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# AZERBAIJAN INTERNATIONAL 2026

PART OF THE BADMINTON EUROPE  
ELITE CIRCUIT INTERNATIONAL  
CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

**FEBRUARY 3-8, 2026**

## ORGANIZERS

- Badminton World Federation
- Badminton Europe
- National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan
- Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan
- Azerbaijan Badminton Federation

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## VENUE

Venue: Politechnic University Sport hall  
Ayna Sultanova 13, Baku, Azerbaijan.  
Phone: +99412 492 45 59

## TOURNAMENT WEB-SITE

<https://bwfbadminton.com/tournament/5627/azerbaijan-international-2026>

## KEY DATES

**World Ranking Date for M&Q Report:** Tuesday, 6 January 2026

**Entry deadline:** Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 7:59 PM (GMT +04:00)

**M&Q Publish on BWF website:** Friday, 16 January 2026

**Withdrawal deadline:** Monday, 26 January 2026, 7:59 PM (GMT +04:00)

**World Ranking Date for Seeding and Draw:** Thursday, 27 January 2026

**Draw Date:** Tuesday, 27 January 2026

**!!! NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**

**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 single events is 32, for the main double events 24.

Compliance - 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.

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.

### **Provisional schedule:**

February 2 (Monday): 18:00 Team Manager Meeting - Dedeman park hotel  
19:00 Umpires briefing - Dedeman park hotel

<b>Day</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Time</b>
February 3 (Tuesday):	4	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	Qualifying rounds	09:00
February 4 (Wednesday)	4	MD-WD-XD	Qualifying rounds	09:00
	4	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	Main Draw	
February 5 (Thursday)	4	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	Main Draw	09:00
February 6 (Friday)	4	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	R16	10:00
February 7 (Saturday)	4	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	Quarter Finals	10:00
	2		Semi Finals	
February 8 (Sunday):	1	MS-WS-MD-WD-XD	Finals	12:00

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organizer's website.

### **ELIGIBLE TO PLAY:**

All badminton players who are eligible to play for the BWF Member Associations.  
Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

### **SYSTEM OF COMPETITION:**

K.O. System according to the laws of badminton and competition regulations of the BWF

### **SHUTTLES**

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### **COURTS**

4 YONEX courts

### **ENTRY FEE**

**Singles** – € 100 per player

**Doubles** – € 75 per player

**Available payment methods:** bank transfer and cash

Bank details for Azerbaijan Badminton Federation:

**Currency:** EUR

**BENEFICIARY:** AZARB BADMINTON FEDERASIYASI IB

**Address:** 6, Bakikhanov str., Bridge Plaza, 10th floor, Baku, AZ1065, Azerbaijan

**BANK NAME:** Kapital Bank (OJSC), Central Branch, Baku, Azerbaijan

**SWIFT CODE:** AIIBAZZ2X

**Account number:** AZ33AIIB40190019780018565102

Note: 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.

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. Entries can be done by using the BWF Online Entry System: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/1A8E447A-C681-4881-AE97-2FD75E46792A>

## WITHDRAWALS

Any withdrawal after the January 26, 2026, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of 150 USD for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in the 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).

## VISA

Participants and officials must apply for an e-visa online on: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>

List of e-visa eligible countries: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>

Visa arrangement can be made at the Heydar Aliyev International Airport **only** for visitors from countries that does not have Azerbaijan Embassy and does not support e-visa system. To obtain the visa on arrival, Member Associations must send the passport scan (has to be in JPEG, JPG, PNG format and the size must not exceed 5 MB) of their players and officials to [advisor@badmintonazerbaijan.com](mailto:advisor@badmintonazerbaijan.com) by January 25, 2026. National badminton federations have to send official letter about all participants from their county including players, coaches, journalists and etc.

## DRAW

The draw will be made in accordance with the BWF Regulations on the January 27, 2026.

## REFEREE

Mr. Jochen Heumos, Netherlands (E-mail: [jochen.heumos@web.de](mailto:jochen.heumos@web.de))

## DEPUTY REFEREE

Mrs. Maryam Validarvi, Azerbaijan (E-mail: [sportmanager@badmintonazerbaijan.com](mailto:sportmanager@badmintonazerbaijan.com))

## TRANSPORTATION

Point of arrival: Transportation will be provided from the Heydar Aliyev International Airport Shuttle bus service will be provided between official hotels and the venue.

