

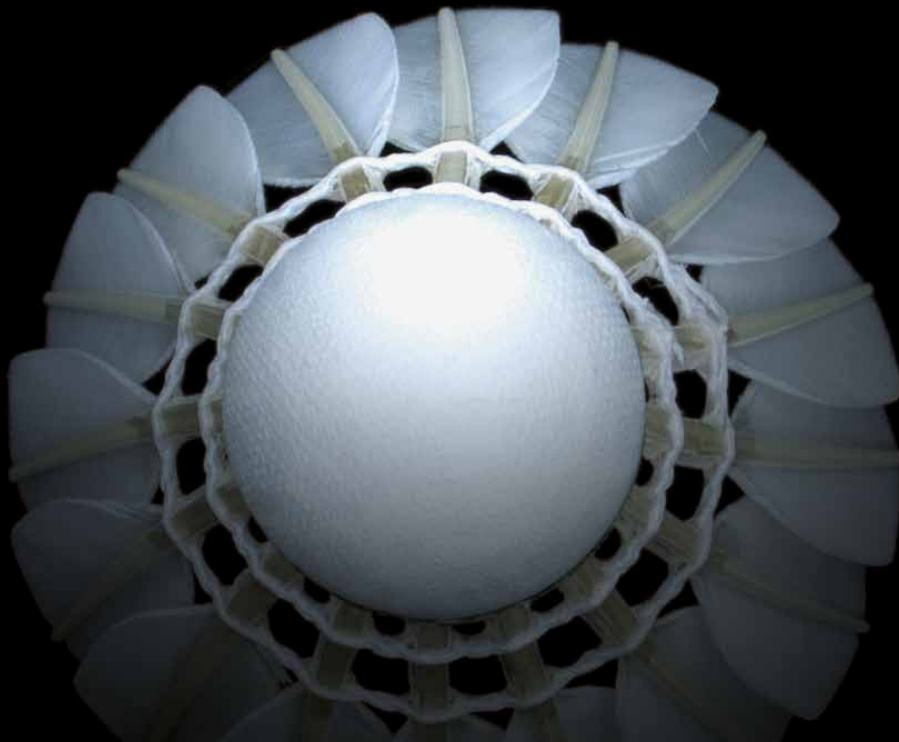


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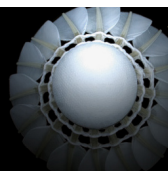
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Entry closing date: February 7, 2017

Part I – Essential Topics

Organisers **YONEX SWISS OPEN**
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Committee: Charles A. Keller – Julien Tissot – Christian Wackernagel

Sanctioned by: **BWF** – Badminton World Federation

Presented by: **Swiss Badminton**

Venue: St. Jakobshalle | Brüglingerstrasse 19-21 | CH-4000 Basel

Referee: David Chang (TPE) – tele2709@ms4.hinet.net
Deputy Referee: Susan Maldonado (POR) – susanamaldonado@netcabo.pt
Local Deputy Referee: Barbara Fryer (SUI) – barbara.fryer@gmx.ch

Events: Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw:
 Men’s Singles Main = 64 (no qualification)
 Women’s Singles Main = 28 + 4Q (16 qualification)
 Men’s Doubles Main = 28 + 4Q (16 qualification)
 Women’s Doubles Main = 28 + 4Q (16 qualification)
 Mixed Doubles Main = 28 + 4Q (16 qualification)
 Exceeding entries (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the current status of your entries through the homepages: <http://www.swissopen.com> and <http://www.bwfcorporate.com/events/calendar>

Date: **March 14 to 19, 2017** (qualification and first round MS: March 14, 2017)

Prize money: **US \$ 120'000** (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations)

Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi-F	Quarter F	Last 16
MS	9'000	4'560	1'740	720	420
WS	9'000	4'560	1'760	720	420
MD	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450
WD	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450
XD	9'480	4'560	1'680	870	450

Entries closing date **February 7, 2017 at 23:59 hours** BWF headquarters time (+08:00h GMT). All entries must be submitted by online entries only!

Online entries → BWF is implementing the Online entry system for this tournament and we seek your cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date. Please use the following link:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=6273AD9A-7BEC-45DA-A677-E5E4165EFCC0> (please copy the whole link into your browser!)

You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: please contact M.S. Ramachandran: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

The online entry page will immediately close on **Tuesday February 7, 2017 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.

→ Member Associations are advised to log on to **YONEX SWISS OPEN** at: https://swissopen.formstack.com/forms/players_ac

And submit the entries online!

