

TATA OPEN INDIA INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2016

OFFICIAL INVITATION

- Organizer** : Badminton Association of India (BAI)
- Sponsored By** : TATA
- Sanctioned by** : Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Asia
- Dates** : 30th November, 2016 to 4th December, 2016.
- Venue** : Cricket Club of India, Mumbai (CCI)
Brabourne Stadium, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020.

- Prize Money** : US\$ 17,500 (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of Government of India. Present minimum rate is 20.60%). The distribution of Prize Money will be as per the General Competition Regulations of BWF.

Events	Winners	Runners Up	Semi-finalist	Quarter finalists	Last 16
MS (Per Player)	1,313	665	253.75	105	61.25
WS (Per Player)	1,313	665	253.75	105	61.25
MD (Per Pair)	1,383	665	245	126.88	65.63
WD (Per Pair)	1,383	665	245	126.88	65.63
XD (Per Pair)	1,383	665	245	126.88	65.63

(All Figures in US\$)

- Events** : Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Entries beyond the number specified below (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the status of your entries.

Event	Entries - Main Draw		Entries - Qualifying Draw
	Direct	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	24	8	32
Women's Singles	24	8	32
Men's Doubles	12	4	16
Women's Doubles	12	4	16
Mixed Doubles	12	4	16

Entries

- Closing Date** : **Tuesday, 1st November, 2016**

- All entries must be submitted online only. Member Associations are advised to log on at: <http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=3E7A68A1-FE67-4F78-BD16-A12EAEDD4E3B> and submit the entries online.
- The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 Hrs GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 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 (+08.00 Hrs 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 (+08.00 Hrs GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.
- You will require a username and password to submit your entries. In case you do not have this, you can be obtained from the BWF: please contact Mr. Shan at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.

Entry Fees : No entry fees shall be charged if the entries are sponsored by the National Federation. In case of Individual entries from the Host Association only (not being part of the National Contingent), the following entry fees shall be charged:
Singles: INR 1,500/- (Per player)
Doubles: INR 2,500/- (Per pair)

Regulations : The General Competition Regulations of BWF shall be applicable to the Championship including for the clothing and advertising. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Scoring System : **The tournament will adopt rally point system of best of five games of 11 points.**
At 10-all, the player/pair wins the game when a two point lead is achieved, or first to 15 when the score reaches 14-all.

Clothing Regulations : General Competition Regulations 19 to 23 will be applicable to the extent applicable as applicable to the Grand Prix Tournaments.

Mandatory Clothing Regulations

- Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event.
- From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same colour.
- From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colours.

M&Q : M&Q List based on the BWF Ranking List dated **Thursday, 3rd November, 2016** and will be published on **Friday, 4th November, 2016**.

Seeding : For Main Draw based on the BWF Ranking list dated **Thursday, 10th November, 2016**. For Qualifying Draw based on the BWF Ranking list dated **Thursday, 3rd November, 2016**. **Seeding will be published on Friday, 11th November, 2016**.

Withdrawals : Will be according to the BWF Regulations.

- Withdrawals after **Sunday, 13th November, 2016** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Withdrawals until this date must be intimated through online entry system by logging in the tournament link used for sending the entry. The withdrawals after that date must be informed by an e-mail to indiaic@badmintonindia.org as soon as possible.
- Withdrawals prior to the tournament, must be accompanied by an appropriate certification.
- Withdrawals after the draw due to illness or injury must be supported by a medical certificate.
- Withdrawals after players arrive in venue city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee in writing.

Draw : Draw will be made and published on **Tuesday, 15th November, 2016**.

Shuttles : Yonex AS

Administration

Local Host : **Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA)**

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- Deputy Referees** : H. Gyaneswor (IND)
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- Assistant Referee**: Mr. Uday Sane (IND)

Calendar and Schedules

Order of play :

Day	Date	Play
Wednesday	30-11-2016	Qualification Rounds
Thursday	01-12-2016	Main Draws
Friday	02-12-2016	Main Draws
Saturday	03-12-2016	All Semi – Finals (MS/WS/MD/WD/XD)
Sunday	04-12-2016	All Finals (MS/WS/MD/WD/XD)

- Alterations due to TV-coverage or any other reason are possible and will be announced by the **Referee**. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the **Referee**.
- All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors who are not ready to play at the time for which their match is scheduled will be scratched.

Team Manager’s

- Briefings** : **Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 at 1600 hours** (local time)
- Briefing will be held at the Conference Hall of the Venue
 - As per BWF Regulations, the Team must be represented in the Managers’ Briefing. Failing to attend will attract fine / penalty in accordance with GCR Part III Section 1A, Appendix 11 “Offences and Penalties”.
 - Member Associations must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.

