

## OFFICIAL INVITATION LETTER

Dear Member Associations,

The French Federation of Badminton (FFBaD) is proud to invite your players to compete in the “**YONEX INTERNATIONAUX DE FRANCE DE BADMINTON 2017**” (*YONEX FRENCH OPEN 2017*), from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017, in Paris Coubertin Stadium, which is part of the prestigious METLIFE BWF World Superseries.

This letter, which includes all the General Information concerning the event, contains important details that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager as well as the players.

You will find posted on the BWF website right now or soon the documents below:

- Visa request form
- Travel details
- Accreditation form
- Accommodation information
- Practice form



Please find below the main contact if you need more information:

ORGANIZER'S CONTACT DETAILS	Organizer	<b>FFBaD (Fédération Française de Badminton)</b>	
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**Florent CHAYET, president of the FFBaD**



## I. GENERAL DETAILS

<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<p><b>FEDERATION FRANÇAISE DE BADMINTON (FFBAD)</b>            9-11 avenue Michelet            93583 Saint-Ouen Cedex - France            Phone: +33 1 49 21 08 97 / +33 6 99 45 12 98</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:entries@yonexifb.com">entries@yonexifb.com</a>            Website:  <a href="http://www.yonexifb.com">www.yonexifb.com</a> (event)  <a href="http://www.ffbad.org">www.ffbad.org</a> (federation)</p> 																																								
<b>SANCTIONING BODY</b>	<p><b>BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF)</b>            Website : <a href="http://www.bwfbadminton.com">www.bwfbadminton.com</a>            Circuit website : <a href="http://bwfworldsuperseries.com">bwfworldsuperseries.com</a></p> 																																								
<b>VENUE</b>	<p><b>STADE PIERRE DE COUBERTIN</b>            82, AVENUE GEORGES LAFONT            75016 PARIS – FRANCE</p>																																								
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<b>ENTRIES REGULATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entries close on <b>September 12th 2017</b>.</li> <li>• All entries must be submitted through the National Associations.</li> <li>• Late entries will not be accepted.</li> <li>• The entries are sent using the BWF online Entry System.</li> </ul>																																								
<b>TECHNICAL OFFICIALS</b>	<p>Referee : Mrs Gretha PRINSLOO (RSA)            Email : <a href="mailto:Maluti@worldonline.co.za">Maluti@worldonline.co.za</a>            Deputy Referee : Julie CARREL (NZL)            Email : <a href="mailto:julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com">julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com</a>            Local Deputy Referee : Mr Jean-Marc CHANCEREL (FRA)            Email : <a href="mailto:jeanmarc.chancerel@gmail.com">jeanmarc.chancerel@gmail.com</a></p>																																								

## II. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR & BRIEFINGS SCHEDULES

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR			
TUESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	QUALIFYING ROUND	10:00 – 19:30 (approx.)	4 courts
	ROUND OF 32 FOR MIXED DOUBLE <i>(except the matches with players from the mixed doubles qualifying round)</i>	19:30 (not before) – 22:30	4 courts
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	ROUND OF 32 <i>(For mixed doubles : only the matches with players from the qualifying round)</i>	9:00 – 23:30	4 courts
THURSDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	ROUND OF 16	14:00 – 23:00	4 courts
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	QUARTER-FINALS	17:00 – 23:30	3 courts
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	SEMI-FINALS	14:00 – 19:00 <b>(new)</b>	2 courts
SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	FINALS	13:00 – 18:00	1 court
<i>Note: The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee</i>			

KEY MEETINGS – VENUE : STADIUM COUBERTIN – OFFICIAL VIP LOUNGE (level +1)		
Team Managers' Briefing	MONDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> OF OCTOBER	19:00
Umpires' Briefing	MONDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> OF OCTOBER	20:00

## III. COMPETITION DETAILS AND REGULATIONS

<b>GENERAL RULES</b>	<p>The competition is organized in accordance with the General Competition Regulations and with the specific regulations of the MetLife BWF World Superseries.</p> <p>The Tournament will be run strictly in accordance with the MetLife BWF World Superseries regulations.</p>
<b>ONLINE ENTRIES</b>	<p>Member Associations are advised to log on to Yonex French Open 2017 at: <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=AB88223D-BBC2-45EB-AC19-8CE0DB7DE8BE">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=AB88223D-BBC2-45EB-AC19-8CE0DB7DE8BE</a> and submit the entries online.</p> <p>You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF: please contact S. Ramachandran : <a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org">s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org</a>.</p> <p><b>The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM (GMT +8:00), hours BWF Headquarters time and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.</b></p> <p>No entry forms are required by Member Associations.</p> <p>When the entries are sent using the BWF Online Entry System, after the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send an Entry Confirmation to all participating Member Associations confirming the receipt of final entries.</p> <p>This confirmation is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the</p>

