



59 Portugal International Championships

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

International Series Tournament

Prize Money: 10 000USD

Badminton High Performance Sports Centre

Caldas da Rainha

March 6 to March 10, 2024

Invitation

ORGANIZER: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

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VENUE: Badminton High Performance Sports Centre (Av. Vasco da Gama nº1, Caldas da Rainha)

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

09.00 Qualification MS & WS (1st and 2nd round)

Thursday, March 7, 2024

09.00 Qualification (all rounds)

Friday, March 8, 2024

09.00 – Round 32

Saturday, March 9, 2024

09.00 – Round 16

16.00 – Quarter finals

Sunday, March 10, 2024

09.00 - Semi finals

13.00 - Finals

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. All times are provisional and are subject to change due to the number of entries and to the referee's approval.

CLOSING DATE

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:59 PM (GMT +00:00)

M&Q RELEASE DATE:

Friday, February 9, 2024

DRAW DATE:

The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on February 20, 2024

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – 08:00 PM (GMT +00:00) at the venue

ELIGIBILITY:

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

ENTRIES:

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/8079389C-D76F-4496-9086-888DA6424338>

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:59 PM (GMT +00:00)**. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Players cannot be entered unless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case you wish to enter players who do not have a BWF ID-number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS CLAUSE 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.”*

Singles - 60€ per player

Doubles – 50€ per player/event.

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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

17.2 The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

PRIZE MONEY:

9.126€ (10 000USD * 0,9126 - Considering November 27th 2023 exchange rate):

	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*
Winner	915 €	915 €	1 095 €	1 095 €	1 095 €
Runner up	505 €	505 €	640 €	640 €	640 €
Semi-finalist	275 €	275 €	amounts in €		

Prize money will be paid in cash.

No taxes will be deducted.

*Per pair

EVENTS:

Men’s Singles, Women's Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The numbers of players/pairs accepted for the main events are 32 in Singles and 24 in Doubles.

In accordance with regulation § 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 particular 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 particular 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.

WITHDRAWALS AND NO SHOWS:

Withdrawal deadline: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:59 PM (GMT +00:00)

Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of USD150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of USD500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

ACCOMMODATION:

#1 Hotel Cristal Caldas* (Address: Rua António Sérgio, 31 – Caldas da Rainha)**

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb 20 th)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb 20 th)
Single room	60€	70€
Double room	80€	90€
Triple room	100€	110€

#2 Hotel Campanile Caldas da Rainha* (Address: Rua Fernando Ponte e Sousa, 12 - Caldas da Rainha)**

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb 20 th)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb 20 th)
Single room	60€	70€
Double room	80€	90€

#3 Caldas Internacional Hotel * (Address: R. Dr. Artur Figueiroa Rego, 2500 Caldas da Rainha)**

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb 20 th)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb 20 th)
Single room	60€	70€
Double room	80€	90€

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited. Please send the accommodation requests until February 20, 2024 using the official form to events@fpbadminton.pt. After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels, but we will do our best to assist and to try to find rooms, but these might be at full rate and not served by the tournament transport service.

Booking conditions:

1. All bookings have to be done by the reservation form
2. Reservations can be changed or cancelled until February 20, 2024 otherwise the rooms will be charged.
3. Rooms will be charged by Portuguese Badminton Federation by invoice prior to the event (e-mail). Payment must be done before arrival, by bank transfer, using the bank details in **PAYMENTS**, until February 23, 2024.
4. All nights booked in advance, have to be paid for. If you leave a day sooner as booked, no refunds are possible.
5. All prices are inclusive of VAT and breakfast.
6. All rooms are subject of availability.
7. E-mail and phone number are mandatory fields to fill in.
8. Transport from/to the airport and sports venue is foreseen from these hotels.
9. All bookings after February 20, 2024 will increase €10 per night/per room

TRANSPORT:

Transport will be provided free of charge between Lisbon International Airport and Caldas da Rainha (80 km) **only** for participants who booked hotel through the organization. In order to guarantee transport, the relevant information (arrival date, hour and flight) should reach the organizers until February 20, 2024.

Participants who don't book hotel through the organization may request airport transport, but it will have a cost of 70€ per person (both ways).

Transport between the official hotels and the hall will also be provided free of charge during the tournament for participants who booked hotel through the organization.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she will be penalized by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

Colour, 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. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

SHUTTLES:

YANG YANG 300B

COURTS:

5 Yonex courts (+2 warm up courts in a separate hall in the same venue).

PRACTICE COURTS

Five courts will be available in the main hall and two in the practice hall on Wednesday, March 5 2024 between 14:00-21:15. Please send the Practice court reservation Form until February 23, 2024 to events@fpbadminton.pt

DOPING CONTROL:

According to Portuguese law Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

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:

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to 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 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 Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant purchases a proper insurance.

VISA:

If you need Visa for Portugal, after entering your players, please send us the Visa application form, no later than February 6, 2024 for the official invitation letter. Any additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and has to be paid by the Member.

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/>

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:

The organising 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 organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (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.

PAYMENTS:

We would appreciate if you can make your payments (entry fees and accommodation) in advance, by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be accepted by the organization):

Name: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

Bank: Crédito Agrícola

Address: Caldas da Rainha, Portugal

Account IBAN: PT50 0045 5130 4023 1294 3175 2

Bank SWIFT CODE: CCCMPTPL

CONTACTS: For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us at

events@fpbadminton.pt

Key dates	
Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:59 PM (GMT)
Ranking date (used for M&Q Report):	February 6, 2024
Visa request deadline:	February 6, 2024
Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Data:	February 9, 2024
Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw:	February 13, 2024
Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty:	Monday, February 19, 2024 11:59 PM (GMT)
Draw Date:	February 20, 2024
Accommodation and transport deadline:	February 20, 2024
Practice form deadline:	February 23, 2024
Team manager meeting:	March 5, 2024 – 20:00 at the venue