Dates:	February 07, 2017	Entries closing date
	February 09, 2017	Ranking for M&Q, qualifying draw seeding, Promotions
	February 10, 2017	M&Q publish date
	February 16, 2017	Ranking for main draw seeding
	February 17, 2017	Publish seeding report
	February 19, 2017	Last date of withdrawal (without penalty)
	February 21, 2017	Draw Date

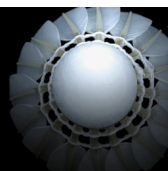
Part II – Regulations and Registration

Shuttles: YONEX AEROSSENSA 50 is the official shuttlecock (BWF approved) for the **YONEX SWISS OPEN**.

Prize money: There will be a deduction (withholding tax of 15%) on winner's prize money. The money won will be distributed by the BWF after the tournament and not by **YONEX SWISS OPEN** organizing committee.

Withdrawals BWF: Are only accepted if done through the BWF online entry system!

Withdrawals: Please inform the Tournament Committee (Charles A. Keller) and the Badminton World Federation (online system) as soon as possible and in writing about any withdrawals prior to the event.



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If a withdrawal arises by telephone it must be confirmed in writing. If withdraw notified after your players arrive in Basel, notification of withdrawal must be made by the team manager to the Referee and must be confirmed in writing.

See Grand Prix Regulations 9.1 Withdrawal Fee – Penalty for withdrawal!
9.1 If a player / pair who is accepted into a tournament withdraws from the entire tournament or any event thereof for any reason whatsoever within 22 days before the first scheduled match of the tournament, the member association entering the layer shall make a payment of US \$250 per player / pair to the organisers for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.

Entry Forms: You need to fill in (apart from the online entry system) one of the following additional forms to enter the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** as a player of a team, as a coach or as any accompanying person.

- Travel arrangement
- Hotel reservation and rooming list
- Visa application (if needed)
- Team manager and officials' accreditation

Entry of Swiss Players: **Swiss players** only: Closing date is **the February 5, 2017 – 23:59h** local time! You'll have to pass your entry through swiss badminton (national coach).

Acceptance entries: Participation in the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** is open to members of any National Association recognized by the BWF and any currently registered member of the Badminton Association of Switzerland.

The following entries are **not** acceptable:

- Received after the closing date
- Made on an individual basis

Notification: Provisional status of your entries can be seen at the following websites:

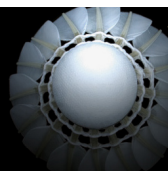
- <http://www.swissopen.com>
- <http://www.bwfcorporate.com/events/calendar>

Alterations: Please consult the online entry system and the BWF office:

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

Grand Prix Gold: Please bear in mind the BWF Grand Prix Gold regulations.

Ceremonies: Players are not allowed to wear hats or caps during the presentation ceremonies. Rackets may not be carried during presentations. Clothing as worn during play, will not be allowed. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This regulation will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each ceremony.

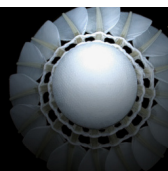


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- Conditions of play: The **YONEX SWISS OPEN** will be conducted under the conditions laid down by the Badminton World Federation governing BWF Grand Prix Gold Events (in the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final).
- Readiness: All events will be run on a strict time scale basis. Competitors should be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled time. If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time they will be disqualified. Alterations due to TV-coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.
- Warm-up: On the courts the warming up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.
- Practice facilities: Practice courts will be available upon agreement, from Monday March 13, 2017 in the hall St. Jakobshalle.
- Clothing & advertising: The following points are essential extracts from the BWF Competition Regulations 19 to 23. For more details, please refer to said regulations.
All clothing worn by players during play shall be acceptable badminton sport clothing.
Each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours. It is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players / pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other. In doubles it is mandatory for both partners to wear the same colour from quarter finals onwards (shirt and shorts/skirt). If the opposing player/pair involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the player/pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour.
The shirt may carry advertising as defined below:
1. Advertisements may appear on the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. Each advertisement must be 20 square centimetres or less. Other than front of shirt, only one per location; and there must be no more than five in total. National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as an advert.
 2. Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 cm and not exceeding 5 centimetres on the back, such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of other shirt, the back of the shirt or both.
 3. Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less.
 4. Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.
The adverts in 1) to 5) may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.



6. In Grand Prix tournaments, the name of the back of the shirt is mandatory. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except in adverts), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt. Lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
7. The sequence of lettering on the shirt from top to bottom shall be: player name – country name (if present) – advert (if present).

Indemnity / Insurance: Any participating association and its delegated competitors / officials should agree to indemnify and hold the organising committee free and unaccountable for and against any claims for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in the said tournament.
Please ensure that your players & team officials are covered with the necessary insurance policy to meet the current requirements.

Doping control: Dope testing will be conducted through random and targeted testing throughout the tournament.

