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Invitation to

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7-12 October 2025

Vantaan Energia Areena, Vantaa

Prize Money: USD\$ 475 000

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 2025 edition of Arctic Open is the only Super 500 level tournament 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





1. General Details

Organiser	<p>Badminton Management Oy/Badminton Finland c/o Zilliacus Kuusitie 13 A 17 00270 Helsinki</p> <p>Tel: +358 40 736 8900 E-mail: hello@arcticopen.fi Web: www.arcticopen.fi</p>
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	October 7 th – 12 th 2025
Competition Venue	<p>Vantaan Energia Areena Rajatorpantie 23 01600 Vantaa Finland</p>
Media Links	<p>Championships website: www.arcticopen.fi</p> <p> @arcticopen  @arcticopen.fi</p>
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Eric Lissillour (FRA) - eric.lissillour@orange.fr</p> <p>Deputy Referees: Ashley Raju George (IND) - ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com</p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Local deputy Referee Ilkka Vainio (FIN) - vainioilk@gmail.com</p>
Useful Contacts	<p>Annika Paananen, Tournament Director - annika@arcticopen.fi</p> <p>Pekka Säilä, Volunteers - pekka.saila@sulkapallo.fi</p> <p>Eino Väisänen, Umpires - eino.vaisanen@saunalahti.fi</p>
Insurance coverage	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalization expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.</p>

Indemnity	<p>To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organizer, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.</p>
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organizer full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.</p>
Deadlines	<p>Accommodation Request Form: 5th September 2025 Media Accreditation Request Form: 7th September 2025 Visa Invitation Letter Request Form: 7th September 2025 Accreditation Request Form: 23rd September 2025 Practice Request Form: 30th September 2025</p>

2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)	<p>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.</p> <p>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>																											
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)																											
Instant Review System	The Instant Review System (IRS) will be available on Court 1 and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.																											
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Online Entry – International Entries	<p>Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/CA53BAD4-CC63-4A79-8F0F-C80EE5353484</p> <p>If the Member requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:</p> <p>technicalevents@bwf.sport</p> <p>The entry deadline is Tuesday, August 26th 2025 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Members confirming receipt of final entries.</p>																											

	<p>Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.</p> <p>Members should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, August 27th 2025 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.</p> <p>If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, August 28th 2025 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.</p>
Online Entry – Hosting Member Entries	<p>Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member must follow a different process to international entries. The host member association will contact the domestic players in question.</p>
Withdrawals	<p>The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.</p> <p>Members can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).</p> <p>Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organizer are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Referee: Eric Lissillour (FRA) - eric.lissillour@orange.fr</p> <p>Deputy Referee: Ashley Raju George (IND) - ashley.bbsf@yahoo.com</p> <p>Host Organizer Contact: Annika Paananen Email: annika@arcticopen.fi</p>
World Tour Regulation Updates	<p>No updates.</p>

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD 475,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below in USD.

Income tax 15% will be deducted.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	USD 35,625.00	USD 18,050.00	USD 6,887.50	USD 2,850.00	USD 1,662.50
Women's Singles	USD 35,625.00	USD 18,050.00	USD 6,887.50	USD 2,850.00	USD 1,662.50
Men's Doubles	USD37,525.00*	USD18,050.00*	USD 6,650.00*	USD 3,443.75*	USD 1,781.25*
Women's Doubles	USD37,525.00*	USD18,050.00*	USD 6,650.00*	USD 3,443.75*	USD 1,781.25*
Mixed Doubles	USD37,525.00*	USD18,050.00*	USD 6,650.00*	USD 3,443.75*	USD 1,781.25*

* – per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start
Tuesday 7 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualification Rounds	3	07:30	08:00
	WS/XD	Main Draw First Round			13:00
Wednesday 8 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw First Round	3	08:30	09:00
Thursday 9 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R16	3	09:30	10:00
Friday 10 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R8	3	12:30	13:00
Saturday 11 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semifinals	2	10:30	11:00 17:00
Sunday 12 th Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	10:00	11:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.

