



HSBC **BWF**
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— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

LI-NING Hong Kong Open 2026

HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500

17-22 November 2026

Grand Hall – Kai Tak Arena, Kai Tak Sports Park

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

Dear Members,

Greetings from Hong Kong.

On behalf of Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Limited (BAHKC), it is with great honour and pleasure to invite world top players to participate in LI-NING Hong Kong Open 2026, HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500.

We are happy to host the tournament and welcome you again in Hong Kong at brand new world-class sports venue: Kai Tak Arena – Kai Tak Sports Park. We will endeavor to deliver the event at high standard, full of enjoyment to all athletes, team officials, spectators, TV audience, guests, and visitors.

We would like to express appreciation to HKSAR Government, BWF, LI-NING and HSBC for their contribution to this tournament, as well as other sponsors for their support.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Hong Kong.

Mr. TONG Wai Lun, BBS, MH, JP

President

Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Limited

General Details

Organiser	Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Limited (BAHKC) Room 2005, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong T: +852-25048318 E: bahkc@bahkc.org.hk W: www.hkbadmintonassn.org.hk
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	17/NOV/2026 to 22/NOV/2026
Competition Venue	Grand Hall - Kai Tai Arena, Kai Tak Sports Park 38 Shing Kai Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon, Hong Kong W: https://www.kaitaksportspark.com.hk/venues-spaces/5
Media Links	Championship Website: http://www.hkopenbadminton.org/ Facebook@ hkbadmintonassn Instagram@ hkbadmintonassn YouTube@ HongKongBadmintonAssociation
Referee Team	Referee: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Pencho Stoynov (BUL) / p.stoynov63@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong, Sunny (HKG) / s.chau0123@gmail.com Local Assistant Referee: Cheng Wing Ki, Steve (HKG) / bahkc@bahkc.org.hk
Useful Contacts	Tournament Director: Cindy Chow / bahkc@bahkc.org.hk
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	Visa Invitation Letter : 06-OCT-2026 Accommodation : 13-OCT-2026 Accreditation : 13-OCT-2026 Practice : 04-NOV-2026 Transport : 04-NOV-2026 Media Accreditation : 04-NOV-2026
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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 and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8 .			
Key Dates	Entry Deadline / World Ranking Date for M&Q Report			06-OCT-2026
	Publication Date for M&Q Report			09-OCT-2026
	Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty			09-NOV-2026
	World Ranking Date & Publication Date for Seeding Report / Draw Date			10-NOV-2026
Draw Size	Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
	Men's Singles	28	4	16
	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, 06-OCT-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, 07-OCT-2026 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 08-OCT-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.
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: Pencho Stoynov (BUL) / p.stoynov63@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong, Sunny (HKG) / s.chau0123@gmail.com Local Assistant Referee: Cheng Wing Ki, Steve (HKG) / bahkc@bahkc.org.hk

Tournament Details

Competition Schedule	Date	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start Time				
	Tuesday 17-NOV	All Events	Qualification	4	08:00	09:00				
		MD/WD	R32 (Except Qualifiers)	4		16:00				
	Wednesday 18-NOV	All Events	R32 & MD/WD Qualifiers	4	08:00	09:00				
	Thursday 19-NOV		R16	4	08:00	09:00				
					17:30	18:30				
	Friday 20-NOV		Quarterfinals	2	10:00	11:00				
				3	17:30	18:30				
	Saturday 21-NOV		Semifinals	1	09:00	10:00				
					16:00	17:00				
Sunday 22-NOV	Finals	1	12:45	14:00						
Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.										
All Finalists from Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 and VICTOR Kaohsiung Masters 2026 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	LI-NING G900									
Practice Facilities	Practice Hall	Location (1): Sports Hall – Kai Tak Arena Number of Courts: 8 Schedule: <table><tr><td>SATURDAY, 14-NOV</td><td>10am to 10pm</td></tr><tr><td>SUNDAY, 15-NOV to SUNDAY, 22-NOV</td><td>8am to 10pm</td></tr></table>					SATURDAY, 14-NOV	10am to 10pm	SUNDAY, 15-NOV to SUNDAY, 22-NOV	8am to 10pm
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	Warm-up Courts	Number of Courts: 2 Schedule: <table><tr><td>SUNDAY, 15-NOV</td><td>4pm to 9pm</td></tr><tr><td>MONDAY, 16-NOV</td><td>8am to 7pm</td></tr></table>		SUNDAY, 15-NOV	4pm to 9pm	MONDAY, 16-NOV	8am to 7pm
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	Practice Shuttles	3 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice.					
Players' Facilities	Players' Lounge	Location: Tournament venue (to be advised at Team Managers' Meeting) Facilities: Internet, Live scoring of matches, mineral water, snacks Operational Hours: As per competition schedule					
	Stringing Services	Location: Warm-up Court, Grand Hall – Kai Tak Arena Operational Hours: During practice time and competition schedule Cost: Free of charge for LI-NING sponsored players USD25 (or HKD200 or RMB170) per racket for non LI-NING sponsored players (to be paid by cash only)					
	Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to the player. Location: Tournament Venue Operational Hours: Competition 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, 16-NOV-2026 Time : 17:30 hrs Location : Official Hotel					
	Umpires' Briefing	Date : Monday, 16-NOV-2026 Time : 16:00 hrs Location : Official Hotel					
	Line Judges' Briefing	Date : Tuesday, 17-NOV-2026 Time : 08:00 hrs Location : Tournament Venue					

Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 22 November 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, are 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 USD500,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below. Non-resident players will be taxed at the standard rate (16.5%) of tax on gross earnings from prize money. *- per pair <table><tr><td></td><td>Winner</td><td>Runner-up</td><td>Semi finalist</td><td>Quarter finalist</td><td>Last 16</td></tr><tr><td>Men’s Singles</td><td>\$37,500</td><td>\$19,000</td><td>\$7,250</td><td>\$3,000</td><td>\$1,750</td></tr><tr><td>Women’s Singles</td><td>\$37,500</td><td>\$19,000</td><td>\$7,250</td><td>\$3,000</td><td>\$1,750</td></tr><tr><td>Men’s Doubles</td><td>\$39,500*</td><td>\$19,000*</td><td>\$7,000*</td><td>\$3,625*</td><td>\$1,875*</td></tr><tr><td>Women’s Doubles</td><td>\$39,500*</td><td>\$19,000*</td><td>\$7,000*</td><td>\$3,625*</td><td>\$1,875*</td></tr><tr><td>Mixed Doubles</td><td>\$39,500*</td><td>\$19,000*</td><td>\$7,000*</td><td>\$3,625*</td><td>\$1,875*</td></tr></table>							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*
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Accreditation	Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation. The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member: <table><tr><th>Number of Member Players</th><th>Number of Team Officials Accreditation</th></tr><tr><td>Three or Less</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Four to Seven</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Eight to 15</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>16 or More</td><td>4</td></tr></table> A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD200 (or HKD1,600 or RMB1,360), charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament in cash. The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD200 (or HKD1,600 or RMB1,360) on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament 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.						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																										
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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: • Hong Kong International Airport To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form to bahkc@bahkc.org.hk, by Wednesday, 4 November 2026. Transportation arrangements will not be guaranteed for late transportation requests or insufficient information received by the Host. Please approach our Transport Team at "Exit B" on arrival hall at airport.
Visa	If a visa is required to enter Hong Kong, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. 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
	Dorsett Kai Tak Hong Kong	HK\$1,320 nett per room per night	Sport Ground View Room - One Queen Bed	Please refer to Hotel Reservation Form for details.
		HK\$1,520 nett per room per night	Sport Ground View Room - Two Single Beds	
		HK\$2,520 nett per room per night	Executive Suite – One Queen Bed	
		HK\$2,720 nett per room per night	Executive Suite – Two Single Beds	
Payment and Other Information	Please complete and return the Hotel Reservation Form to bahkc@bahkc.org.hk by Tuesday, 13 October 2026. <u>Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2023</u> According to Hong Kong Government’s new law, effective from 22 April 2024, hotels are not allowed to provide disposable toiletries and in-room plastic bottled water to guests for free, but can be provided upon request at a charge. Click here for more details. (https://www.dorsetthotels.com/dorsett-kai-tak/sustainability/)			

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 online Media Accreditation Request Form: https://hkbadmintonassn.org.hk/li-ning-hong-kong-open-2026/, by Wednesday, 4 November 2026.

International TV Broadcast Schedule	<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Number of Matches</th><th>Start Time</th></tr><tr><td>Thu, 19 Nov 2026</td><td>8</td><td>0900</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Fri, 20 Nov 2026</td><td>5</td><td>1100</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>1830</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Sat, 21 Nov 2026</td><td>5</td><td>1000</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>1700</td></tr><tr><td>Sun, 22 Nov 2026</td><td>5</td><td>1400</td></tr></table>			Date	Number of Matches	Start Time	Thu, 19 Nov 2026	8	0900	Fri, 20 Nov 2026	5	1100	3	1830	Sat, 21 Nov 2026	5	1000	3	1700	Sun, 22 Nov 2026	5	1400
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Additional domestic-only TV matches may be produced. Schedule will be communicated at Team Managers’ Meeting if applicable.																						
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.																					

Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Ltd

has the pleasure of inviting all delegates to the

Welcome Dinner

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LI-NING Hong Kong Open 2026

- Date: Monday, 16 November 2026
- Time: 19:15 hrs
- Location: To be advised