



OFFICIAL INVITATION LETTER

Dear Member Associations,

The French Federation of Badminton (FFBaD) is proud to invite your players to compete in the “**YONEX INTERNATIONAUX DE FRANCE DE BADMINTON 2016**” (YONEX FRENCH OPEN 2016), from 25th to 30th October 2016, in Paris Coubertin Stadium, which is part of the prestigious METLIFE BWF World Superseries.

This letter, which includes all the General Information concerning the Event, contains important details that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager as well as the players.

You will find posted on the BWF website right now or soon the documents below:

- Visa request form
- Travel details
- Accreditation form
- Accommodation information



The practice court reservation form will be available sooner.

Please find below the main contact if you need more information:

ORGANIZER'S CONTACT DETAILS	Organizer	FFBaD (Fédération Française de Badminton)	
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Richard REMAUD, president of the FFBaD

I. GENERAL DETAILS

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SANCTIONING BODY	<p>BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF) Website : www.bwfbadminton.com Circuit website : bwfworldsuperseries.com</p> 																																				
VENUE	<p>STADE PIERRE DE COUBERTIN 82, AVENUE GEORGES LAFONT 75016 PARIS – FRANCE</p>																																				
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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	<p>Referee : Jane Wheatley Email : janew10@bigpond.com Deputy Referee : Mr Marcel SCHORMANS (NED) Email : mschormans@badminton.nl Local Deputy Referee : Mrs Catherine PRAT (FRA) Email : cateprat@hotmail.fr</p>																																				

II. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR & BRIEFINGS SCHEDULES

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR			
TUESDAY 25 th OCTOBER	QUALIFYING ROUND	10 am – 7 pm (approx.)	4 courts
	ROUND OF 32 FOR MIXED DOUBLE <i>(except the matches with players from the mixed doubles qualifying round)</i>	7 pm (not before) – 10:30 pm	4 courts
WEDNESDAY 26 th OCTOBER	ROUND OF 32 <i>(For mixed doubles : only the matches with players from the qualifying round)</i>	9 am – 11:30 pm	4 courts
THURSDAY 27 th OCTOBER	ROUND OF 16	2 pm – 11:30 pm	4 courts
FRIDAY 28 th OCTOBER	QUARTER-FINALS	5 pm – 11:30 am	3 courts
SATURDAY 29 th OCTOBER	SEMI-FINALS	3 pm – 8 pm	2 courts
SUNDAY 30 th OCTOBER	FINALS	1 pm – 6 pm	1 court
<i>Note: The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee</i>			

KEY MEETINGS – VENUE : STADIUM COUBERTIN – OFFICIAL VIP LOUNGE		
Team Managers' Briefing	MONDAY 24 th OF OCTOBER	7 pm
Umpires' Briefing	MONDAY 24 th OF OCTOBER	8 pm

III. COMPETITION DETAILS AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES	<p>The competition is organized in accordance with the General Competition Regulations and with the specific regulations of the MetLife BWF World Superseries.</p> <p>The Tournament will be run strictly in accordance with the MetLife BWF World Superseries regulations.</p>
ONLINE ENTRIES	<p>Member Associations are advised to log on to Yonex French Open 2016 at: http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=3462A843-4C3C-4CFD-A417-E905A95CE661 and submit the entries online.</p> <p>You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF: please contact S. Ramachandran : s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.</p> <p>The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date September 13th at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>No entry forms are required by Member Associations.</p> <p>When the entries are sent using the BWF Online Entry System, after the closing</p>

