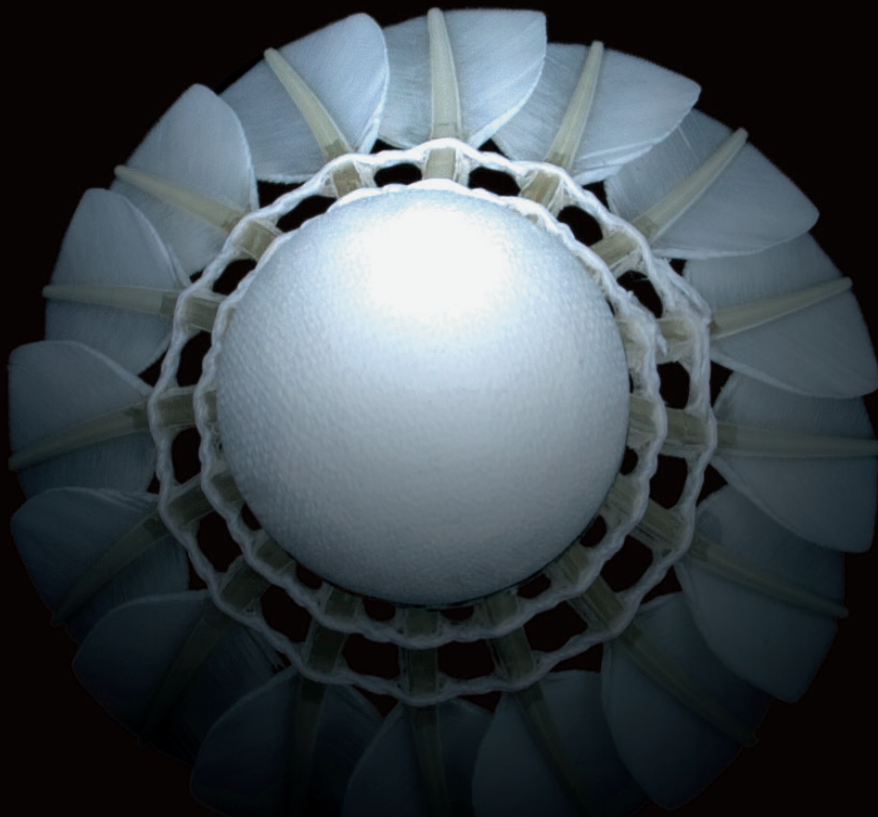




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26 INTERNATIONAL SWISS OPEN 2016
PART OF BWF GRAND PRIX GOLD SERIES
PRIZE MONEY: US \$ 120 000
MARCH 15 - 20, 2016
ST. JAKOBSHALLE, BASEL

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Part I - Essential topics

Organizer	BADMINTON SWISS OPEN P.O. Box 2217, CH-4002 Basel/Switzerland Phone: +41 79 320 73 11 (cell) - Fax: +41 61 733 00 05 Mail: cak@swissopen.com Internet: http://www.swissopen.com Committee: Charles A. KELLER Julien TISSOT Christian WACKERNAGEL															
Sanctioned by	BWF - Badminton World Federation															
Presented by	swiss badminton															
Venue	St. Jakobshalle , Brüglingerstrasse 19-21, Basel, Switzerland															
Referee	Gretha Prinsloo (RSA) - maluti@worldonline.co.za															
Deputy	Hassenkhan Hyderkhan (MRI) - hassenkhan@yahoo.com															
Local Deputy	Barbara FRYER (SUI) - barbara.fryer@gmx.ch															
Events	Event: Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Men's Singles</td> <td>Main: 64</td> <td>(no Qualification Draw!)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Singles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q</td> <td>(16-Qualification Draw)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q</td> <td>(16-Qualification Draw)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q</td> <td>(16-Qualification Draw)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q</td> <td>(16-Qualification Draw)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Exceeding entries (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the current status of your entries through our Homepages: http://www.swissopen.com / www.bwfbadminton.org</p>	Men's Singles	Main: 64	(no Qualification Draw!)	Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(16-Qualification Draw)	Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(16-Qualification Draw)	Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(16-Qualification Draw)	Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(16-Qualification Draw)
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Date	March 15 to 20, 2016 (Qualification + First Round MS: March 15, 2016)															
Prize money	US \$ 120 000 (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations)															

	Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi-finalist (Each)	Quarter-finalist (Each)	Last 16 (Each)
	MS	9'000	4'560	1'740	720	420
	WS	9'000	4'560	1'740	720	420
	MD (pair)	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450
	WD (pair)	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450
	XD (pair)	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450



Entries closing date **February 9, 2016 at 23:59 hours BWF headquarters time (+08:00h GMT)**
All entries must be submitted **by online entries only!**

Online entries **BWF** is implementing the **Online entry system** for this tournament and we seek your cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date. Member Associations are advised to log on to **BADMINTON SWISS OPEN** 2016 at:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=075F0541-8BD9-4517-9F72-287E68CBB000>

and submit the entries online!

You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF; please contact M. S. Ramachandran:

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

The online entry page will immediately close on **Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time +08:00h GMT** and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

Dates

February 09, 2016	Entries closing date
February 11, 2016	Ranking for M&Q, Qualifying draw seeding, Promotions
February 12, 2016	M&Q Publish Date
February 18, 2016	Ranking for main draw seeding
February 19, 2016	Publish Seeding Report
February 21, 2016	Last Date of Withdrawal (Without penalty)
February 23, 2016	Draw Date



Part II - Regulations Registration

Shuttles	YONEX is the official shuttlecock AEROSENZA 50 (BWF approved) for the BADMINTON SWISS OPEN
Prize money	There will be a deduction (withholding tax of 15%) on winner's prize money. The money won will be distributed by the BWF after the tournament and not by the BADMINTON SWISS OPEN organizing committee.
Withdrawals BWF	Are only accepted if done through the BWF online entry system!
Withdrawals	<p>Please inform the Tournament Committee (Charles A. Keller) and the Badminton World Federation (Online system) as soon as possible and in writing about any withdrawals prior to the event.</p> <p>If a withdrawal arises by telephone it must be confirmed in writing. If withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Basel, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee and must be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>See Grand Prix Regulations 9.1- Withdrawal Fee - Penalty for withdrawal!</p> <p><i>9.1. If a player / pair who is accepted into a tournament withdraws from the entire tournament or any event thereof for any reason whatsoever within 22 days before the first scheduled match of the tournament, the Member Association entering the player shall make a payment of US\$ 250 per player / pair to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.</i></p>
Entry / Forms	<p>You need to fill in (apart from the Online entry system) one of the following additional forms to enter the BADMINTON SWISS OPEN as a player of a team, as an accompanying person or as an individual player:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel arrangement• Hotel reservation and rooming list• Visa application (if needed)• Team manager and officials accreditation
Entry Swiss players	Swiss players only: Closing date is the February 7, 2016 – 23:59 h! You have to pass your entry through swiss badminton (national coach).
Acceptance entries	<p>Participation in the BADMINTON SWISS OPEN is open to members of any National Association recognized by the BWF and any currently registered member of the Badminton Association of Switzerland.</p> <p>The following entries are not acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received after the closing date• Made on an individual basis



Notification	Provisional status of your entries can be seen at the following websites: http://www.swissopen.com and http://www.bwfbadminton.org
Alterations	Please consult the online entry system and BWF office. s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org
Grand Prix Gold	Please bear in mind the BWF Grand Prix Gold regulations .
Ceremonies	Players are not allowed to wear hats or caps during the presentation ceremonies. Rackets may not be carried during presentations. Tracksuits, or clothing as worn during play, will be allowed. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This regulation will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each ceremony.
Conditions of play	The BADMINTON SWISS OPEN will be conducted under the conditions laid down by the Badminton World Federation governing BWF Grand Prix Gold Events (in the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final).
Readiness	All events will be run on a strict time scale basis. Competitors should be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled time. If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time they will be disqualified. Alterations due to TV-coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.
Warm-up	On the courts the warming up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.
Practice Facilities	Practice courts will be available upon agreement, from Monday March 14 in the hall St. Jakobshalle.
Clothing & Advertising	The following points are essential extracts from the BWF Competition Regulations 19 to 23. For more details please refer to said regulations.
Clothing	All clothing worn by players during play shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing.
Colour	Each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours. It is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players / pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other. In doubles it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the quarter finals onwards (shirt and shorts/skirt). If the opposing players/pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the player/pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour.
Advertising	The shirt may carry advertising as defined below: a) Advertisements may appear on the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. Each advertisement must be 20 square centimetres or



