

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

CLASH OF CLANS
Arctic Open 2026
powered by YONEX
HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500

6-11 October 2026

Vantaan Energia Areena, Vantaa

Prize Money: **US\$ 500,000**

Dear Members,

It is with great delight and honor that Badminton Finland invites the world's top badminton players to take part in the CLASH OF CLANS Arctic Open powered by YONEX – a part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500 event to be played in October in Vantaa, Finland.

The 2026 edition of Arctic Open is only one of two Super 500 level tournaments in Europe. We look forward to kicking off the autumn European leg of the World Tour in Finland with the north-most event of the tour.

We thank BWF and all our partners for their contribution and support in organizing the event. Welcome to Finland!

Annika Paananen

Tournament Director, Arctic Open

General Details

Organiser	Badminton Management Oy/Badminton Finland Valimotie 10 00380 Helsinki +358 40 736 8900 / hello@arcticopen.fi / www.arcticopen.fi
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	06/Oct/2026 to 11/Oct/2026
Competition Venue	Vantaan Energia Areena Rajatorpantie 23 01600 Vantaa Finland
Media Links	Championship Website: www.arcticopen.fi  @arcticopen  @arcticopen
Referee Team	Referee: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Jozef Kuprivec (SLO) / jozef.kuprivec@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Annika Paananen, Tournament Director - annika@arcticopen.fi Pekka Säilä, Volunteers - pekka.saila@sulkapallo.fi Eino Väisänen, Umpires - eino.vaisanen@saunalahti.fi
Insurance Coverage	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance covering any damage or injury they may cause to third parties. The insurance must also cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses, incurred in the host country, as well as any expenses and costs associated for repatriation of the insured party its country of residence.
Indemnity	To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release and hold harmless the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents, and representatives, from any liability, damage, loss, cost, or expense arising from or connected with their participation in the Tournament.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	By entering the Tournament, Players and all members of the national delegation grant the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full rights to use their images and likenesses in photographs, television footage, and other recordings taken during matches or tournament-related activities. These rights include use for any commercial, news, promotion, or other purpose, together with the right to transfer such right without compensation.

Form Deadlines	Accommodation : 6 th Sep 2026 Media Accreditation : 6 th Sep 2026 Visa Invitation Letter : 6 th Sep 2026 Accreditation : 23 rd Sep 2026 Practice : 29 th Sep 2026 Transport : check Accommodation Info
Useful info	Tournament uses Sportity app to publish tournament information. Access code will be shared onsite. If you don't use the app, check Here for most important info and updates.

Entry Details				
Regulations (Conditions of Play)	This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes - General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF Statute 5.1. This includes restrictions on certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.			
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per Laws of Badminton .			
Instant Review System	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available on Court 1 and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8 .			
Key Dates	Entry Deadline / World Ranking Date for M&Q Report			25-Aug-2026
	Publication Date for M&Q Report			28-Aug-2026
	Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty			28-Sep-2026
	World Ranking Date & Publication Date for Seeding Report / Draw Date			29-Sep-2026
Draw Size	Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
	Men's Singles	28	4	8
	Women's Singles	28	4	8
	Men's Doubles	28	4	8
	Women's Doubles	28	4	8
	Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

Online Entry – International Entries	Entries for this tournament must be made by the Member using the BWF Online Group Entry system. If the Member requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport The entry deadline is Tuesday, 25th August 2026 at 23:59 hrs, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted. After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Members confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. Members should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, 26th August 2026 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 27th August 2026 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.
Online Entries – Host Member Entries	Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member may follow a different process to international entries. The host member association will contact the domestic players in question.
Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF Statute 5.1. GCR 11, 13 and 14. Members can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section). Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties. Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal. If a Member needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to: Referee: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Jozef Kuprivec (SLO) / jozef.kuprivec@gmail.com Host organizer contact: Annika Paananen (FIN) / hello@arcticopen.fi

Tournament Details

Competition Schedule	Date	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start Time
	Tuesday 6 th Oct	All Events	Qualification	3	07:00	08:00
		WS/XD	R32			13:30
	Wednesday 7 th Oct	All Events	R32	3	08:00	09:00
	Thursday 8 th Oct		R16	3	09:00	10:00
	Friday 9 th Oct		Quarterfinals	3	12:00	13:00
	Saturday 10 th Oct		Semifinals	1	10:00	11:00 17:00
	Sunday 11 th Oct		Finals	1	10:00	11:00
	Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.					
All Finalists from any Grade 2 tournament held the week before will play their main draw first round matches on Wednesday, except for those in Qualifying Rounds. All Qualifying Rounds will be played on Tuesday.						
Official Shuttlecock	YONEX AS-50					
Practice Facilities	Practice Hall	Location: Myyrmäki Hall next to tournament venue Number of Courts: 8 Request practice form: Practice hall form by 29 th Sep 2026 Schedule:				
		Sunday 4 th Oct to Sunday 11 th Oct	08:00 – 22:00			
	Competition Courts	Number of Courts 3 Request practice form: Main hall form by 29 th Sep 2026 Schedule:				
		Sunday 4 th Oct	08:00 – 22:00			
Monday 5 th Oct		08:00 – 21:00				
Warm-up Courts	Number of Courts: 2 Schedule:					
	Sunday 4 th Oct to Monday 5 th Oct	08:00 – 22:00				
Practice Shuttles	All players will be given 2 complimentary practice shuttles					

