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**THAIHOT CHINA OPEN 2016**  
**PART OF THE METLIFE BWF**  
**SUPERSERIES PREMIER**

**OFFICIAL INVITATION**

**15 to 20 November 2016**

**HAIXIA OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTER, FUZHOU**



**CHINA OPEN 2016**

Chinese Badminton Association  
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To: BWF Members

August 5, 2016

Dear friends,

Your players are invited to compete in Thaihot China Open 2016, which has been sanctioned by Badminton World Federation as one of the five MetLife BWF World Superseries Premier events.

**Organizer:**

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**Date:**

November 15 to 20, 2016

**Venue:**

Haixia Olympic Sports Center, Fuzhou

Address: Jianxin Nan Road, Cangshan District, Fuzhou, China

Practice Venue: Haixia Olympic Sports Center Comprehensive Gymnasiums

Address: Jianxin South Road, Cangshan District, Fuzhou, China

**Events:**

Events	Main Draw	Qualifiers
Men's Singles	28	4
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 15 November 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.

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**Prize money:** US\$700,000

- Payment is subject to the local tax law
- Medals will be awarded to all winners and runners-up.

Events	Winners	Runners Up	Semi-finalist	Quarter finalists	Last 16
MS	52,500	26,600	10,150	4,200	2,450
WS	52,500	26,600	10,150	4,200	2,450
MD (Pair)	55,300	26,600	9,800	5,075	2,625
WD (Pair)	55,300	26,600	9,800	5,075	2,625
XD (Pair)	55,300	26,600	9,800	5,075	2,625

Note: Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations. According to the law of China, all prize money will be subject to 20% tax.

**Tournament Schedule:**

	DATE	STARTING TIME	ROUND	COURT
November	15(Tue.)	10:00	Qualifying rounds	5 Courts
	16(Wed.)	10:00	1 <sup>st</sup> rounds	5 Courts
	17(Thu.)	10:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> rounds	3 Courts
	18(Fri.)	17:00	Quarter-finals	3 Courts
	19(Sat.)	13:00	Semi-finals	2 Courts
	20(Sun.)	13:00	Finals	1 Court

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

**Technical officials:**

Referee – Ronny De Vos (BEL); Email: ronny.de\_vos@telenet.be

Deputy Referee – David Chang (TPE); Email: tele2709@ms4.hinet.net

Local Deputy Referee – To be decided

**Key datelines**

Seeding and Draw – will be conducted by BWF

World Ranking date for MQ – 6 October

Publish World Ranking – 7 October

World Ranking date for Seeding – 20 October

Release Seeding – 21 October

Draw date – 25 October

Last day of withdrawal (without penalty) – 23 October

**Team Manager's Meeting:**

The meeting will be conducted by the referee on November 14, 2016 at 15:30 in the official hotel-JuChunYuan Exhibition Hotel Fuzhou.

*"It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers meeting .Failing to attend the meeting they are liable to be fined as per regulation Part III Section 1A, Appendix 11 "Offences and Penalties" .Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee knows in advance that is acceptable"*

**Umpires Briefing:**

The Umpires Briefing will be conducted by the referee on November 14, 2016 at 16:45 in the official hotel-JuChunYuan Exhibition Hotel Fuzhou.

*It is compulsory that all umpires arrange their travel to attend the umpires' briefing. Failing to attend the briefing they are liable to be excluded by the referee for semi and finals.*

**Dispute:**

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

**Rules & Regulations:**

Please bear in mind BWF Regulations with regard to the competition, withdrawal, dope-testing and media obligation.

**Entries:**

Closing Date: **29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

Member Associations are advised to log on to China Open 2016 Metlife BWF World Superseries Premier:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=12490F7E-629A-410C-9365-F7938C57AA25> 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 S. Ramachandran: [s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org](mailto: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.

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- 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 (two days 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.

#### **Advertising:**

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](#))

#### **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 beneath the name. This Regulation also applies to the Qualifying Rounds.

It is mandatory that, in the main draw onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other.

In Doubles: It is mandatory for doubles partners to wear same colour from main draw onwards

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 first Main & Qualifying (M & Q) Report will be required to wear clothing of a different colour.

#### **Other Regulations:**

Please refer to the BWF General Competition Regulations for additional obligation and regulation concerning clothing.

#### **Doping Control:**

Doping control of players competing in the tournament will be carried out through random and targeted sampling.

**Official Hotel:**

JuChunYuan Exhibition Hotel

Address: NO.189 LianShui Road, CangShang Area,Fuzhou

Tel: +86-18705081692 +86-591-87878312 Fax: +86-591-87877155

Room Rates:

Singles Room A:US\$110.00 per room / night (inc.

Breakfast) Doubles Room A: US\$110.00 per room

/night(inc.Breakfast)

Singles Room B:US\$130.00 per room / night (inc.

Breakfast) Doubles Room B: US\$130.00 per room/night(inc

.Breakfast)

Reservations: Hotel Booking and Flight Schedule Form must be submitted not later than **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016** to Ms ZHOU Lingling by fax (+86-591-87877155) or e-mail ([bwf2014ling@hotmail.com](mailto:bwf2014ling@hotmail.com)).

**Transportation:**

Shuttle services will be provided from Fuzhou Changle International Airport to the official hotel and between the office hotel and the venue. Please send your Hotel Booking and Flight Schedule Form to the Organizing Committee before **10<sup>st</sup> October, 2016** for the purpose of airport pickup.

Contact Person:Ms.ZHOU Lingling

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**Media and Team Officials' Accreditation:**

Please fill and return the Media or Team Official's Accreditation Form to the Organizing Committee no later than **10<sup>st</sup> October, 2016**.Accreditation Forms can be downloaded from [www.cba.org.cn](http://www.cba.org.cn).

Media Director: Ms. SHAO Luhan

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**Visas:**

For those who need visa to China, please fill in the attached Visa Application Form and send the Form together **with your passport copy** to Ms. SHAO Luhan by fax

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We look forward to seeing you in Fuzhou.  
Yours Sincerely

Liu Xiaonong  
Secretary General  
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