



## INVITATION

### Polish Open 2026 International Challenge by Yonex ŁÓDŹ

#### *Organized by*

Polish Badminton Association

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026

The event is part of the BEC Elite Circuit  
International Challenge Tournament  
and a World Ranking Tournament

#### OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT Information

[www.PZBad.pl](http://www.PZBad.pl)

#### BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT

#### Regulations

##### *1. Definition*

*1.1. All International Challenge, International Series and Future Series tournaments in Europe which are accepted by Badminton Europe and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) must be part of the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Elite Circuit.*

##### *2. Description*

*2.1. The BEC Elite Circuit is a series of international tournaments open to all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members. Players from European Members earn points for the BEC Elite Circuit Ranking according to the classification of the tournaments which is in accordance with the BWF World Ranking system.*

*2.2. BEC Elite Circuit tournaments are BWF World Ranking tournaments.*

**Conditions of play:** The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and the BWF General Competition Regulations adopted as well as the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

## ORGANIZER

### **Polish Badminton Association**

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## KEY DATES

**Entry deadline:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 4:59 PM (GMT +02:00)

**World Ranking date for M&Q-report:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**Date for publication of M&Q-report:** Friday, February 20, 2026

**World Ranking date for seeding/draw:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Withdrawal deadline:** Monday, March 9, 2026, 11:59 PM (GMT +02:00)

**Date for the draw:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Date, time and location for the team managers meeting:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

8:00 PM (GMT +02:00) at the venue.

Players cannot be entered without BWF ID-number. If a Member wishes to register 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 get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

**No late entries will be accepted.**

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Day 1 Qualification	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 2 Qualification:	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 3 Main Draw: R1 +R2 all events	Time: 9:00 – 21:00
Day 4 QF + SF	Time: QF 9:00 and SF 16:00
Day 5 Finals	Time: 9:00

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#### *9. Conditions for tournaments and players taking part in the BEC Elite Circuit*

*The provisional schedule can change subject to the number of entries and subject to the approval of the referee and the Chairman of the Badminton Europe Circuits Commission.*

*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. Such a final*

frame schedule cannot change unless special circumstances arise and the referee and the Chairman of the Badminton Europe Circuits Commission approve such a change.

*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

**Hall name:** Hala Sportowa Mosir-Łódź  
**Address:** Małachowskiego 5; 90-160 Łódź

## REFEREES

Referee: Eva Havlova (CZE)  
Contact: [ewsonek.husarova@gmail.com](mailto:ewsonek.husarova@gmail.com)  
Deputy Referee: Marek Krawczyk (POL)  
Contact: marekkrawczyk.bad@gmail.com

## FORMAT:

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 for Men's Singles, Women's Singles and 24 for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

**System of the Competition:** K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and BWF General Competition Regulations.

**Eligibility:** Participation is open to players of any national association recognized by the BWF.

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*3.3. 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/C6292EA7-0C6B-425D-8680-C453D43309E0>

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.

Compliance with 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 FEES

- Singles: € 85,- per player
- Doubles: € 70,- per player/event

### Payment requirements

The entry fees have to be transferred before **12 of March** following an invoice sent with all bank details included.

Account no: **38109010140000000135963276**

IBAN: **PL38109010140000000135963276**

SWIFT: **WBKPPLPP**

Bank details **Santander Bank Polska S.A.**

## *BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT Regulations*

### *17. Entry fees*

*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.*

*17.3 The invoice for entry fees must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organisers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe. All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to Badminton Europe by a tournament organiser following the above-mentioned procedure, shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.*

*17.4 If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand. After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organizers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. (...)*

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

### **WITHDRAWALS & NO SHOWS**

Please be aware that the organizer must be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

*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).*

### **PRIZE MONEY      US\$ 20.000,00**

	<b>MS</b>	<b>WS</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>XD</b>
<b>Winner</b>	\$ 1600	\$ 1600	\$ 1800	\$ 1800	\$ 1800
<b>Runner up</b>	\$ 960	\$ 960	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 1200
<b>Semi-finalist</b>	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
<b>Quarter-finalist</b>	\$ 160	\$ 160			

For all players winning prize money, a 10% tax will be deducted.

The Organizer will pay the prize money in cash. Prize money will be paid after each final has concluded (except from semi-finalists and MS and WS quarter-finalists – then after respective games).

### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

**Shuttles:** Yonex AS-50

**Courts:** Yonex

### **VISA**

Important for all players who need visa for Poland. Please request immediately from Polish Badminton Association an official INVITATION LETTER and apply as soon as possible, but not later till February, 28<sup>th</sup>      e-mail: [events@pzbud.pl](mailto:events@pzbud.pl)

## ***PRACTICE FACILITIES***

### **Venue**

Courts will be available in the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> March and before start of every tournament day.

The hall booking schedule will be published on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Reservations can be done via [events@pzbud.pl](mailto:events@pzbud.pl) till 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## ***POINT OF ARRIVAL***

The organizer provides transfers to and from official hotels:

- Łódź Airport (LOD) - Free of charge
- Łódź Railway Station - Free of charge

Transport from Warsaw Airport ( ONLY CHOPIN AIRPORT) - Will be planned 2 or 3 trips per day - 25 Euro per person

## ***TRANSPORT***

- Transfers from Łódź Airport to and from official hotels will be available at previously designated hours free of charge and after request only for those staying in official hotels.
- No dedicated free transfers for single players or teams.
- All transfers will be confirmed by the tournament officer
- Shuttle buses between the venue and the official hotels will be provided free of charge. The shuttle bus will run according to a time schedule.

## ***ACCREDITATION***

Accreditation will be available for all team members free of charge.

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Citi Hotel's Łódź**  
**Łódź Przybyszewskiego str 99,**

<b>2 persons room with breakfast</b>	<b>85 EUR per room/night</b>
<b>1 person room with breakfast</b>	<b>75 EUR per room/night</b>



<b>New two years hotel , 5 km from venue</b>	

Please send your accommodation form no later than 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Check out at 12:00, no check-out by 12:00

Payments should be done via bank transfer according to deadline confirmed on pro forma invoice.

## **CLOTHING**

### *BADMINTON EUROPE ELITE CIRCUIT Regulations*

*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 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/>

## 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/>