Players' Facilities	Players' Lounge	Location: Tournament venue Facilities: Wi-fi, snacks, food, fruits, beverages, live-streaming from the courts, mobile phone charging possibility Operational Hours: open on tournament days 1 hour before the commence of play until 30 minutes after the last match
	Stringing Services	Location: Tournament venue Operational Hours: to be announced at the team managers' meeting Cost: to be announced at the Team Managers' Meeting. The stringing can be paid in cash (EUR) or with credit card.
	Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during practice and tournament, free of charge to the player. Location: Tournament venue Operational Hours: Tournament hours
	Recovery Area	Location: Tournament venue Facilities: Physio services, exercise bicycles, exercise balls, roll-ons etc. Schedule: Tournament hours
Meetings	Team Managers' Meeting	It is mandatory for all participating Members (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Members will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties . Members are allowed to request representation by another Member, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves. Date : Monday 5 th Oct 2026 Time : 17:30 Location : Official Tournament Hotel Skyline
	Umpires' Briefing	Date : Monday 5 th Oct 2026 Time : 16:00 Location : Official Tournament Hotel Skyline
	Line Judges' Briefing	Date : Monday 5 th Oct 2026 Time : 19:00 Location : Tournament venue
Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 11 th Oct 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all finalists.	

	In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations, all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol. No equipment, including rackets and flags, is allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.					
Prize Money	A prize fund of USD 500,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below. Income tax of 15% will be deducted. * - per pair					
		Winner	Runner-up	Semi finalist	Quarter finalist	Last 16
	Men's Singles	\$37,500	\$19,000	\$7,250	\$3,000	\$1,750
	Women's Singles	\$37,500	\$19,000	\$7,250	\$3,000	\$1,750
	Men's Doubles	\$39,500*	\$19,000*	\$7,000*	\$3,625*	\$1,875*
	Women's Doubles	\$39,500*	\$19,000*	\$7,000*	\$3,625*	\$1,875*
	Mixed Doubles	\$39,500*	\$19,000*	\$7,000*	\$3,625*	\$1,875*
Accreditation	Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation. Please apply for the accreditation HERE: will open from August 14th 2026 The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member:					
	Number of Member Players		Number of Team Officials Accreditation			
	Three or Less		1			
	Four to Seven		2			
	Eight to 15		3			
	16 or More		4			
	A limited number of 5 in total accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of EUR200, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament with Credit card (preferred) or in Cash. If more is required, the cost is EUR300 per pass.					
	The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be EUR100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament with Credit card (preferred) or in Cash.					
	The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.					

	The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.
Anti-Doping	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).
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).
Acceptance of BWF Statutes	By making or authorising entries, the Member confirms its acceptance, and that of its Players, of the BWF's Statutes and disciplinary processes.

Travel & Visa Details	
Transport	Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs: Helsinki-Vantaa airport (HEL). For the transportation between the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and the official tournament hotels upon arrival and departure, please follow the instructions given by the official tournament hotel HERE. The information is also available on the Sportity app. The transportation schedule will be available at the tournament hotels and at the venues and Sportity app. Please note that the shuttles moving between the tournament and practice venue and the official tournament hotels cannot make any additional stops or pick-ups outside these routes.
Visa	If a visa is required to enter Finland, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

	Please send the completed Visa Support Request Form at visa@arcticopen.fi by 6th Sep 2026. The tournament host and hosting Member will only communicate with a Member. The hosting Member will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested. The tournament host and hosting Member accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. It is the responsibility of the Member to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge. Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into the country; the final decision is made by the government of the relevant country.
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Accommodation Details				
Hotels	Name of Hotel	Rates	Facilities	Remarks
	Skyline Airport	127€-188€ single – quad rooms Breakfast included	GYM, Laundry, Sauna. Check pdf below for details	http://www.airporthotelskyline.fi
	Pilot Airport	109€ - 166€ single – quad rooms Breakfast included	Laundry, Sauna. Check pdf below for details	http://www.airporthotelpilot.fi
Payment and Other Information	Payment Methods: Cash, credit card, or pre-payment. Official Hotel Information – Arctic Open 2026 Arctic Open Skyline Info 2026 Arctic Open Pilot Info 2026			

Media Details	
Player Media Obligations	It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information. Members should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.

Media Accreditation	Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit a Media Accreditation Request to anna.fagel@sulkapallo.fi by Monday 6 th September 2026.															
International TV Broadcast Schedule	<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Number of Matches</th><th>Start Time</th></tr><tr><td>Thu, 8th Oct 2026</td><td>8</td><td>10:00</td></tr><tr><td>Fri, 9th Oct 2026</td><td>8</td><td>13:00</td></tr><tr><td>Sat, 10th Oct 2026</td><td>8</td><td>11:00 (5 matches) 17:00 (3 matches)</td></tr><tr><td>Sun, 11th Oct 2026</td><td>5</td><td>11:00</td></tr></table> Additional domestic-only TV matches may be produced. Schedule will be communicated at Team Managers’ Meeting if applicable.	Date	Number of Matches	Start Time	Thu, 8 th Oct 2026	8	10:00	Fri, 9 th Oct 2026	8	13:00	Sat, 10 th Oct 2026	8	11:00 (5 matches) 17:00 (3 matches)	Sun, 11 th Oct 2026	5	11:00
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Match Recordings	Video recording for match review purposes within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited team officials of participating Members from clearly defined positions. There are a limited number of these positions and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament officials. Video footage captured must be used solely for training/coaching purposes by the Member and its coaching staff and not for further distribution. Members may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose. The BWF and host organising committee reserve the right to remove any non-approved items of recording equipment.															