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YONEX Bulgarian International Championship

2 October 2025 – 5 October 2025

FUTURE SERIES TOURNAMENT

“part of Badminton Europe Elite Circuit”

SOFIA, BULGARIA



**ELITE
CIRCUIT**

ORGANIZER

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KEY DATES

Entry deadline: 02 September 2025 (TUESDAY 4 WEEKS BEFORE EVENT 23:59 BWF HQ-time)

World Ranking for M&Q-report: 02 September 2025 (SAME DAY AS THE ENTRY DEADLINE)

Publication of M&Q-report: 05 September 2025 (FRIDAY AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE)

World Ranking for Main draw seeding: 23 September 2025 (TUESDAY 1 WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT)

Last day for withdrawal without fine: 22 September 2025 (MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DRAW)

Date for the draw: 23 September 2025 (TUESDAY 1 WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT)

Team managers meeting: 01 October 2025 (DAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT), 8 PM, Badminton Hall "Europe"

Provisional Schedule

01 October 2024	20:00	Team managers meeting, Badminton Hall "Europe"
02 October 2024	09:00	Qualifications (starting at 09:00), R32 MD & WD (not before 18:00)
03 October 2024	09:00	R32 XD, MS, WS (starting at 09:00); R16 (all events – not before 15:00)
04 October 2024	10:00	Quarterfinals, Semifinals
05 October 2024	10:00	Finals

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website.

9.5 Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (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.

VENUE

Badminton Hall "Europe"

7 Iskarsko Shose Blvd.,

1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

REFEREE

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FORMAT

Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles

Number of players/pairs accepted for the main draw: Singles 32 and Doubles 24.

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

All badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

ENTRIES

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/DCE3E663-A39F-4096-A6F1-41A6BE65E9F7>

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 receive a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

No late entries will be accepted.

GCR 7.9: "In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."

ENTRY FEES

Singles: 50 EUROS per player

Doubles & Mixed: 40 EUROS per player for each event

CLOSING DATE

02 September 2025 at 23:59 BWF HQ-time (18:59 EEST)

PAYMENT

Bank account: Bulgarian Badminton Federation

TOKUDA BANK AD

IBAN: BG65CREX92601400202501

Swift/BIC: CREXBGSF

17.1 The Member 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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

17.2 The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

17.5 Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous years.

22.1 Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

22.2 Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member 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).

NO PRIZE MONEY

SHUTTLES

YONEX AS-50

COURTS

4 VICTOR courts

VISA

We will provide full visa assistance. Important for all players who need visa for Bulgaria. Please request immediately from Badminton Bulgaria the official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible but no later than 02 September 2025. Contact: badmintonbg@gmail.com

DRAW

The draw will be performed by Badminton Europe on 23 September 2025.

PRACTICE

The competition courts will be available for training on request on 01 October 2025 between 15:00 and 20:00 h. Courts can be booked until 26 September 2025 via e-mail to badmintonbg@gmail.com.

POINT OF ARRIVAL

Sofia Airport

TRANSPORT

Transport from airport and from hotel to venue and back will be available ONLY for teams staying in official hotels free of charge. Booking for transport from and to airport will be made together with booking accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL MARINELA SOFIA *****, 100 James Baucher Blvd.

SINGLE ROOM B/B – 105 eur. per room

DOUBLE ROOM B/B – 70 eur./per person

Hotel accommodation and all booking forms must be received in the “Zapryanov Travel” – Travel Agency:

Phone: Ilia Zapryanov: +359 878100091; Nikolay Ignatov: +359 884797237;

Dragomir Yankov: +359 887081118; e-mail: info@zapryanovtravel.com

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING – 9-th September 2025

Prices are in euro, per room/per night and are inclusive of: Hotel accommodation, Breakfast, Airport transfer, Shuttle services during the event, Local tax and VAT

Please return this form until: 9-th September 2025 to “Zapryanov Travel” by e-mail: info@zapryanovtravel.com

All payments should be made via bank transfer before arrival or upon arrival by cash. Changes and cancellations deadline: 19th September 2025.

After that term all the reservations are 100% payable.

All hotel payments to: Zapryanov Travel” – Travel Agency,

Bank details: United Bulgarian Bank; BIC: UBBSBGSF; IBAN: BG90UBBS81551086937930

CLOTHING

18.1 Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

18.2 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. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

FORCE MAJEURE

The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

WAIVER

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. Badminton Europe is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

DOPING INFORMATION

Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.

Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

BADMINTON INTEGRITY

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(es).

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>