



## INVITATION

# INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT WHITE NIGHTS 2017

*Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit and a World Ranking Tournament*



**n i g h t s**

**international badminton tournament**

**05-09 July 2017**

**Closing date: 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

**Prize money: 20000 USD**

**VENUE:**

05-09 July 2017

St-Petersburg region, Gatchina, Generala Knysa Street 14A, Sports Hall "Arena" (Matches on-line: [www.ggsdc.ru/video](http://www.ggsdc.ru/video))

**PRIZE MONEY:**

USD 20 000

**PRESENTED BY:**

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**Official Web-site:**

<http://www.russkikh.com/whitenights-2017/participation/index.pdf>

**KEY DATES:**

- Entry deadline: 06 June 2017
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: 8 June 2017
- M&Q Report Release Date: 9 June 2017
- World Ranking date used for Draw: 15 June 2017
- Last day of withdrawal without penalty: 18 June 2017
- Draw Date: 20 June 2017
- Visa support deadline: 06 June 2017
- Hotel reservation deadline: 06 June 2017

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**TIME SHEDULE (EXPECTED):**

4<sup>th</sup> July: arrivals

5<sup>th</sup> July: qualifications 09.00

6<sup>th</sup> July: the opening ceremony 15.00

6<sup>th</sup> July (Thursday): 09.00 1<sup>st</sup> round XD, 11.40 1<sup>st</sup> round MS/WS, 17.00 1<sup>st</sup> round MD/WD

7<sup>th</sup> July (Friday): 09.00 2<sup>nd</sup> round XD, 11.30 2<sup>nd</sup> round MS/WS, 16.00 2<sup>nd</sup> round MD/WD, 19.00 3<sup>d</sup> round MS/WS

8<sup>th</sup> July (Saturday): 10.00 quarter finals, 16.00 semi finals

9<sup>th</sup> July – the finals 10.00

The exact timetable will be presented after the draw. The finals will start at 10:00 on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please refer to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 9.5 regarding players' departure.

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Players from National Associations, accepted by the BWF are allowed to attend the event.

**ENTRIES:** until 06 June 2017

Link:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=94DB9935-A1C7-4101-B68E-4ACDA5F35AD9>

**No late entries will be accepted.**

Players cannot 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.

### **EVENTS:**

Men's singles, Women's singles, Men's doubles, Women's doubles and Mixed doubles. It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors. If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

### **DRAW SIZE:**

Men's singles 48

Women's singles 48

Men's doubles 32 (PAIRS)

Women's doubles 32 (PAIRS)

Mixed doubles 32 (PAIRS)

The above indicates the maximum numbers of players/pairs in the respective events.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

Regarding EF you have to follow Badminton Europe Elite Circuit regulations 17.1: The Member Association that enters a player into a BEC Elite 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 when the entry deadline passes.

Euro/player in single 50 euro

Euro/player in double 45 euro

**All entrees should be paid by cash to organizers. Bank transfers are impossible.**

### **Prize money division:**

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
1 place	2000	2000	1800	1800	1800
2 place	1500	1500	1300	1300	1300
3 place	925	925	All prize money is paid in US-Dollars (\$)		
3 place	925	925			

**NUMBER OF COURTS:** 4 courts. Brand - TechnoBad

### **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 Regulations).

After entering a player(s) in the tournaments it is the Member Nation's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough.

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 Regulations).

### **VISA SUPPORT:**

Contact the organizers about visa support if needed. Important: to get invitation you need to fill "Visa form" and sent it to [fokarena@gmail.com](mailto:fokarena@gmail.com) **until 06 June**. For most of countries it is much simpler to get "tourist visa" kind than "sport visa" kind.

## OFFICIAL POINTS OF ARRIVAL:

-Pulkovo airports (St. Petersburg). We provide free transportation from airport to official hotels for participants, coaches and officials.

## CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

Please refer to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 18 regarding Clothing and Advertising.

In applying these regulations the decision of the Referee shall be final.

## SHUTTLES:

RSL Classic Tourney

## BETTING:

Betting by players or officials on events in which they are involved is not permitted. Any breach of betting regulations will be investigated by Badminton Europe and the appropriate sanction will be administered by Badminton Europe.

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel request should be made **until 06 June 2017**. Please send it to Konstantin Ivanov: [fokarena@gmail.com](mailto:fokarena@gmail.com). All payment for accommodation should be made to organizers by cash.

**Priorat Hotel** (Centre of city. 10 minutes by official transport from sport hall). Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, Chkalova street 59

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single	3000	+ / +
Standart twin (2 beds)	3000	
Standart double	2900	
Triple room	3600	

**Aksioma Hotel** <http://aksiomahotel.ru/> (15 minutes by official transport from sport hall)

Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, Izotova 20  
Tel. +7-962-717-38-13

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single	1500/1650	+ / +
Double (2 beds)	2250/2500	
Triple room	2900	
Room for 4 persons	2750	

**Hotel Boutique Stolica** (Stars 3) <http://boutiquestolica.com/en/> (Centre of city. 12 minutes by official transport from sport hall)  
Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, Chkalova street, 21a

tel. +7 (965) 059-09-09

Name	Quantity of rooms	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single economy	3	2000	+ / +
Superior Single	5	2500	
Standart double (1 bed)	1	2900	
Standart twin (2 beds)	1	2900	
Double suite (1 bed)	1	8000	

**Pavlin Hotel** [http://hotel-pavlin.ru/index\\_eng.php](http://hotel-pavlin.ru/index_eng.php) (20 minutes by official transport from sport hall)

Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, derevnia Vaiia, 41a  
tel. +7 (931) 340 340 1

Name	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Double (1 bed)	2100/2600/4100	+ / +
Double (2 beds)	2100	
Double room (4 person)	3100	

**Orbita Hotel** (Nice hotel. Good breakfast. 25 minutes by official transport from sport hall)

Address: St-Petersburg reg. Gatchina, poselok Noviy Svet, 41a  
tel. 8 (81371) 682-60

Name	Quantity of rooms	Price (RUR)	Breakfast/Wi-Fi
Single	1	1700	+ / +
Standart double (2 beds)	6	2000	
Suite double (2 beds)	6	2600	
Double in block (2 rooms for 4 person)	12	1850	

### **COURT PRACTICING**

To take free court for practice you should reserve it by e-mail:  
[fokarena@gmail.com](mailto:fokarena@gmail.com)

It is a penalty for booked but not used court – 15 euro.

### **TEAM MANAGERS MEETING**

Team managers meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 20:00 at sporthall Arena. It will be transport provided from official hotels and back (check information at the hotel reception)

### **PHOTOS FROM TOURNAMENT**

You can check photos by this link:

<https://goo.gl/photos/gF5TKPPksZUZCUC97>

### **AWARDING:**

Winners, runners up and semi finalists will be awarded with diplomas and special prizes of National Badminton Federation of Russia

**We are looking forward to see you in Russia!**

**Mr. Andrey Antropov**

**Chairman of Council**

**National Badminton federation of Russia**