	<p>less. Other than front of shirt, only one per location; and there must be no more than five in total. National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as an advert.</p> <p>b) Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 cm and not exceeding 5 centimetres on the back; such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of other shirt, the back of the shirt or both.</p>
Other clothing	<p>c) Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less.</p> <p>d) Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.</p> <p>e) The adverts in a) to d) may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.</p>
Lettering on player's clothing	<p>f) In Grand Prix tournaments, the name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except in adverts), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt. Lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres. The country name (if present) must be a height of 5 centimetres.</p> <p>g) The sequence of lettering on the shirt from top to bottom shall be: player name - country name (if present) – advert (if present).</p>
Indemnity / Insurance:	<p>Any participating association and its delegated competitors / officials should agree to indemnify and hold the organizing committee free and unaccountable for and against any claims for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in the said tournament. Please ensure that your players & team officials are covered with the necessary insurance policy to meet the current requirements.</p>
Doping control:	<p>Dope testing will be conducted through random and targeted testing throughout the tournament!</p>

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Part III - Calendar and Schedules

Order of Play	Date	Play	Start
On 4 courts	Tuesday March 15	Qualification: 1/8 + 1/4 rounds Main draw: 1/32 MS	11:00 - 18:00 h 18:00 - 23:00 h
On 4 courts	Wednesday March 16	Main draws: 1/16 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	09:00 - 23:00 h
On 3 courts	Thursday March 17	Main draws: 1/8 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	12:00 - 18:00 h 19:00 - 23:00 h
On 2 courts	Friday March 18	Main draws: 1/4 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	13:00 - 17:00 h 18:00 - 22:00 h
On 1 court	Saturday March 19	Main draws: 1/2 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	13:00 - 17:00 h 18:00 - 22:00 h
On 1 court	Sunday March 20	Main draws: all finals MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	12:00 - 17:00 h
Alterations due to TV - Coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Referee or the BWF!			

Briefings will be held in the Hotel Dorint Zürich and White Room of the St. Jakobshalle in Basel and are compulsory for all teams and umpires!			
Team managers' briefing	Monday, March 14, 2016	at 19:00 hrs	Hotel Dorint Zürich
Umpires' briefing	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	at 09:00 hrs	White Room St. Jakob Basel

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Part IV - Services

Practice Facilities	Practice courts will be available only upon agreement in the hall on Monday, from Monday March 14, 2016 afternoon. During the tournament there will be 8-10 courts available in the arena. Bookings will be made in the hall at the transportation desk. An appointment system will be operating to ensure equal opportunities for all teams.
Massage	Massage will be available for players throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge. An appointment system will operate to ensure equal opportunities for all players.
Media	On request players must be available (max. 1 hour in total) on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the tournament. At Grand Prix Gold tournaments, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.
Photo material	BWF has the right to use photographs, film material or any other image of players taken during events sanctioned by BWF.
Video recording	Written authorisation for the use of any video equipment must be obtained in advance from the tournament office, which must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.
Badges / Team Accreditation:	Please submit your players' and officials' accreditation and photo through our accreditation form at: https://swissopen.formstack.com/forms/cf_new Entry to the arena for all players and officials will be controlled at the entrance to the hall. Badges will be issued only to nominated persons.
Non Playing personnel	In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying (non playing) officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For 3 or less players 1 Official• For 4-7 players € 2 Officials• For 8-15 players € 3 Officials• For 16 or more € 4 Officials Note: if more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. Accreditation for all days = CHF 100.00 .
Internet / Web	Please feel free to visit our tournament web page at: http://www.swissopen.com You will find useful information about our tournament.



