



INVITATION
to compete in

YONEX
FINNISH INTERNATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
International Series
Part of the Badminton Europe Circuit

24 – 27 November 2016

ORGANISER

Helsingfors Badminton Club, Huopalahdentie 28, FIN-00350 Helsinki
Phone: +358 40 5026226,
e-mail: fic@hbc-badminton.com

VENUE

Ruskeasuo Sports hall, Ratsastie 10, Helsinki, FI-00280, phone: +358 40 5026226
Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/dVpugTntw3y>

There will be free transportation between the official tournament hotel and the venue.

DATES (and provisional time schedule)

Thursday, November 24th 2016: Qualifications (if necessary) from 09.00
Friday, November 25th 2016: Main tournament from 09.00
Saturday, November 26th 2016: Quarter Finals from 10.00 and Semi-Finals from 16.00
Sunday, November 27th 2016: Finals from 11.00

EVENTS

Men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles
Number of players/pairs accepted for the tournament:

Main draw

Men's singles	32
Women's singles	32
Doubles	32

It is required that every event in a particular BE Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. An event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, 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.

SCORING SYSTEM

The new experimental scoring system ("Option 1") will be used. Best of 5 games of 11 points setting to a maximum of 15 points in each games. (at 10-all, the player/pair wins the game when two-point lead is achieved, or first to 15 when the score reaches 14-all). Otherwise, the rules in Handbook II, Section 1A – Laws of Badminton will apply.

ENTRIES

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

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=71C83B0E-F74F-48EC-ACF2-471FB74735E5>

Players can't 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. **No late entries will be accepted.**

CLOSING DATE

Tuesday, October 25th 2016 at 23.59 BWF HQ-time (GMT +08:00).

VISA: Important for all players who need visa for Finland:

Please request immediately the official INVITATION LETTER from the organiser and apply as soon as possible.

DRAW

The Draw will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday, November 8th 2016.

KEY DATES

- Closing Date for Entries (Tue) October 25th 2016
- World Ranking Date used for M&Q Report (Thurs) October 27th 2016
- Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date (Fri) October 28th 2016
- World Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw (Thurs) November 3rd 2016
- Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty (Sun) November 6th 2016
- Draw Date (Tue) November 8th 2016

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees:

EUR 40 in singles

EUR 30 per player in doubles (EUR 60 per combination)

Organizer: Helsingfors Badminton Club

Bank: Nordea

IBAN: FI37 2001 1800 0401 00

BIC: NDEAFIHH

The Member Association that enters a player into a 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 by the Member Association when the entry date passes. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organizers can accept cash payment at tournaments. If the entry fee is not paid in time, the player will not be allowed to start the match.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the Organizers' can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member Association. If no payment has been received after the deadline has passed the organizers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to BADMINTON EUROPE.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Waiting List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place, the organizers must have this promotion confirmed by the association/ associations of the respective player/pair. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year. No alteration, except withdrawal, can be made to the entries after the close of entries in accordance with BWF Competition Regulations 5.8.

WITHDRAWALS

Any withdrawal after the Sunday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal as defined in BWF General Competition Regs.

Any player not showing up at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" as defined in BWF General Competition Regs.

TOURNAMENT REFEREE

The Tournament Referee: Jan Kolar from Czech Republic, jan_kolar@centrum.cz
Deputy referee: Björn von Veh, Finland.

SHUTTLECOCKS

YONEX Aerosensa 40 shuttlecocks will be used in the tournament.

PRIZE MONEY

There will be total prize money of **EUR 5500** (eqv. to USD 6100 **) / July 1st 2016), which will be distributed at the prize ceremony. A local tax (15%) will be deducted.

	MS	WS	MD	WD	MXD	Total
Winner	660	660	1100*	1100*	1100*	4620
Runner-up	440	440				880
Total						5500

*= per pair

** = a minimum level of 6000 USD prize money (in euros) is guaranteed in case of eventual currency fluctuations

INSURANCE

To be arranged individually by participants.

BETTING

There can be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Player's Code of Conduct (Art. 5.2.) and will be sanctioned by BWF.

ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

The Finnish International Championships will be conducted according to the BWF Regulations 19-23 on advertising and clothing. The name on the back of the shirt is mandatory for the semi-finals and finals. Partners in doubles shall also wear the same colour in the semi-finals and finals. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100 EUR.

TOURNAMENT WEB SITE: www.hbc-badminton.com/FIC2016

ACCOMMODATION

The official tournament hotel will be the Cumulus Airport Vantaa. It is situated close to the Airport and all the players and officials will get free transportation according to the timetable from the Airport to the official tournament hotel and back by the Airport bus service. There will be a free transportation service between the Cumulus Airport Vantaa and the tournament venue.

Please book your rooms by e-mail: my.reservation@restel.fi or by telephone. +358 (0)200 550 55 (0,17€ /per call + 0,75 €/min). Please use code **FIC2016** to get the lowest price for your accommodation. All guests must settle their own accounts before departure.

DUE TO HIGH DEMAND FOR ROOMS, PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT ON WEDNESDAY, NOV 9th AT THE LATEST.

Cumulus Airport Vantaa

http://www.cumulus.fi/hotellit/airport/en_GB/airport/

Address: Robert Huberin tie 6, FIN-01510 VANTAA Phone: +358 (0)200 48112 (08.00–16.00 GMT+2) E-mail: vantaa.cumulus@restel.fi

Rantasipi Airport Vantaa

<http://www.rantasipi.fi/en/hotels-and-spas/airport/rantasipi-airport-hotel>

Address: Robert Huberin tie 4, FIN-01510 VANTAA Phone: +358 (0)200 48110 (08.00–16.00 GMT+2) E-mail: airport.rantasipi@restel.fi

ARRIVAL

There will be no pickup service as the tournament hotel is located in the Airport area. All the players and officials will get free transportation according to the timetable from the Airport to the official hotel and back by the Airport bus service. Teams will get an info letter of Finnish International 2016 when they arrive at the tournament hotel.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- * Courts: The tournament will be played on Pro courts (6 courts on Thursday and Friday).
- * Drug testing: According to Finnish law, drug testing might be carried out on a random basis at any time during the tournament

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

The Finnish International Championships will be conducted under the BWF Competition Regulations and in accordance with the Instructions of the Badminton Europe Circuit, of which the Finnish International Championships forms a part.

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

The organising Member Association 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 Association 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.

Member Association 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 BE 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 BE Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.