

YONEX Estonian International 2026

Badminton Europe Elite Circuit
International Series Tournament
Prize Money 10 000 USD

Tournament date
January 8-11, 2026

Entry deadline
December 9, 2025

Invitation



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Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 December 2025 Deadline for YONEX Estonian International entries.• 9 December 2025 World Ranking date for M&Q-report• 12 December 2025 M&Q report release date• 18 December 2025 Deadline for transport bookings.• 18 December 2025 Deadline for hotel bookings.• 29 December 2025 Deadline for withdraw without penalty.• 30 December 2025 World Ranking date for seeding and draw.• 30 December 2025 Draw is conducted and published.• 2 January 2026 Deadline for booking practice courts• 7 January 2026 Team manager meeting at Kalev Sport hall		
The provisional time schedule	January 7 (Wednesday)	17:00-21:00	Practice on competition and practice courts
		20:00	Team manager meeting in the venue
		21:00	Umpires briefing in the venue
	January 8 (Thursday)	09:00	Qualification – all rounds
	January 9 (Friday)	09:00	Main draw – 1st and 2nd rounds
	January 10 (Saturday)	10:00 16:00	Quarterfinals Semi-finals
	January 11 (Sunday)	10:00	Finals Price giving ceremony after each final
	<p>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 Badminton Europe’s website.</p> <p>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.</p>		

Venue	<p>Kalev Sports Hall (Juhkentali 12, Tallinn).</p> <p>6 Yonex portable mats for tournament and 2 warm up courts and stringing service.</p> <p>An on-court doctor and physio will be present in the venue during the tournament.</p>
Shuttles	<p>Yonex AS-50</p>
Eligibility	<p>Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.</p> <p>YONEX Estonian International 2026 is exempted from the BWF Statutes, Section 5.6.1: Participation Regulations for Individual Neutral Players and Support Personnel with a Russian/Belarusian Passport. Hence, YONEX Estonian International 2026 is organized without the participation of Russian or Belarusian athletes or officials, regardless of their representation as neutral Players/Support Personnel.</p>
Condition of play	<p>The tournament will be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit Regulations. Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered.</p>

Events

Men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main single events is 32, for the main double events 32. The number of players in/from the qualification is subject to the final number of entries.

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.

Entries

All entries must be made by using the BWF online entry system.

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/615C8565-158C-4541-8452-D02FDEC1E608>

Entries must be submitted not later than **Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00).**

All participants need to have the BWF-ID

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/players/entries/>

No late entries will be accepted.

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

Entry fee

Singles: 75€ per player
Doubles: 65€ per player/event

Entry fee payment should be made in advance by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be covered by the organizer). The bank transfer information:

Account owner: Eesti Sulgpalliliit MTÜBank:
Swedbank
IBAN: EE072200221002100169
BIC: HABAE2X

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 organizers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

17.2. The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organizers 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.

Draw

Draw will be performed by Badminton Europe.

World ranking date used for M&Q report – **9 December 2025**

M&Q report release date - **12 December 2025**

World ranking date used for seeding and draws – **30 December 2025**

Draw date – **30 December 2025**

Withdrawals

22.1. Any withdrawals after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reasons 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 Competitions Regulations).

Last day of withdrawal without penalty – **29 December 2025**

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).

Practice

You can book practice courts in the venue for 07.01.2026 from 17:00 to 21:00 and 8.-11.01.2026 from 9:00-20:00.

Please use practice courts reservation form and send the filled form by **January 2nd, 2026** to the email address yei@badminton.ee

Clothing and advertising

18.1. Color, 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 color 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.

In applying these regulations, the decision of the referee shall be final.

Prize money

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	800€	800€	1000€	1000€	1000€
Runner up	450€	450€	600€	600€	600€
Semi-finalist	225€	225€	300€	300€	300€

Division of prize money 8581€ = 10 000USD (currency from September 4th, 2025: 1USD = 0.8581 EUR)

The Organizer shall pay the prize money via bank transfer on the first working day after the tournament has finished. The following account information by the players/pairs is needed: Bank name, account number, account holder name, SWIFT code. Any costs related to the bank transfer must be paid by the tournament organiser.

Income tax will be deducted:

-Foreigner players 10%

-Estonian players according to Estonian tax regulations

Official hotels

All hotels are 5-minute walk from venue.

- **Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia Tallinn**
33 Liivalaia street

Single room 89 EUR/night
Double room 95 EUR/night

Included in price: buffet breakfast; Club26 fitness center (swimming pool, gym, sauna); internet. It is possible to pay on spot and via invoice in advance. For reservation please send an email to yei@badminton.ee

- **Ibis Tallinn Center**
28 Juhkentali street

Single room 65 EUR/night
Twin room 75 EUR/night

Included in price: breakfast; internet; VAT. It is possible to pay on spot and via invoice in advance. For reservation please send an email to yei@badminton.ee

Transport	<p>Official point of arrival: Tallinn Airport.</p> <p>Transportation between airport and hotel is only provided for those teams who are staying in the official hotel and have made booking through organizers via yei@badminton.ee</p> <p>Please send arrival notice to e-mail yei@badminton.ee at the latest December 18, 2025.</p>
Cancellation of the tournament	<p>3.4 The organizing 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 organizing 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.</p> <p>3.6 Member and/or Organizer 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 Members and/or organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.</p>
Visa	<p>Please find information about applying for a Schengen visa here. Should you need a supporting letter from Badminton Estonia, please inform yei@badminton.ee</p> <p>Please allow yourself enough time to apply for a visa.</p>
Insurance	<p>The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.</p>

Doping control

During the tournament drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

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:

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