Accreditation To have access to the venue St. Jakobshalle Basel, every person attending the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** will have to fill in our accreditation form: https://swissopen.formstack.com/forms/players_ac

Part III – Calendar and Schedules

Tuesday March 14	Qualifications (1/8-1/4 rounds)	12:00-17:00h	on 4 courts
	MS main draw: 1/32 rounds	18:00-23:00h	on 4 courts
Wednesday March 15	All main draws 1/16 rounds	09:00-23:00h	on 4 courts
	MS / WS / MD /WD / XD		
Thursday March 16	Main draws 1/8 rounds	11:00-17:00h	on 3 courts
	MS / WS / MD /WD / XD	18:00-22:00h	on 3 courts
Friday March 17	Main draws ¼ rounds	13:00-17:00h	on 2 courts
	MS / WS / MD /WD / XD	18:00-22:00h	on 2 courts
Saturday March 18	Main draws 1/2 rounds	13:00-17:00h	on 1 court
	MS / WS / MD /WD / XD	18:00-22:00h	on 1 court
Sunday March 19	All finals	12:00-17:00h	on 1 court

Alterations due to TV Coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Referee or the BWF.

Team Managers' Briefing Monday **March 13, 2017 at 19:00 hours**
Will be held in the White Room of the St. Jakobshalle in Basel and is compulsory for all teams!

Umpires' Briefing Monday **March 13, 2017 at 20:00 hours**
Will be held in the White Room of the St. Jakobshalle in Basel and is compulsory for all umpires!

Part IV – Services

Practice Facilities: Practise courts will be available only upon agreement in the hall on Monday March 13, 2017 from the afternoon onwards. During the tournament, there will be 8-10 courts available in the arena.
 Bookings will be made in the hall at the transportation desk. An appointment system will be operating to ensure equal opportunities for all teams.

Massage: Massage will be available for players throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge. An appointment system will operate to ensure equal opportunities for all players.

Media: On request, players must be available (max. 1 hour in total) on the day prior to their scheduled singles or doubles match of the tournament.
 At Grand Prix Gold tournaments, it is a condition of entry, that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.

Photo material: BWF has the right to use photographs, film material or any other image of players taken during events sanctioned by BWF.

Video recording: Written authorisation for the use of any video equipment must be obtained in advance from the tournament office, which must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.

Badges / Team Accreditation: Please submit your players’ and officials’ accreditation and photo through our online accreditation form at:
https://swissopen.formstack.com/forms/players_ac
 Entry to the arena for all players and officials will be controlled at the entrance to the hall. Badges will be issued only to nominated persons.

Non playing personnel: In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying (non playing) officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.

- For 3 or less players 1 Official
- For 4-7 players 2 Officials
- For 8-15 players 3 Officials
- For 16 or more 4 Officials

Note: if more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. Accreditation for all days = CHF 100.00

Internet / Web: Please feel free to visit our tournament web site at:
<http://www.swissopen.com>
 You will find useful information about our tournament.

Part V – General Information

Contacts:	Charles A. Keller	cak@swissopen.com	tournament director
	Tommy Moesch	tm@swissopen.com	Competition + Visa
	Cornelia Keller	cck@swissopen.com	Accommodation
	David Hess	dh@swissopen.com	Transport + Practise Requests

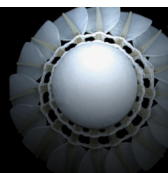
Website: <http://www.swissopen.com> (in English and German)

Credit Cards: VISA and EUROCARD-MASTERCARD are accepted.

Transportation: From the hall to and back to only the official hotels, a transport is organized on regular basis (every 20 minutes). The shuttle service will be running from early in the morning until after the last matches have been finished. Please consult our schedule (printout in the hotels/halls) or on our specialised homepage:
<http://www.swissopen.biz>
 For any questions please address yourselves to David at the transportation desk.
 Team Managers are requested to organise their transport early enough with our transport manager David Hess (dh@swissopen.com or cell phone +41 76 498 42 66)

Shuttle Service: Only players and teams staying at one of our official hotels, are allowed to use our shuttle service!

Travel / Pickup Service: Competitors from abroad are requested to inform the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** of date and time of arrival, flight or train number etc. before arrival.
 We kindly ask you to send us your arrival date at least 14 days before the event, otherwise you will not be picked up upon your arrival.
 Pickup service from airport **Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg** and train station **Basel SBB** is organised – as long as we have got your team- / players' arrival (date and time) information.



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Your travel must be routed to **Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg**, otherwise we will not be able to pick you up. Direct flight: Birmingham to Zürich are available on daily basis – please bear in mind, that you will have to take the train to Basel (Zürich Airport to Basel SBB).

Please consult your travel agency.