***Only for participants that ordered an accommodation in the official hotels.***

Please fill in the travel request form, no later than 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## PRIZE MONEY – 20 000 USD

RANK	MS	WS	MD (Per Pair)	WD (Per Pair)	XD (Per Pair)
<b>WINNER</b>	1600	1600	1800	1800	1800
<b>Runner up</b>	960	960	1200	1200	1200
<b>Semi</b>	400	400	500	500	500
<b>Semi</b>	400	400	500	500	500
<b>Quarter</b>	160	160			
<b>Quarter</b>	160	160			
<b>Quarter</b>	160	160			
<b>Quarter</b>	160	160			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>

The organizers will pay the prize money in cash during the closing ceremony.

No taxes will be deducted.

## HOTEL RESERVATION

**Must be ordered not later than 20 January, 2026 at 12 PM**

For hotel reservations, please send the General Request Form to [tourmanager@hisstour.com](mailto:tourmanager@hisstour.com) (please cc: [advisor@badmintonazerbaijan.com](mailto:advisor@badmintonazerbaijan.com)). The form must include all information, including arrival/departure and etc. details. General Request Forms and hotel reservations will be processed in the order received.

After booking a invoice will be sent for the full amount, this have to be paid before the booking deadline, to confirm the booking. In case of no show and late cancellation, 90% of the room rate for all rooms and the entire stay will be charged. In the case of lack vacancy, an adequate hotel will be offered.

Reservation through: [tourmanager@hisstour.com](mailto:tourmanager@hisstour.com)

## OFFICIAL HOTELS

**Sheraton Baku Intourist - 5 stars hotel**

Distance / Transfer / Walk from hotel to hall - 1.1 km / 2 min / 9 min

Single room – 180 USD / night

Double/Twin room – 200 USD / night

**Park Dedeman Baku - 4 stars hotel**

Distance / Transfer / Walk from hotel to hall - 3.1 km / 5 min / 19 min

Single room – 120 USD / night

Double/Twin room – 140 USD / night

Triple room – 160 USD / night

**Golden Coast - 4 stars hotel**

Distance / Transfer / Walk from hotel to hall - 2.8 km / 4 min / 20 min

Single room – 120 USD / night

Double/Twin room – 140 USD / night

Triple room – 160 USD / night

**\*Prices per room, per night including breakfast and local taxes.**

**PAYMENTS**

All accommodation payments shall be made via the official agency Hiss Tour and not directly to the hotels. **Payment must be done not later than January 30, 2026 at 12 PM.** Available payment method for official hotels: bank transfer

**Bank transfer details:**

**Currency:** EUR

**BENEFICIARY:** "HISS TOUR" LLC

**Address:** AZ1000, Baku City, Sabail District, Neftchilar Avenue, building 87, apartment 19

**BANK NAME:** Kapital Bank (OJSC), Central Branch, Baku, Azerbaijan

**SWIFT CODE:** AIIBAZZ2X

**Account number:** AZ66AIIB401600K8407238721102

**INSURANCE**

The organizers will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in this Championship. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.

All players and officials are recommended to review their insurance cover and ensure that it meets your current requirements.

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.

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**

On courts doctors and physiotherapist will be available during the tournament and further information will be provided at the team managers meeting.

## **FURTHER PROVISION**

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 will 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.

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.

## **MEDIA INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS**

It is essential that we do all we can to secure maximum publicity for our sport, and It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to BWF Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes 5.3.6) for further details.

It is expected that Member Associations will help facilitate, but not be limited to, Autograph Signings and Player Appearances for fans attending the Championships.

The Championships will work closely with Member Associations, in accordance with BWF Regulations, in order to achieve this. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being applied.

Media Accreditation: Any Media wishing to attend the Championships should apply through Mr. Kanan Hakimov at email ([kanan.hakimov@gmail.com](mailto:kanan.hakimov@gmail.com)), no later than January 20, 2026.

## CLOTHING

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colors for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.

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.

## PRACTICE FACILITIES:

### Tournament Hall

Available date: February 02, 2026

Available time: 10:00 – 20:00

Available courts: 4 courts

Location: Politechnic University Sport Hall (Address: Ayna Sultanova 13, Baku, Azerbaijan)

Reservation: please use **Court Request Form** for court reservation.

### Practice Hall

Available date: February 02, 2026. From 3<sup>rd</sup> onwards only available for active players

Available time: 10:00 – 20:00

Available courts: 5 courts

Location: Sport Lyceum №1 (Address: 133, Mahsati Ganjavi street, Nizami district)

Reservation: no reservation necessary

## 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 and Code of Conduct for Coaches & Officials and will be sanctioned by BWF.

### 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/>

#### Doping Control

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/>