Part V - General Information

Contacts

If you need any further information or assistance, please contact:

Charles A. KELLER	cak@swissopen.com	Committee Competition
Tommy MOESCH	tm@swissopen.com	Competition + Entries + Visa
Cornelia KELLER	cak@swissopen.com	Accommodation
David HESS	dh@swissopen.com phone: +41 76 498 42 66	Transportation

Website

<http://www.swissopen.com> (English and German)

Credit Cards

VISA and EUROCARD-MASTERCARD are accepted.

Transportation

Due to the BaselWorld trade fair and the unavailability of hotels in Basel, all teams and players will be accommodated in Zürich (airport) which is 85,5 km away from Basel St. Jakob.

Pick-up from airport Zürich to the hotels in Zürich is provided.

From the hall to and back to **only** the **official** hotels, a transport is organized on regular basis (40min). The shuttle service will be running from early in the morning until after the last matches have been finished. Please consult our schedule (printout in the hotels/hall) or on our specialised homepage: www.swissopen.biz. For any questions please address yourselves to David at the transportation desk.

Please be aware that we will have a transport time of about 60 min from the hotel to the hall!

We kindly ask you to send us your arrival date at least **14 days before the event**; otherwise you will not be picked up upon your arrival!

Team Managers are requested to organise their transport early enough with our transport manager **David Hess** (dh@swissopen.com cell phone +41 76 498 42 66).

Shuttle Service

Only players and teams staying at one of our three **official** hotels are allowed to use our shuttle service!

Travel

Competitors from abroad are requested to inform the Badminton Swiss Open of **time** of arrival, **flight no.**, **train no.** etc. before arrival, according to the enclosed information.

Your travel must be routed to: **Zürich Airport** otherwise we will not be able to pick you up. Direct flight: **Birmingham to Zürich** are available on daily basis. Please consult your travel agency.



Visa If you or your team and officials require visas to enter Switzerland **Tommy MOESCH** will be happy to assist you in writing an official invitation (Visa Form). Please submit full passport details (Full name, Passport no., and Date of Issue & Date of Expiry, contact no., Birthday) to e-mail tm@swissopen.com not later than **February 12, 2016!**

Visa assistance

Tommy MOESCH

tm@swissopen.com

Fax +41 61 733 00 05

Note that official invitations destined to embassies are issued for registered persons only!



Part VI - Accommodation

BaselWorld

Important Information:

The **2016** event will be held under particular conditions as the world's largest jewellery and watch fair **BaselWorld** has been place in the same week as the Swiss Open. Being integrated in BWF's calendar we have no chance of avoiding this collision and are forced to accept this situation. The biggest impact will be on our accommodation side: all hotels in Basel are fully booked years ahead out and are very expensive!

We are very happy to present you the solution: we will accommodate all players and teams in in three Hotels: **Hilton**, **Dorint** and **Mövenpick** in **Zürich** airport region.

A regularly **shuttle service** from the official hotels in **Zürich** to the venue in **Basel** and back is provided on regular basis.

Allocation:

The organiser will allocate your rooms according arrival of your booking request (first in – first booked) and availability.

Hotels

Hotel-Prices:

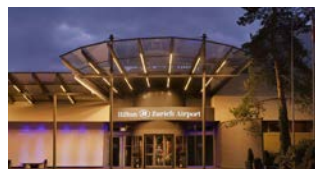
Hilton at the rate of CHF **289.00** /room/night/breakfast (*)

Dorint at the rate of CHF **289.00** / room/night/breakfast (*)

Mövenpick at the rate CHF **289.00** /room/night/breakfast (*)

Official hotels:

Hilton Zürich Airport



Settle into **Hilton Zürich** Airport and enjoy quiet green surrounds with a picturesque trail running behind the hotel. Just three minutes from Zurich Kloten Airport, the hotel offers easy access into the vibrant city center of Zurich, just six miles away, where you can visit numerous cultural sights, museums and restaurants. Inside the hotel you'll find stylish rooms, vibrant dining options, health and fitness facilities and flexible meeting space.

