



25 April 2017

BENIN INTERNATIONAL 2017

On behalf of the **Fédération Béninoise de Badminton (FBBa)**, we have the pleasure to invite your Association to participate in the Benin International 2017 (Future Series) which will be held from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th July 2017 in Cotonou. Information on the tournament are as follows:

EVENT	BENIN INTERNATIONAL 2017 Future Series
VENUE	<u>Hall des arts, Loisirs et Sports de Cotonou</u> Boulevard St Michel, Cotonou Practice sessions can be arranged on arrival upon request and will be subject to court availability.
DATES	Thursday 6 – Sunday 9 July 2017
EVENTS	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
VISA	Application for visa must be made to the Benin Embassy in your country. Support letter will be provided upon request from your association. For those who do not have Benin Embassy in their country, visas can be obtained on arrival at the Cotonou International Airport. Players and Official are requested to send all relevant documents (Passport Copy, Air Ticket, etc) to FBBa by 7 June 2017 for visa on arrival.
ACCOMMODATION	<u>Hôtel Résidence JEANNE D'ARC</u> Cotonou Price (Full board – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) ▪ Double Room: USD 50 / Person ▪ Single Room: USD 60 / Person Check in/out at the hotel is 12h00. The accommodation and meals charges must be paid immediately upon arrival. Hotel reservations are made ONLY through the organization committee.

AIRPORT	Cadjeoun Airport (Cotonou International Airport) Airport Code : COO															
REFEREE	Jen Ponambalum – MRI (BWF Accredited Referee) Email: ponam@intnet.com															
SHUTTLECOCK	RSL Tourney Number 1 (BWF Approved)															
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	Local transportations will be provided free of charge to participants and officials provided that all transfer information are sent at least 7 days from arrival. The Hotel is approximately 9 km from the Airport and the Badminton Hall is 6 km from the Hotel.															
TEMPERATURE	In July, the temperature varies around 29°C during the day and at night it's around 25°C.															
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ENTRIES	<p>All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 23h59 BWF HQ (Kuala Lumpur) time (GMT + 08.00)</p> <p>For online entries, Member Associations must log on to the Benin International 2017 at: http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=25B61713-A61B-4A27-8412-7EDF46EEF8A0</p> <p>No entry form is needed to submit by online entry system. You require a username and password to submit your entries online. This can be obtained from BWF by contacting Mr Ramachandran s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.</p>															

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<p>BWF ID</p>	<p>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, you can now generate new BWF IDs for your players via Tournament Software.</p> <p>If ever you need help to generate new BWF IDs, please contact BWF or BCA (for African countries) well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can be assigned BWF ID-numbers before the closing date of the tournament.</p>																										
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<p>TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING</p>	<p>Thursday 6 July 2017 @ 14h30 in the meeting room of the official Hotel or the hall. The tournament will start at 16h30 on the same day. These schedules are subject to change, please contact the organisers for more details.</p>																										
<p>WITHDRAWALS</p>	<p>Withdrawal of players without penalty is Sunday 18 June 2017. Players withdrawing after Sunday 18 June 2017 or no-show will have to pay a fine of US\$ 150 and US\$ 500 respectively.</p>																										



INSURANCE	Participants must arrange their own insurance for personal accident, health, travel and property. The organisers will not take any responsibility.
CONDITIONS	<p>The tournament will be played on a knock-out system and in full accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the BWF and the instructions of Badminton Confederation Africa. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered.</p> <p>Players shall not plan their departure less than four (4) hours after their last match is plan to conclude. Such a player/pair shall lose all the ranking points gained and Badminton Confederation Africa shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are removed.</p> <p>According to the BWF General Competition Regulations, there is no world ranking points for an International with less than 8 entries in (MS, WS, MD, WD and XD). In such a case, the tournament may be cancelled and the organisers will not take any responsibility for any arrangements that may have been already made.</p>
CONTACTS	<p>Fédération Béninoise de Badminton Email: assogbaubin@yahoo.fr febebad@yahoo.fr Phone: +229 9965 4290 +229 9420 6446 +229 9625 2674</p> <p>Badminton Confederation Africa Email: bcagaya@gmail.com ; bcaedoo@gmail.com Phone: +230 5253 3902 +230 5714 9100</p>

We are at your complete disposal for any additional information you may need, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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