



FUTURE SERIES

**September 10 – 13, 2026
LITHUANIA**

INVITATION

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Website: <https://www.navickasbadminton.com/events>

Events:

Men's Singles (32 in main draw)
Women's Singles (32 in main draw)
Men's Doubles (32 in main draw)
Women's Doubles (32 in main draw)
Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)

Key dates and draw:

- Entries Close – Tuesday, Aug 11, 2026, 6:59 PM (GMT +03:00)
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report – August 11, 2026
- Date for publication of M&Q Report – August 14, 2026
- World Ranking Date used for seeding/draw – September 1, 2026
- Withdrawal without penalty – Aug 31, 2026
- Date for the draw – September 1, 2026.

The number of players in/from the qualification is subject to the final number of entries.

Wednesday, September 9, 19:30 (at **Hotel ibis Styles Kaunas Centre** or **Hotel Perkūno namai**) - Team Managers Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 20:30 (at **Hotel ibis Styles Kaunas Centre** or **Hotel Perkūno namai**) - Umpires Briefing

Play schedule:

All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered.

The provisional Order of Play is as follows:

Thursday, September 10:

Qualifying Rounds, not before 09:00

Friday, September 11

Last round of Men's singles qualification at 09:00

Main draw 1st round in all events – 11:00.

Saturday, September 12:

Main draw 2nd round 09:00 and quarterfinals not before 17:00

Sunday, September 13:

All semi – finals 10:00 and all final matches 14:00

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.

Entry fees:

Singles: 70 EUR per player

Doubles and mixed doubles: 60 EUR per player

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if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. **Entry fees must be paid before the start of the event, 2026 September 8th 9:00.**

17.2 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 For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee for the relevant Member.

Payments: All payments (entry fee, accommodation, transportation, etc.) must be paid via wire transfer to:
Lietuvos badmintono federacija
IBAN account No: LT45 7300 0101 6598 9526
AB Swedbank (HABALT22)

Prize money: There is no prize money for this tournament.

Shuttlecock: RSL Classic Tourney

Courts: 5 or 6 courts YONEX, depends on number of entries

Entries: All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link of Tournament software:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/6590D99D-CBBD-4136-8363-029CE2C27328>

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."

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 organizers 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.

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 organizers 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, is the player/pair considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion 48h after the message has been sent by the organizers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this time frame, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

- Withdrawals:** 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).
Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable for an additional amount of US\$500.00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).
- Eligible Players:** All players of clubs affiliated through their National Association to the BWF.
- Clothing/Advertising:** 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.
It is mandatory that partners in doubles always wear the same color of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100.00 EUR.
- Condition of play:** The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit.
The tournament draw sizes are limited to:
5 courts - 100 matches
6 courts - 120 matches
A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event, per day is allowed in the main draw;
A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day is allowed in the qualification;

If more players/pairs enter the competition than the Organizers can accept even in the qualifying rounds, the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered.
Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.
Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) 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 and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit regulations).
In accordance with regulations § 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 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 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.

The seeding and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

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 who 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/>

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/>

Insurance:

The Organizers decline responsibility and costs for possible injuries or other damage. It is up to participants to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organizer may be liable for claims originating from the damage incurred by the participants and/or any other persons arising from or in connection with 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 a 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 Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

Imaging permissions:

When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned event, television/broadcasting and still photography of that event are permitted at all associated venues

(including training/ practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Member concerned. Television signals can be shown in all territories on live or recorded television, Internet, web casting, audio, film and other media of similar nature.

Stringing: Stringing service will be available during the tournament, the price for stringing will be 20 EUR with own strings and 25 EUR with bought strings.

Medical: A first aid nurse will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.

Cancellation of the tournament: 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. 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 person (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.

Visas: After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed.
The Tournament Organizers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.
For assistance to the organizers of the visa paperwork, no later than **August 15th** **information should be sent by e-mail:** rslint2026@badminton.lt

The following information on the foreigner being invited shall be given:

- name (-s) and surname;
- citizenship (nationality);
- date and place of birth;
- the address of the place of residence;
- the location (office) where the visa application will likely be submitted.