	<p>date, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to all participating Member Associations confirming the receipt of final entries.</p> <p>This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations shall contact BWF immediately if such confirmation is not received by Wednesday by noon BWF Headquarters time following close of entries. Any objection to the entries should be notified to BWF. Following the close of entries if no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.</p> <p>Entries close on Tuesday 13th of September 2016 (23.59 hours BWF headquarters time).</p> <p>No entry fee is payable by any competitor nominated as entrant by the national association.</p>
MAIN AND QUALIFYING	<p>World Ranking date: Thursday 15th of September shall be used to prepare the M&Q report. Friday 16th of September : publish date for the M&Q report</p>
WITHDRAWALS	<p>Any notification of withdrawals with appropriate certification must be given immediately to the Tournament Organizers by email.</p> <p>Withdrawals made after Sunday 2nd of October for whatever reason shall be subject to a penalty as mentioned in the Metlife BWF World Superseries regulation.</p>
SEEDING AND DRAWS	<p>Seeding of players shall be done by BWF on Thursday 29th of September and published on Friday 30th of September.</p> <p>The draws will be conducted in accordance with the MetLife BWF World Superseries regulations on Tuesday 4th of September.</p>
SCORING SYSTEM	Rally Point System = 3 * 21 points
COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS AND WARM-UP TIME	<p>All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors should be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled time. Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled time will be disqualified.</p> <p>On the court, before a game, warm-up time is limited to 2 minutes.</p>
SHUTTLECOCKS	Yonex AS-50
DRUG-TESTING	Drug testing of players competing in the tournament will be carried out through random and targeted sampling.
MEDIA REGULATIONS	All players must strictly adhere to any request of the Organizers to attend all marketing, advertisement and promotional activities related to the event as per the BWF regulations for Superseries.

IV.CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

ADVERTISING	<p>BWF Competition Regulation 23 will apply. Advertising on clothing shall be in accordance with the prevailing regulation of the BWF for Superseries. The updated GCR is published on BWF website. (Linked here)</p> <p>Advertising for tobacco and alcohol companies is completely forbidden by the French law.</p>
NAMES AND COLOURS	BWF Competition Regulations 19 to 23 and any subsequent regulations will apply. The BWF Regulations require players' names to be on the back of their shirts and give the option of also having their country and/or advertising

	<p>beneath the name. This Regulation also applies to the Qualifying Rounds.</p> <p>We remind you that as of 1 July 2016, referees and umpires are required to enforce the regulation that the name on the back of the player shirt must match the Last Name/Family Name as entered by the Member Association in the BWF Player Database</p> <p>It is mandatory that, in the main draw onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other.</p> <p>In Doubles: It is mandatory for doubles partners to wear same colour from main draw onwards.</p> <p>In the event that the opposing players/pairs involved in a match wish to wear the same coloured clothing, the player/pair ranked lower (using the BWF World Ranking used to produce the Main & Qualifying (M & Q) Report will be required to wear clothing of a different colour.</p>
OTHER REGULATIONS	Please refer to the BWF General Competition Regulations for additional obligation and regulation concerning clothing.

V. SERVICES

PRACTICE FACILITIES	<p><i>Schedule and number of courts available TBA.</i></p> <p>Dedicated shuttles will be available for transfers from the official hotels to the Stadium and from the Stadium to the official hotels.</p>
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Accommodation will be managed by Premiere Loge company, provider of the French Federation.</p> <p>Please find all the details in the Accommodation Info and Booking form.</p> <p>Please submit your needs before September 13th.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>Transportation between CDG Airport, Orly Airport, Paris train station – “Gare de Lyon, Gare d’Austerlitz, Gare du Nord, Gare de l’Est, Gare Saint Lazare” – and the official hotels will be provided.</p> <p>If players don’t stay in an official hotel and want to join their hotel in Paris thanks to the organizer’s service, transfer from/to the airport or train station will be charged to the MA (please refer to the transportation form).</p> <p>Please submit your final travel details no later than October 2nd.</p>
ACCREDITATION	<p>In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the Accreditation form and email the form and photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, Portrait format) to: entries@yonexifb.com.</p> <p>Deadline: October 2nd.</p> <p>Press accreditations will be issued for journalists and photographers. Please check the official website (www.yonexifb.com) regularly.</p>
MEDICAL FACILITIES	Full medical and physiotherapy services will be provided at the Coubertin Stadium.
PLAYERS LOUNGE	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available near the warm-up courts. All kind of information about the competition, accommodation, transportation, etc., will be available near this lounge.
STRINGING	Yonex Strings will be available free of charge for players sponsored by Yonex. Other players will have to pay a fee to benefit from this service (from 15 €).