	<p>deadline. The Member Associations shall contact BWF immediately if such confirmation is not received by Wednesday by noon BWF Headquarters time following close of entries. Any objection to the entries should be notified to BWF. Following the close of entries if no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained thereafter.</p> <p>No entry fee is payable by any competitor nominated as entrant by the national association.</p>
<b>MAIN AND QUALIFYING</b>	<p>World Ranking date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of September shall be used to prepare the M&amp;Q report. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of September : publish date for the M&amp;Q report</p>
<b>WITHDRAWALS</b>	<p>Any notification of withdrawals with appropriate certification must be given immediately to the Tournament Organizers by email.</p> <p>Withdrawals made <b>after Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of October</b> for whatever reason shall be subject to a penalty as mentioned in the Metlife BWF World Superseries regulation.</p>
<b>SEEDING AND DRAWS</b>	<p>Seeding of players shall be done by BWF on <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September</b> and published on <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of September</b>.</p> <p>The draws will be conducted in accordance with the MetLife BWF World Superseries regulations on <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October</b>.</p>
<b>SCORING SYSTEM</b>	Rally Point System = 3 * 21 points
<b>COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS AND WARM-UP TIME</b>	<p>All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors should be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled time. Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled time will be disqualified.</p> <p>On the court, before a game, warm-up time is limited to 2 minutes.</p>
<b>SHUTTLECOCKS</b>	Yonex AS-50
<b>DRUG-TESTING</b>	Drug testing of players competing in the tournament will be carried out through random and targeted sampling.
<b>MEDIA REGULATIONS</b>	All players must strictly adhere to any request of the Organizers to attend all marketing, advertisement and promotional activities related to the event as per the BWF regulations for Superseries.

## IV.CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

<b>ADVERTISING</b>	<p>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. (<a href="#">Linked here</a>)</p> <p>Advertising for tobacco and alcohol companies is completely forbidden by the French law.</p>
<b>NAMES AND COLOURS</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>We remind you that as of 1 July 2016, referees and umpires are required to enforce the regulation that the name on the back of the player shirt must match the Last Name/Family Name as entered by the Member Association in the BWF Player Database.</p>

	<p>It is mandatory that, in the main draw onwards, the opposing pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other.</p> <p>In Doubles: It is mandatory for doubles partners to wear same colour from main draw onwards.</p> <p>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 Main &amp; Qualifying (M &amp; Q) Report will be required to wear clothing of a different colour.</p>
<b>OTHER REGULATIONS</b>	Please refer to the BWF General Competition Regulations for additional obligation and regulation concerning clothing.

## V. SERVICES

<b>PRACTICE FACILITIES</b>	<p>7 training courts are available in the Annex 2 and 3 of Coubertin Stadium. These courts will be available on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, from 14:00 to 20:00 and on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October from 8:00 to 22:30.</p> <p>The 4 Main Hall courts will be available for training on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 8:00 to 22:30, except the TV court between 12:00 to 14:00 booked for technical tests.</p> <p>Regarding practice on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, dedicated shuttles will be available for transfers from the official hotels to the Stadium.</p>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<p>Accommodation will be managed by Premiere Loge company, provider of the French Federation.</p> <p>Please find all the details in the Accommodation Info and Booking form.</p> <p>Please submit your needs before <b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b>.</p>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>Transfers between Paris' airports and train stations are provided for people staying in official hotels. Paris airports and train stations concerned :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Airports : Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG), Orly Airport (ORY),</li> <li>- Train stations : Gare de Lyon, Gare d'Austerlitz, Gare du Nord, Gare de l'Est, Gare Saint Lazare.</li> </ul> <p>If players don't stay in an official hotel, transfer from Airports and train stations will be provided. In that case, the drop off will be located at Coubertin Stadium.</p> <p>Please submit your final travel details no later than <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</p>
<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	<p>In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the Accreditation form and email the form and photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, Portrait format) to: <a href="mailto:entries@yonexifb.com">entries@yonexifb.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</p> <p>Press accreditations will be issued for journalists and photographers. Please check the official website regularly : <a href="http://www.yonexifb.com">www.yonexifb.com</a>.</p>
<b>MEDICAL FACILITIES</b>	Full medical and physiotherapy services will be provided at the Coubertin Stadium.
<b>PLAYERS LOUNGE</b>	A lounge fully dedicated to the players and the teams is available near the warm-up courts. All kind of information about the competition, accommodation, transportation, etc., will be available near this lounge.
<b>STRINGING</b>	Yonex Strings will be available free of charge for players sponsored by Yonex. Other players will have to pay a fee to benefit from this service (from 15 €).