and SF 16:00
Day 5 Finals	Time: 10:00

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9. Conditions for tournaments and players taking part in the BEC Elite Circuit

The provisional schedule can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chairman of the Badminton Europe Circuits Commission.

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 the organiser's website. Such a final

frame schedule cannot change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chairman of the Badminton Europe Circuits Commission approve such a change.

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

Hall name: Sport Hall of AGH University of Kraków

Address: Armii Krajowej 5A, 30-150 Kraków

REFEREES

Referee: Patrik ANDERSSON (SWE)

Contact: patrik@granbacken.net

Deputy Referee: TBC (POL)

Contact:

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 draw is 32 for Men's Singles, Women's Singles and 32 for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

System of the Competition: K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and BWF General Competition Regulations.

Eligibility: Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

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3.3. 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.

ENTRIES

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/2B2D8CD9-EDF8-47BA-8970-DE8110083C3E>

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.

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 FEES

- Singles: € 75,- per player
- Doubles: € 60,- per player/event

Payment requirements

The entry fees have to be transferred before **9 September 2026** following an invoice sent with all bank details included.

Account no: 38109010140000000135963276

IBAN: PL38109010140000000135963276

SWIFT: WBKPPLPP

Bank details ERSTE BANK POLSKA

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17. Entry fees

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.

17.3 The invoice for entry fees must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe. All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to Badminton Europe by a tournament organiser following the above-mentioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

17.4 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. Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand. After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers 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. (...)

17.5 Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

WITHDRAWALS & NO SHOWS

Please be aware that the organizer must be informed immediately when a player has to 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).

PRIZE MONEY US\$ 10,000

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 1000	\$ 1000	\$ 1000
Runner up	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Semi-finalist	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300

For all players winning prize money, a 10% tax will be deducted.

The Organizer will pay the prize money in cash. Prize money will be paid after each final has concluded (except from MS and WS semi-finalist – then after respective games).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Shuttles: YONEX AS50

Courts: 5 courts YONEX AC 367

VISA

Important for all players who need visa for Poland. Please request immediately from Polish Badminton Association an official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible, but not later till August, 21th e-mail: events@pzbad.pl

PRACTICE FACILITIES

Venue

Courts will be available in the evening of 15th September and before start of every tournament day.

The hall booking schedule will be published on September 14th 2026.

Reservations can be done via events@pzbad.pl till 10th September 2026

In order to make a reservation, please complete the practice form.

POINT OF ARRIVAL

The organizer provides transfers to and from official hotels:

- Krakow airport (KRK) - free of charge
- Krakow Główny Railway Station - free of charge

TRANSPORT

- Transfers from Krakow Airport to and from official hotels will be available at previously designated hours free of charge and after request only for those staying in official hotels. The deadline for transport requests is 10 September.
- No dedicated free transfers for single players or teams.
- All transfers will be confirmed by the tournament officer
- Shuttle buses between the venue and the official hotels will be provided free of charge. The shuttle bus will run according to a time schedule.

In order to make a reservation, please complete the transport form.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will be available for all team members free of charge.

ACCOMMODATION



**** Premier Kraków Hotel, Opolska 14A Str. Kraków	
2 persons room with breakfast	120 EUR per room/night
1 person room with breakfast	105 EUR per room/night

*** Express Kraków Hotel, Opolska 14A Str. Kraków	
2 persons room with breakfast	110 EUR per room/night
1 person room with breakfast	95 EUR per room/night
Breakfast is served In Premier Kraków Hotel (distance 50 m)	



Please send your accommodation form no later than 23th August 2026.

events@pzbad.pl

Check out at 12:00, no check-out by 12:00

[Payments should be done via bank transfer according to deadline confirmed on pro forma invoice.](#)

CLOTHING

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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 CONTROL

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/>