Visa:

If you or your team and officials require visas to enter Switzerland Tommy Moesch will be happy to assist you in writing an official invitation (Visa Form). Please submit full passport details (full name, passport no., and date of issue & date of expiry, contact no and birthday) to e-mail tm@swissopen.com not later than February 12, 2017!

Visa assistance:

Tommy Moesch | tm@swissopen.com | fax: +41 61 733 00 05

Note that official invitations destined to embassies are issued only for registered persons!

Part VI - Accommodation

Booking / Allocation:

Rooms will be assigned by the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** according availability, size of your team and arriving date of your booking details – first in – first served! Room allocation will be confirmed and done in order of receipt of booking form.

Bookings entered later than **February 25, 2017** can only be honoured if available and will be subject to a prize increase of CHF 10.00 per room and night.

Hotels:

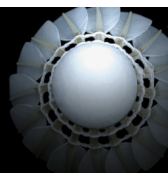
NOVOTEL and IBIS Styles hotels are situated at the same place near to the sports hall St. Jakobshalle (20 min foot walk).

NOVOTEL Basel City



Enjoy the modern 4-star comfort of the **Novotel** Basel City. Close to the main train station and just 15 minutes' drive from Basel's Euro Airport, all attractions are within easy reach. Free Wi-Fi and six state-of-the-art meeting rooms make the hotel an ideal location for business travellers. The tram will take you to the exhibition hall in just 11 minutes. Try specialties from the tri-national region in our stylish brasserie. Two children can stay in their parents' room free of charge.

CHF 199.00* / room / night

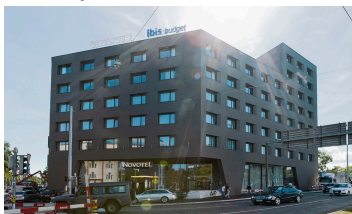


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IBIS Styles



Book your room at a great price in the new IBIS **Styles** Basel City hotel. At ibis Styles, WIFI and breakfast are always included in the price. The modern, bright, air-conditioned Design Rooms with fresh colors offer a flat-screen TV and wonderfully comfortable Sweet Bed by ibis Styles beds. The hotel's central location, only a few minutes' walk from the Basel SBB train station, makes it easy to see the sights, with both the St. Jakob-Park stadium and Messe Basel easy to reach by foot or public transport.

CHF 179.00* / room / night

Swissôtel Plaza



The **Swissôtel** Basel Hotel & Conference Centre is directly situated at the Basel Fair. The internationally influenced city in the Germany-France-Switzerland border triangle offers multi-faceted cultural performances and recreational activities.

CHF 299.00* / room / night or CHF 379.00* / 3-bed room / night

Rooms:

You will be debited for rooms!

(*) = + City Tax

There is, apart from the room price, an additional City Tax of CHF 3.50 per night and person.

Confirmation:

We will inform and confirm your hotel details not later than 7 days after the closing date February 7, 2017 or when we have received your deposit.

Cooking:

It is strictly forbidden to cook in all hotels in Basel and surroundings. Any misconduct will automatically result in costs which we will have to bill / charge to your association!

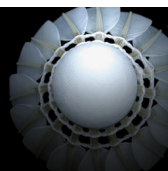
Cleaning:

If the **YONEX SWISS OPEN** has to pay for cleaning rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge your team / association thereafter! Cleaning costs will be CHF 500.00 / room.

Booking conditions:

The reservation will be confirmed at the reception of a deposit corresponding to 50% of the total amount. You have the possibility to modify the number of participants or the duration of the stay until **February 7**, 2017 without any penalties.

As from February 8 to March 4, 50% of the accommodation fee will be due. From March 5 to the arrival date, 100% will be due for payment.



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Cancellation during the competition:	For any person who leaves the hotel before the date initially booked, one additional night will be due for payment, if the number of cancelled nights is inferior or equal to 3 nights. If case of a cancellation superior to 3 nights, 2 nights will be due for payment!
Early departure:	If you wish to change your booking, please inform our accommodation department at the accommodation desk in the hall by 11:00 am at the latest, otherwise you will have to pay for one night!
Payments:	Only at the accommodation desk: Your payments must be settled in the St. Jakobshall, at the accommodation desk. Payments will have to be made in Swiss Francs.
Extras (in hotel):	Any extras taken at the hotels, will be at your (player or team) charge and have to be paid at the hotel reception.
Bank account:	Bank: Notenstein La Roche Privatbank AG Address: Bohl 17 CH-9004 St. Gallen / Switzerland IBAN: CH33 0876 5100 6783 7100 0 Swift: WEGECH2G Portfolio: 10.067837_1 In favour of: Badminton Swiss Open

Thank you very much for your help! See you in Basel March 2017!