All Finalists from Abu Dhabi Masters 2025 will play their main draw first round matches on Wednesday, except for those who are in Qualifying. All Qualifying matches will be played on Tuesday.

Official Shuttle

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Practice Facilities	<p>Practice Facility Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Myyrmäki Hall (next to the tournament venue)• Number of Courts: 8• Applying and schedule information: Practice Hall request by September 30th, 2025 <p>Competition Courts Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The competition courts practice times only on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th of October• Number of Courts: 3• Applying for practice at the Main venue: Main venue practice request by September 30th, 2025• Court Mat Color: green <p>Warm-up Courts Information: 2 warm-up courts available throughout the tournament</p> <p>Practice Shuttles Information: All players will be given 2 complimentary practice shuttles</p>
Player Facilities	<p>Player Lounge Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Tournament venue• Schedule: open on tournament days 1 hour before the commence of play until 30 minutes after the last match• Facilities include: snacks, food, fruits, beverages, live-streaming from the courts, mobile phone charging possibility <p>Recovery Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Tournament venue• Schedule: Will be communicated later• Facilities include: Physio services, exercise bicycles, exercise balls, roll ons etc. <p>Stringing Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Tournament Venue• Schedule: to be announced at the team managers' meeting• Cost: to be announced at the team managers' meeting
Team Managers' Meeting	<p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date: Monday October 6th, 2025• Time: 17:30 hrs• Location: Official Tournament Hotel Skyline <p>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 (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Members are allowed to request representation by another Member, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p>

Umpire Briefing	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Monday October 6th, 2025 • Time: 16:00 hrs • Location: Official Tournament Hotel Skyline 										
Presentation Ceremonies	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, October 12th, 2025, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), 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 organizers regarding ceremony protocol.</p> <p>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.</p>										
Accreditation	<p>Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.</p> <p>Accreditation Application: 23rd September 2025</p> <p>Please apply for the accreditation here: Accreditation Teams</p> <p>The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member:</p> <table data-bbox="435 1220 1120 1500"> <tr> <th>Number of Member Players</th><th>Number of Team Officials Accreditations</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> <p>A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of EUR 170, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament in cash or credit card.</p> <p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be EUR 100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament in cash or credit card.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) because of damaged or missing accreditation.</p> <p>The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.</p>	Number of Member Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations	Three or less	1	Four to Seven	2	Eight to 15	3	16 or more	4
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Medical Services	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. Physiotherapists can be found from the recovery area. No booking, first come – first served.</p>
Anti-Doping	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:</p> <p>https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website:</p> <p>https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	<p>GCR 7.9:</p> <p><i>"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."</i></p>

4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue. The transportation schedule will be available at the tournament hotels and at the venues and Sportity app.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The official airport for pick-up is 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. The information is also available on the Sportity app.</p>
Visas	<p>If a visa is required to enter Finland, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</p> <p>Please send the completed Visa Support Request Form at visa@arcticopen.fi by 7th September 2025.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Finland; the final decision is made by the Government and the appropriate authorities of Finland.</p>



5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rates	Facilities	Remarks
Skyline Airport Hotel	Rooms for 1-4 pax available. Please see the hotel attachment for rates and other info	Gym Laundry Sauna	airporthotelskyline.fi
Pilot Airport Hotel	Rooms for 1-4 pax available. Please see the hotel attachment for rates and other info	Laundry Sauna	airporthotelpilot.fi

Please see the Hotel Info attachment for rates, booking instructions, payment options and cancellation policies.



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6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizer, 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).</p> <p>Members should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>															
Media Accreditation	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit a Media Accreditation Request to annika@arcticopen.fi by Monday 7th September 2025.</p>															
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Video Recording and Photography	<p>Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>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. Please send requests for a video recording position and pass by email at hello@arcticopen.fi by September 30th. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member and its coaching staff. Members may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>															