

INVITATION

Austrian OPEN 2019

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Vienna, February 20th-23rd, 2019

part of the BEC Elite Circuit International Challenge Tournament World Ranking Tournament

PRIZE MONEY: € 21.564, - (US\$ 25.000) Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8626) of 9.8.2018 (date of issue of this invitation)!

CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 22nd, 2019

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Organiser:	Österreichischer Badminton Verband website: www.badminton.at			
Official Tournamen	Fournament phone: +43-677 619 43 7 43			
Venue:	Wiener Stadthalle – Halle B, 1150 Wien, Vogelweidplatz 14			
Referee:	Ms. Emmie Wiggins (Badminton Confederation of Africa) e-mail: <u>emmiebsato@gmail.com</u>			
Tournament- Director:	Ms. Tina Riedl e-mail: tournament@autopen.at			
Date:	February 20th- 23rd, 2019			
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	February 19th (Tuesday): February 20th (Wednesday):	8.00 p.m. Team Manager – Meeting 9.00 p.m. Umpires Meeting 9.00 a.m. Qualification - 1st and 2nd round		
	February 21st (Thursday): February 22nd (Friday):	9.00 a.m. Qualification - 3rd round Not before 11.00 a.m. Main draw - 1st round 10.00 a.m. Main draw – 2nd round 5.00 p.m. Quarterfinals		
	February 23rd (Saturday):	10.00 a.m. Semifinals 5.00 p.m. Finals		
	The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on www.autopen.at .			
Entry fees:	<u>Singles:</u> € 50 per player <u>Doubles:</u> € 45 per player/event			
	Entry fees must be paid at the tournament before the first scheduled match. If entry fees will be submitted by bank transfer it has to be "free of charge" for the organiser! The member association that enters a player into a circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. For all the players withdrawing in the time between the closing date and the beginning of the tournament the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant member association. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.			
Entries:	All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. <u>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=</u>			
	16:59 Local time for tourname 16:59 Central European time Players can not be entered ur you wish to enter players who BWF office well in advance of	t later than at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00). ent organiser (GMT +01.00) (GMT +01.00) nless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case do not have a BWF ID-number, please contact the the tournament, so that the players concerned can the closing date of the tournament.		

	Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees of a previous year.		
Events:	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draw is 32 in all events.		
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Competition:	K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and competition regulations of the BWF.		
Eligibility:	Participation is open to players of any national association recognised by the BWF.		
Shuttles:	BABOLAT 1+		
Courts:	6 "VICTOR PRO" courts (+ 4 wooden warm up courts)		
Prize money:	€ 21.640 Euro,- (US \$ 25.000,-) Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,8626) of 9.8.2018 (date of issue of this invitation)!		
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amount in €	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	1730	1730	1945	1945	1945
Runner up	1040	1040	1295	1295	1295
Semi-finalist	435	435	540	540	540
Quarter-finalist	175	175			

The prize money will be paid out in cash. No taxes will be deducted.

Closing date: January 22nd, 2019 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00) 16:59 Local time for tournament organizer (GMT +01.00) 16:59 Central European time (GMT +01.00)

World Ranking used for M&Q Report:	January 24th, 2019
M&Q release date:	January 25th, 2019
World Ranking used for seeding and draw:	January 31st, 2019

Withdrawals and

No shows:

Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, together with the reason.

Attention: Any withdrawal after the Monday 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).

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).

Last date for withdrawals without penalty: Monday, February 4th, 2019

Minimum number

of entries:

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

Draw: Will be made by Badminton Europe on February 5th, 2019

Team Managers Meeting:February 19th (Tuesday) 8.00 p.m.,Wiener Stadthalle - Halle B, 1150 Wien, Vogelweidplatz 14

Visa: If you need Visa for Austria please ask the Austrian Badminton Association for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the Visa in time. You can find the visa application form on http://www.autopen.at/downloads/

Conditions of play: The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of badminton and the competition regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the circuit instructions.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she may be penalised by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit Instructions)

- **Betting:** There will be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Player's Code of Conduct (Art. 5.2.) and will be sanctioned by BWF.
- Airport: Vienna International Airport VIE All players arriving at Vienna International Airport will be welcomed and provided public transport from/to airport to/from to railway and shuttle bus station "Westbahnhof" which is close to both official tournament hotels.

Accommodation: 1) Mercure Wien Westbahnhof **** Felberstrasse 4 1150 Vienna - AUSTRIA Contact person: Miss Barbara Heller Phone: +43 198 111 905 Fax: +43 198 111 930 E-Mail: h5368-RE@accor.com Web: http://www.mercure.com/de/hotel-5358-mercure-wienwestbahnhof/index.shtml

Room Rates

single room: 80 EURO/night (breakfast included)

double room or twin room: 94 EURO/night (breakfast included)

The hotel reservation has to be made directly at Mercure Wien Westbahnhof ****

Walking distance:

to sports hall: 800m to metro, tram and bus station: 200m to railway station and shuttle bus to Vienna International Airport: 200m

2) arte Hotel Wien ****

Wurzbachgasse 17 1150 Vienna - AUSTRIA Phone: +43-1-789-8899 E-Mail: <u>hotel@artewien.at</u> Web: <u>http://www.artewien.at</u>

Room Rates

Classic Double Room for single use: 71 EURO/night (breakfast included) POP Double Room for single use: 77 EURO/night (breakfast included) ROCK Double Room for single use: 83 EURO/night (breakfast included) ROCK Double Room for single use: 93 EURO/night (breakfast and parking included)

Classic Double/Twin Room: 86 EURO/night (breakfast included) POP Double/Twin Room: 91 EURO/night (breakfast included) ROCK Double Room: 97 EURO/night (breakfast included) ROCK Double Room: 107 EURO/night (breakfast and parking included)

Classic Triple Room for 3 people: 108 EURO/night (breakfast included) Classic Family Room for 4 people: 128 EURO/night (breakfast included)

The hotel reservation has to be made directly HERE

Walking distance:

to sports hall: 250m to metro, tram and bus station: 250m to railway station and shuttle bus to Vienna International Airport: 800m

Important remark to

Accommodation:	The hotel reservation is made independently and directly at the hotel! A specific room contingent is blocked until 29 January 2019 . For all reservations use the code "AO2019". Because of the short walking distance there will be no transfer from accommodation to the hall during the tournament.
Medical service:	A physiotherapist will be present in the sports hall during the tournament.
Drug testing:	According to Austrian law drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.
Clothing and Advertising:	In accordance with BWF General competition regulations 20-24. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

 According to the BE ELITE CIRCUIT Regulations 18.2 and 18.3:

 - The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw.

 - It is mandatory - that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw.

 Practice facilities:
 available from Tuesday, 19.02. until Saturday, 23.02.2019: Main hall: Please use the link on our webpage for court reservation. http://www.autopen.at/entries-draw/

 Practice hall (4 courts): no reservation necessary

 Insurance:
 The organizer and Badminton Europe declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to

insure himself.

Austrian Badminton Association Österreichischer Badminton Verband