Arrival: Official point of arrival is Kaunas international airport, www.kaunas-airport.lt
Free transfer from and to the airport will be offered - public transport will be provided free of charge for participants accommodated in Tournament Hotels (booked through organizer).

Available from September 8th to September 14th, 2026.

Other transfer options from and to the airport:

KUN - Kaunas international airport:

- passenger car (up to 3 passengers) – 45 EUR
- passenger van (up to 7 passengers) – 100 EUR

VNO – Vilnius International Airport:

- passenger car (up to 3 passengers) – 105 EUR
- passenger van (up to 7 passengers) – 220 EUR

Deadline for all transport bookings is 2026 August 17th 17:00.

Transport bookings should be sent directly to the e-mail: rslint2026@badminton.lt with filled accommodation form which will be published on <https://www.navickasbadminton.com/events>.

Transport will be organized to adapt to your flight schedule. The transport service is not responsible for your flight delays.

**Transport from
Venue to hotel:**

Public transport will be provided free of charge for participants accommodated in Tournament Hotels (booked through organizer). Available for the duration from 7th till 14th of September.

More information will be published on the official website.

Catering offer:

Food will be available at the main venue. More detailed information will be published on <https://www.navickasbadminton.com/events>

Price – lunch 17 EUR, dinner – 17 EUR.

Order deadline for meals in the venue **31st of August 2026.**

**Official tournament
hotels:**

Hotel ibis Styles Kaunas Centre* (1,3km walking distance, walking distance from bus station using public transport 500 meters)**

Vytauto Ave 25

LT-44352

Single room – 75 EUR (breakfast included)

Double room – 90 EUR (breakfast included)

All accommodation payments must be paid to the organizer (see [Payments](#) section).

**** Hotel prices after deadline (if available) ****

Single room – 95 EUR (breakfast included)

Double room – 120 EUR (breakfast included)

Hotel ibis Kaunas Centre* (1,3km walking distance, walking distance from bus station using public transport 500 meters)**

Vytauto Ave 28

LT-44328

Single room – 67 EUR (breakfast included)

Double room – 86 EUR (breakfast included)

**** Hotel prices after deadline (if available) ****

Single room – 85 EUR (breakfast included)

Double room – 110 EUR (breakfast included)

All accommodation payments must be paid to the organizer (see [Payments](#) section).

Reservation for Official tournament hotel to be made until **August 17th**, directly to the e-mail: rslint2026@badminton.lt with filled accommodation form which will

be published on
https://badmintoneurope.com/web/corporate/tournament?tournament_code=6590D99D-CBBD-4136-8363-029CE2C27328&tournament_tab=overview and
<https://www.navickasbadminton.com/events>. The deadline for hotel bookings is

August 19th, 2026, at the latest, or else reservations will be canceled, and players will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher rate and arranging transport. Rooms at this rate are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Hotel cancellations after the draw date are non-refundable.

**Practice courts
before the
tournament:**

The possibility to rent training courts (not competition venue), public transport direct from the Tournaments hotel to the venue will be provided free of charge for participants accommodated in the Tournament Hotels (booked through an organizer (direct bus, no change of bus needed):

on Tuesday (September 8th) from 7:00 to 15:00

on Wednesday (September 9th) from 7:00 to 15:00

on Thursday (September 10th) from 7:00 to 15:00

on Friday (September 11th) from 9:30 to 17:30

For 20 € per hour per court. All bookings must be made by tournament director e-mail.

Address for the practice courts:

Bauen Arena

Islandijos pl. 32

LT- 47446 Kaunas

**Practice courts
during the
tournament:**

2 practice courts will be available in the venue during all the tournament.

During the event, the tournament courts at the venue will be available for practice one hour before the first matches of the day start, as well as one hour after the last match of the day is played. Practice on courts will be available on the first come first served basis.

**Other activities
during the
tournament:**

More detailed information on other events held during the tournament, including sightseeing options, will be published on
<https://www.navickasbadminton.com/events>

Changes:

The Tournament committee reserves the right to add to or alter conditions, excluding those covered by Badminton Europe Regulations and the Referee's responsibility. All decisions made by the Tournament committee will be final.