



YONEX Bulgarian International Championship 2026

01-04 Oct 2026

Future Series

“part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit”

SOFIA, BULGARIA



**ELITE
CIRCUIT**



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KEY DATES

Entry deadline: 01.09.2026 (23:59 BWF HQ-time)

World Ranking for M&Q-report: 01.09.2026

Publication of M&Q-report: 04.09.2026

Last day for withdrawal without fine: 21.09.2026 (23:59 BWF HQ-time)

World Ranking for seeding/draw: 22.09.2026

Date for the draw: 22.09.2026

Team managers meeting: 30.09.2026 20:00

Provisional Schedule

Date 30.09.2026	20:00	Team managers meeting at Badminton Hall Europe
Date 01.10.2026	09:00	Qualifications (start dep on entries) + Main Draw MD&WD
Date 02.10.2026	09:00	Main draw Round 1 & 2
Date 03.10.2026	10:00	Quarterfinals
Date 03.10.2026	16:00	Semifinals
Date 04.10.2026	10:00	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

BADMINTON HALL "EUROPE"

7 ISKARSKO SHOSE BLVD.

1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

REFEREE

Frederic Dumont (FRA), E-Mail: freddumont76@gmail.com

DEPUTY REFEREE

Conor Flatley (CYP), E-Mail: refereeconorflatley@gmail.com

FORMAT

Men's and Women's Singles, 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 badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

ENTRIES

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

[LINK TO TOURNAMENT IN TOURNAMENTSOFTWARE](#)

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.

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."

ENTRY FEES

EUR 60 in Singles and EUR 50 per player in doubles.

CLOSING DATE

01.09.2026 at 23:59 BWF HQ-time (18:59 LOCAL TIME)

PAYMENT

Bank account: Bulgarian Badminton Federation

TOKUDA BANK AD

IBAN: BG65CREX92601400202501

Swift/BIC: CREXBGSF

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 years.

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).

SHUTTLES

YONEX AS-50

COURTS

4 VICTOR court mats

VISA

We will provide full visa assistance. Important for all players who need visa for Bulgaria. Please request immediately from Badminton Bulgaria the official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible but no later than 04.09.2026. Contact: badmintonbg@gmail.com

DRAW

The draw will be performed by Badminton Europe on 22.09.2026.

PRACTICE

The competition courts will be available for training on request on 30 September 2026 between 15:00 and 21:00 h. Courts can be booked until 22.09.2026 via e-mail to badmintonbg@gmail.com.

POINT OF ARRIVAL

Sofia Airport

TRANSPORT

Transport from airport and from hotel to venue and back will be available ONLY for teams staying in official hotels free of charge. Booking for transport from and to airport will be made together with booking accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL MARINELA SOFIA *****, 100 James Baucher Blvd.

- Single Room: 140 Euro per room per night (including breakfast)
- Double Room: 85 Euro per person per night (including breakfast)
- Triple Room: 85 Euro per person per night (including breakfast)

HOW TO BOOK: Please, send your accommodation requests on info@zapryanovtravel.com

CONTACTS: Iliya Zapryanov: +359 878100091; Nikolay Ignatov: +359 897 211165

DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS: 9 September 2026

CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS DEADLINE: 19 September 2026 – **After that date all reservations are 100% payable!**

BANK DETAILS:

BANK NAME: UNITED BULGARIAN BANK
BANK ADDRESS: 55 NIKOLA VAPTZAROV BLVD., 1407 SOFIA, BULGARIA
BENEFICIARY NAME: ZAPRYANOV TRAVEL LTD
BENEFICIARY ADDRESS: 9 POP BOGOMIL STR., 1202 SOFIA, BULGARIA
IBAN: BG90UBBS81551086937930
SWIFT/BIC: UBBSBGSF

All payments should be made via bank transfer before arrival or upon arrival by cash!

CLOTHING

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 INFORMATION

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/>