TELANGANA INDIA INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2026

03 – 08 November 2026

Hyderabad, Telangana State

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Telangana India International Challenge 2026

Organizer	**Badminton Association of India (BAI)** D-6/10, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110057. India T: +91 11 41450524 E: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org W: www.badmintonindia.org
Host Organizer	**Badminton Association of Telangana** C/o. Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy, Survey No: 91, ISB Road, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500032, Telangana. India Mobile: +91 (97010) 53060
Main Contact Person / Tournament Manager	**Mr. Pullela Gopichand** Mobile: +91 (97010) 53060 E: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org
Referee	**Mr. Shanil E Abdul Rahim (BRN)** Email: shanilrahim@gmail.com
Deputy Referee	**Mr. E.P.Divakaran (IND)** Email: divakaran.ep70@gmail.com
Sanctioned by	Badminton World Federation, Badminton Asia
Date	**03rd (Tuesday) November – 08th (Sunday) November 2026**
Venue	KOTAK Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.
Media Links	Championship's website: www.badmintonindia.org @Badminton Association of India @BAI_Media @BAI_Media
Entry Fee	The following entry fees shall be charged: Entries from **all countries except India:** Singles: USD 50 (Per player) Doubles: USD 80 (Per pair) **Entries from India:** Singles: INR 4,750 (Per player) Doubles: INR 7,600 (Per pair) **The Entry Fee should be paid in cash at the venue.**
Entries	Member Associations are advised to submit their entries **ONLINE** at the link provided: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/b9441cea-e9cd-4933-a4c2-7e0e894c1c5f **Entry Deadline: Tuesday, 06th October 2026** **Entry Deadline (Indian National Players): 29th September 2026** Kindly contact **BWF** at technicalevents@bwf.sport for the username and password if required. The online entry page will close immediately on the entry closing date at 23:59 hours, Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT). 1. All late submissions, including technical errors, will **not be accepted**. 2. All entries **MUST** be submitted in ranking order 3. **No changes** to the entries are allowed except for withdrawal after the close of entries until the draw has been made. 4. All entries **MUST** only be submitted through your Members Association. For members who are having technical difficulties, kindly contact Mr. Haziq at haziq@badmintonasia.org before the Entry Deadline provided above.

	After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send a notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday (the next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections shall be entertained after this point.
Useful Contacts	Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma Chairman, Tournament Committee & President, BAI E: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mr. Sanjay Mishra Tournament Secretary & General Secretary, BAI E: info@badmintonindia.org Mr. Pullela Gopichand (Organizing Secretary) – Phone: +91-9701053060 Email: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mr. Rajesh Kamal Rajput (Competition Manager) Email: rajeshkamalrajput15036@gmail.com indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org
Tentative Timetable	

Day	Date	Start Time	Court/s	Program
Monday	02nd November 2026	16:00 Hours	-	Technical Officials Briefing
Monday	02nd November 2026	17:00 Hours	-	Team Managers Meeting
Tuesday	03rd November 2026	08:00 Hours	6	Preliminary Rounds
Wednesday	04th November 2026	08:00 Hours	6	Preliminary Rounds
Thursday	05th November 2026	08:00 Hours	6	Preliminary Rounds
Friday	06th November 2026	10:00 Hours	4	Quarter Finals
Saturday	07th November 2026	10:00 Hours	2	Semi Finals
Sunday	08th November 2026	10:00 Hours	1	Finals

*Alterations due to TV coverage or any other reasons to the order of play are possible at the discretion of the **Referee.**

***All events are on a strict timetable system; the match will be forfeited if the player is not present during the time of play when their match is scheduled.

Events & Draw Size

Event	Entries - Main Draw		No. of Entries - Qualifying draw
	Direct	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	48	16	64
Women's Singles	48	16	64
Men's Doubles	24	8	32
Women's Doubles	24	8	32
Mixed Doubles	24	8	32

Format of Play	Rally Point System: 3 x 21 points, Play will be in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as mentioned on the website of BWF.

Prize Money & Medals

Total Prize Money of US$ 25,000 (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of the Government of India. Present minimum rate is 20.60%). will be distributed at the Prize Giving Ceremony; a copy of passport is required for verification purposes.

	Event	Champion	Runner-up	Semi-finalists	Quarter-finalists
*	Men's Singles	US$ 2000	US$ 1200	US$ 500	US$ 200
*	Women's Singles	US$ 2000	US$ 1200	US$ 500	US$ 200
**	Men's Doubles	US$ 2000	US$ 1200	US$ 500	US$ 200
**	Women's Doubles	US$ 2000	US$ 1200	US$ 500	US$ 200
**	Mixed Doubles	US$ 2000	US$ 1200	US$ 500	US$ 200

*** - Per Player, **- Per Pair**
The organizer will pay the prize money in cash during the prize-giving ceremony to the Finalists Trophies will be rewarded to all winners & runners up

Key Dates

Entry closing Main and Qualifying List – World Ranking date	**Tuesday, 6th October 2026**
M & Q Publish Date	**Friday, 9th October 2026**
Last date for Withdrawals Without Penalty	**Monday, 26th October 2026**
Seeding Report – World Ranking date Draw	**Tuesday, 27th October 2026**

*** All Documents can be found on the Badminton Asia Website:**
https://badmintonasia.org/calendar/telengana-india-international-challenge-2026-2/

BWF Fansite (Schedule & Result):
https://bwfbadminton.com/tournament/5315/telengana-india-international-challenge-2026/info

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Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.