Dorint Airport Hotel



Already a prizewinner even before its completion, the new 4-star **Dorint** Airport-Hotel **Zürich**, just two kilometers away from Zurich airport, was voted the most innovative design concept by the architecture magazine "AIT". Shaped in the form of a Swiss cross, the new hotel with its 235 rooms and suites and a huge range of event rooms is particularly aimed at business travelers and companies who wish to benefit from its easily accessible location close to the airport and only 500 m from the nearest motorway connection.

The Dorint Airport-Hotel Zürich will embody a synthesis of Mediterranean composure, Swiss precision, and German efficiency.



Mövenpick
Hotel Zürich -
Regensdorf



Discover the Mövenpick Hotel **Zürich**-Regensdorf, a family-friendly 4-star hotel, located in the north of the Swiss city of Zürich, not far from the Zürich Airport.

The completely redesigned Mövenpick Hotel Zurich-Regensdorf has a large congress hall and 19 innovatively designed meeting rooms suitable for 2 up to 800 people. Possessing state-of-the-art technical equipment, it is the ideal location for your meetings or events.

Get spoiled in one of our excellent restaurants - in the traditional Mövenpick Hotel Restaurant or the Trattoria Ciao with a Mediterranean Atrium Garden. Or enjoy a drink or snack in our Boulevard Lounge.

Rooms	There are no single rooms you will be debited for rooms only.
(*) + City Tax	There is, apart from the room price, an additional City Tax of CHF 2.50 per night and person
Booking	Rooms will be assigned by the Badminton Swiss Open according availability, size of your team and arriving date of your booking details - first in first served!
Allocation	Room allocation will be confirmed and done in order of receipt of booking form. Bookings entered later than February 24, 2016 can only be honoured if available and will be subject to a prize increase of CHF 10.00 per room and night.
Confirmation	We will inform and confirm you the hotel details not later than 7 days after the closing date February 9, 2016 or when we have received your deposit.
Cooking	It is forbidden to cook in all hotels in Zürich and surroundings. Any misconduct will automatically result in costs which we will have to bill/charge to the Association concerned!
Cleaning costs	If the Badminton Swiss Open has to pay for cleaning rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge your team / Federation thereafter! Cleaning costs will be CHF 500.00 / room.

Booking conditions:

Deposit / Cancellation Modifications:

The *reservation* will be *confirmed* at the reception of a deposit corresponding to **50%** of the total amount. You have the possibility to modify the number of participants or the duration of the stay until **February 9, 2016** without any penalties.

As from **February 10** to March 4, **75%** of the accommodation fee will be due; and from **March 5** to the **arrival** date, **100%** will be due for payment!



Cancellation during the competition:

For any person who leaves the hotel before the date initially planned, 1 additional night will be due for payment, if the number of cancelled nights is inferior or equal to 3 nights.
In case of a cancellation superior to 3 nights, 2 nights will be due for payment!

Early departure

If you wish to change your booking please inform our accommodation department at the accommodation desk by **11:00 AM** at the latest, otherwise you will have to pay for the next following night!

Payments:

Only at the accommodation desk

Your payments **must** be settled in the St. Jakobshalle, at the accommodation desk.
Payments will have to be made in **Swiss Francs**.

Extras (hotel)

Any extras taken at the **hotels** will be at your (teams or players) charge and have to be paid at the hotels reception.

Shuttle Service

Only players and teams staying at one of our three official hotels are allowed to use our shuttle service!

Bank account:	Notenstein La Roche Privatbank AG Bohl 17 CH-9004 St. Gallen/Switzerland	CHF IBAN:	CH33 0876 5100 6783 7100 0
		Swift:	WEGECH2G
		Portfolio-Nr:	10.067837_1
		In Favour of:	Badminton Swiss Open

Thank you very much for your help! See you in Basel March 2016.