Technical officials’ Briefing : **Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 at 1700 hours** (local time) at the venue.

Practice Schedule

: Practice courts at the tournament venue will be arranged by the Organiser. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis for **Tuesday, 29th November, 2016**. The Referee will approve the practice schedule. For other days, requests should be sent in the prescribed format following the **Practice Request Form** before **1st November, 2016** in the form to indiaic@badmintonindia.org. Practice Courts are available at the venue as from **Monday, 28th November, 2016**.

Accommodation

Booking : Please fill in the attached **Hotel Reservation Form** giving details of team members as well as individuals and forward to us before **1st November, 2016** to indiaic@badmintonindia.org.

Sr No	Hotel Name	Tariff (INR) Per Room	Breakfast	Telephone No	Website
1	Hotel Chateau Windsor	5,250/- (Superior) Single / Double	Included	+91 22 6622 4455	www.chateauwindsor.com email: info@cwh.in
		5,750/- (Superior) Triple Occupancy			
2	Sea Green Hotel	4,100/- Single	Included	+91 22 6633 6525	www.seagreenhotel.com
		5,100/- Double			
		5,500/- Triple Occupancy			

Kindly note the following:

- There are limited rooms available in each hotel. The allotment will be made on first come first serve basis.
- Hotel reservations in the official hotel are to be made **ONLY** through the Organizer.
- We will be able to provide accommodation only to those persons registered with us on the requisite form. No guarantee can be given with respect to late booking.
- **THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.**

- **Cancellation Fees:**

- Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation, part or full, made 30 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees as per the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire tariff charged by the hotel for the rooms cancelled.

Time limit	Cancellation fees (%)
Up to 30 days before the date of arrival	NIL
From 30 days up to 10 days before the date of arrival	50%
From 10 days before the date of arrival or no show	100%

- Cancellation of the rooms cannot be made at the time of check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.
 - All damages to property of hotels or venue resulting from the stay of a national (regional) delegation shall be charged to the National federation and is required to be paid in full.
 - An early departure / Amendment of dates after check-in shall be subjected to the 100% cancellation fees.
- **Check-in / Check-outs, Deposits:**
 - The check-in and check-out time will be at 12 noon and 12 noon respectively.
 - Early Check-in / late check-out will be charged as per the rules of the hotel.
 - The security deposit at the time of check-in to cover extras during stay shall be paid directly to the hotel as per the Hotel Rules.
 - It is forbidden to cook in all hotels in India. Any misconduct will lead automatically into costs which will be billed / charged the concerned National Federation.
 - If the organisers are required to pay for cleaning of rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge your team / National Association for the Cleaning costs of USD 100 per room.

Services

Transport : Airport transfers from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Mumbai will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament and who are booked through the organisers in the official hotels. You are required to provide us with your travel details in the **Travel Reservation Form** before **1st November, 2016** to indiaic@badmintonindia.org , which should reach us at least 7 days before the event, to enable us make the necessary arrangements.

Transport from the Official Hotels to the Venue will also be provided.

Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers.

Physio : The Physio services will be available with prior appointment and payment of fees directly to the physio.

Visa : Contingents requiring visa for entry into India, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable us send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The forms must be sent to indiaic@badmintonindia.org so as to reach us before **1st November, 2016**.

- You must apply for your visa at least 21 working days before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed.
- Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into India and the final decision is made by the Indian Embassy in your country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt directly with the Embassy Officer who is dealing with your application.
- We accept no responsibility nor are liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.
- Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your association.

Other matters:

Presentation Ceremonies:

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but headgear, rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each presentation ceremony.

Doping control : Dope testing will be conducted as per BWF norms.

Media Obligations: The players will be required to fulfil the media obligations as per BWF norms.

Video Recording:

- Written authorisation, in form of a sticker, for the use of any video equipment only by coaches of the participating national associations, must be obtained in advance from the Tournament Office. The sticker must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a valid authorisation sticker.
- The recording can be done on such approved cameras from a limited number of pre-designated positions.
- Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and/ or its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.

General Information

Contacts : For any further clarification / assistance, please contact the Organising Secretary at indiaic@badmintonindia.org

Indemnity & Insurance : By sending the entry for the tournament clearly signify acceptance of participating associations and its delegated competitors / officials to the indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and / or to have any recourse against the organizing committee for any costs, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in and / or postponement or cancellation of the said tournament and / or for non-granting of visa for India.

The organiser will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained or death, at any time, by any player or official arising from his / her participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical treatment (including any form of surgical procedure) and / or hospitalisation or transport, etc. shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.

Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements.

**Welcome & All the best for
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