Member Associations 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 (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.
If a Member Association 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: Mr. Shanil E Abdul Rahim (BRN) Email: shanilrahim@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Mr. E. P. Divakaran (IND) Email: divakaran.ep70@gmail.com

Competition Manager: Mr. Rajesh Kamal Rajput Email: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org

Competition Rules & Regulation	Relevant Badminton World Federation Regulations shall be applicable to this competition. **Seed Withdrawal Movement** will be implemented in this tournament. You may refer to BWF STATUTES General Competition Regulation 11.3
Clothing & Advertising	Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the competition regulations of the Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24). The player's name on the back of the clothing shall be identical to the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. The "last name" is defined as the family name, surname, or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member country. (GCR 23.3) **MANDATORY CLOTHING REGULATIONS** 1. The name of the player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event. 2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same colour. 3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colours. *Country name is OPTIONAL throughout the tournament.
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/
Compliance with GCR 7.9	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."
Technical Officials Briefing	**2nd November 2026 (Monday) at 16:00 Hours** Venue: Conference Hall, Kotak Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy, Hyderabad.
Team Managers Meeting	**2nd November 2026 (Monday) at 17:00 Hours** Venue: Conference Hall, Kotak Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy, Hyderabad. * As per BWF Regulations, Each Team must be represented in the Team Manager's Meeting. Failing to attend may result in a penalty.

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on **Sunday, 8th November 2026**, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match.

Only Finalists, Prize presenters and authorized persons are allowed on the field of play during the prize presentation ceremony. No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium.

Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR 24.3

Hotel / Accommodation Reservation

All of the expenditures (Hotel and Food) must be borne by the respective National Association/Federation of Participants. Hotel Booking is done through the organizer.

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Other Charges (GST)
CASA HOTEL AND SUITES # Financial District, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500075.	Twin Room	Rs.6,500	5 %
	Single Room	Rs.5,500	5 %

NO TRIPLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS

Inclusions:

- **Complimentary buffet breakfast**
- **Daily 2-litre mineral water**
- **High-speed Wi-Fi connectivity in the room**
- **Usage of the gymnasium**

Kindly note the following:
There are limited rooms available in the hotel. The allotment will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel reservations should be made ONLY through the Organizing Committee.

We can only provide accommodation to those registered using the **Hotel Reservation form** no later than **Tuesday, 20th October 2026**. No guarantee for the availability of rooms can be given for late bookings. No deviation will be made from the hotel booking procedure specified below.

Full Payment to be made upon arrival to the organizers:
On receipt of your hotel booking request, we will raise an official invoice for processing the hotel booking payment.

Reservations/occupation of extra rooms at the time of check-in will attract a surcharge of 20%.
We will send you a confirmation and provide the hotel details after the closing date, or after having received your confirmation email. Once the Invoice is sent, no more changes/cancellation will be accepted.

Cancellation Fees:
No cancellation for all confirmed bookings (Guarantee booking applies). Cancellation of rooms cannot be made at check-in. Injuries, Visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

An early departure/amendment of dates after check-in shall be subject to the 100% cancellation fees.

Contact Person:
Mr. Ahmed; Email: indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org
Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9701053060

Transportation	Transport will be provided by the organizers from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad to the official hotel, to the venue and back. **Flight Details Request Form** should be sent no later than **Tuesday, 27th October 2026.** Contact Person: Mr. Ahmed Email: indiajihyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9701053060
Visas	If a visa is required to enter India, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. Please complete and return the **Visa Request Form** to reach us before the date specified in the form. (The passport copy, photo and visa application forms) must be sent no later than **Tuesday, 13th October 2026.** If you require a visa to participate in, or attend the Championships, and are seeking an invitation letter from the Badminton Association of India to support your application, please complete the form below to make a request. We recommend that this is submitted no later than **Tuesday, 13th October 2026**. Please allow a minimum of **five (05)** working days for a response - incomplete or incorrect forms will take longer. It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Organisation, or individual to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all questions regarding visas should be directed to the Embassy in charge. Badminton Association of India accepts no responsibility for withdrawals or non-attendance made due to late or refused visa applications, and any letter of invitation does not guarantee entry into INDIA or provide sponsorship of any kind - the final decision is made by INDIA Visas and Immigration. Contact Person: Mr M.K Singh; Email: assistantsecretary@badmintonindia.org, indiaichyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9999233976
Practice Sessions	**Practice sessions will be arranged at the Practice Hall** From **Monday to Saturday, 02nd to 07th November 2026** Practice Facility – Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (4 Courts Only) (4 courts) (Schedule- 1000 Hours to 1600 Hours Only) Main Hall Practice – 02nd November 2026(Only) (6 Courts) (Schedule- 1000 Hours to 1800 Hours Only) • Booking/Reservation information: **Practice Request Form**. This should be submitted by Dated latest by **Tuesday, 20th October 2026** Practice courts at the tournament venue will be arranged by the Organiser. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis for Monday, 02nd November 2026. The Referee will approve the practice schedule.
Accreditation	As advised by the Security Protocol. Kindly submit the **Accreditation Request Form** **no later** than **Tuesday, 27th October 2026**.
Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. The Physio services will be available with prior appointment and payment of fees directly to the physio. An Emergency Care unit along with free Physio Services will be available during the competition schedule.

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The organizer will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.

Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements.</td></tr>
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Player Media Obligations</td><td>It is a condition of entry into BWF-sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizers, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).
Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</td></tr>
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Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorization must be obtained in advance from the tournament Competition Manager in the Managers Meeting and during the event.</td></tr>
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