



CHINA MASTERS 2016
part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series
19 to 24 April

OFFICIAL INVITATION

WITH
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
of
US \$150,000.00

OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTER XINCHENG GYMNASIUM
CHANGZHOU, CHINA





To: BWF Member Associations

December 10, 2015

Dear friends,

Your players are invited to compete in the China Masters 2016, which has been sanctioned by Badminton World Federation as part of the BWF Grand Prix Gold Series. The enclosed information hereinafter is for your attention.

1.Organizer:

Chinese Badminton Association

Tel: +86 10 8718 3483 Fax: +86 10 6714 3494 Email: bdchnoffice@vip.163.com

No.4, Ti Yuguan Road, Beijing 100061 China

2.Date:

April 19 to 24, 2016

3.Venue:

Olympic Sports Center Xincheng Gymnasium, Changzhou, Jiangsu

Practice Venue: Olympic Sports Center Training Hall, Changzhou, Jiangsu

Address: 1 Jinling North Road, Changzhou, Jiangsu, China

4.Events:

Events	Main Draw	Qualifiers
Men's Singles	64	N/A
Women's Singles	28	4
Men's Doubles	28	4
Women's Doubles	28	4
Mixed Doubles	28	4

* Players may be required to play in qualifying rounds on Tuesday 19 April 2016, when more entries than the above are received in the Main Draw.

Maximum number of qualifying draws is 16 entries per event.

* Players may be on reserves when more than acceptable qualifying entries are received.

5.Prize money: US\$150,000

- 20% local tax applied.
- Medals will be awarded to all winners and runners-up.

Note: (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF Grand Prix Gold regulations.)

Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi– finalists	Quarter finalists	Last 16
MS	11250	5700	2175	900	525
WS	11250	5700	2175	900	525
MD(Pair)	11850	5700	2100	1087.5	562.5
WD(Pair)	11850	5700	2100	1087.5	562.5
XD(Pair)	11850	5700	2100	1087.5	562.5

6.Order of play:

	DATE	STARTING TIME	ROUND	COURT
April	19(Tue.)	9:00	Qualifying rounds 1 st round of MS Selected XD matches if full entry	4 Courts
	20(Wed.)	9:00	1 st rounds	4 Courts
	21(Thu.)	13:00	2 nd rounds	4 Courts
	22(Fri.)	17:00	Quarter-finals	4 Courts
	23(Sat.)	12:00	Semi-finals	1 Court
		19:00	Semi-finals	1 Court
	24(Sun.)	13:00	Finals	1 Court

The starting time may be changed at the discretion of the Referee and CBA.

7.Technical officials:

- Referee: Ivanka Pokorni (CRO); Email: ivpokorni@gmail.com
- Deputy referee: Chau Yat Kwong (HKG); Email: s.chau0123@gmail.com

8.Seeding and Draw – will be conducted by BWF

- World Ranking date for MQ: 17th March 2016
- Publish MQ Report: 18th March 2016
- World Ranking date for Seeding: 24th March 2016
- Publish Seeding: 25th March 2016
- Draw date: 29th March 2016
- Last day of withdrawal (without penalty): 27th March 2016



9. Team Managers & Umpires' Meeting:

Team managers' meeting will be conducted by the Referee on Monday April 18, 2016 at 16:00 in Huayi Hall, on the 4th floor of the official hotel-Olympic Mingdu International Hotel.

Umpires' briefing will be held on Monday April 18, 2016 not later than 17:00 in Huayi Hall, on the 4th floor of the official hotel-Olympic Mingdu International Hotel.

10. Dispute:

In matters involving disputes over the play throughout the Championships, the Referees' decisions will be final.

11. Rules & Regulations:

Please bear in mind BWF General Competition Regulations and Grand Prix Gold Regulations with regard to the competition, player clothing (i.e. sections 19-23), withdrawals, dope-testing and media obligations.

12. Entries:

Closing Date: **15th March, 2016**

- Member Associations are advised to log on to China Masters 2016 BWF Grand Prix Gold:
<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=34B879DC-1948-47E1-9E25-6CD469CC9E9D> and submit the entries online.
- You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact **Shan Ramachandran**:
s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.
- The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date 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.
- No entry forms are required by Member Associations
- After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send 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 **the Wednesday** (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time(+08.00h GMT) following 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.
- All entries must be submitted online only.



13.Official Hotel:

	4 star
Name	Olympic Mingdu International Hotel
Rate	US \$80/Single US \$90/Twin
Address	No.1261, Longjin Road, ChangZhou
Tel/Fax	+86 519 8560 8888/8158
Breakfast	Inclusive
Fitness	No
Internet	Cable @ Room; WIFI @ Room
Distance	1.3km, 5-8 minutes' walk
Payment	Deposit upon check in and bill at check out. Refund could be obtained with early check out notice at least 12 hours before.

Reservations: Hotel Booking and Flight Schedule Form must be submitted not later than **April 5th, 2016** to the Organizing Committee by fax (+86-519-83333017) or e-mail (chinamasterscz@126.com).

14.Transportation:

For teams booking hotel room through the organizer, free Shuttle services will be provided from Nanjing International Airport /Changzhou Airport and Wuxi Airport to the official hotel and between the hotel and the venue. For teams NOT booking hotel rooms through the organizer, NO FREE Shuttle services will be provided.

For teams arriving at Shanghai Hongqiao Airport, you are advised to go to Changzhou by high-speed train, which leaves every 30 minutes throughout the day, from 06:33 to 21:32. The tour duration normally lasts nearly one hour to Changzhou. Please notify the organizer if you need any help with the transition or pick-up at the Changzhou train station. More details could be finding at the link:<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/china-trains/>

For teams arriving at Shanghai Pudong Airport, ground transportation may be provided at



favorable rates upon request in advance. Please note that the whole duration for a single journey will take at least 4 hours due to the traffic peak and control.

Vehicle	Number of Seats	Rate
Car	3	US \$150
Mini-van	5	US \$200
Bus	30	US \$500

Please send your travel details and transport request to the Organizing Committee before **April 5th, 2016** for the purpose of airport or train station pickup.

15. Player Service

All players are entitled to the use of gym adjacent to the competition hall upon presentation of their accreditations.

Players into the semi-finals and finals may claim 2 tickets each for their entourage. Limited number of tickets for the first three days' main competition can be applied through the Championships secretariat office.

Computer with internet connection will be available at the players' lounge in the hall.

16. Media Accreditation:

Please fill and return the Media Accreditation Form to the Organizing Committee no later than **April 5th, 2016**.

Media Director: Ms. Zhu Xiaoyan

Email: chinamasterscz@126.com

17. Visas:

For those who need visas to China, please fill in the attached Visa Application Form to the organizing Committee by fax (+86-519-83333017) or e-mail (chinamasterscz@126.com) before **March 25th, 2016**. A visa supporting letter will be issued within 7 working days. Alternatively, you can also apply for tourist visa through a travel agency in your city which might help shorten the waiting periods.

We look forward to seeing you in Changzhou.

Yours Sincerely

Liu Xiaonong
Secretary General