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YONEX WELSH INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2026

Thursday 26th November - Sunday 29th November 2026
Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9SW

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit
BEC Elite Circuit Prize Money | $10,000

Organiser	**Badminton Wales** Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Close, Cardiff Wales CF11 9SW Website: https://www.badminton.wales/
Contact Details	Badminton Wales Email | majorevents@badminton.wales Phone Number | +44 2920 334 938
Tournament Website	https://www.badminton.wales/welsh-international
Tournament Information Sportity App	All tournament information will be shared using the Sportity App Password | WINT
Tournament Venue	**Sport Wales National Centre** Address | Sophia Close, Cardiff, Wales, CF11 9SW Phone Number | +44 300 300 3123 Website | https://www.sport.wales/
Referee	**Ross Blyth (ENG)** Email | ross.a.blyth@gmail.com
Deputy Referee	**Stephen Temple (WAL)** Email | stephen.temple0864@gmail.com

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Tournament Grade	International Series
Key Dates	Entry deadline | Tuesday 27th October, 23:59 BWF HQ-Time World ranking date for M&Q report | Tuesday 27th October Publish M&Q report | Friday 30th October World ranking date for seeding & draw | Tuesday 17th November Last date to withdraw without penalty | Monday 16th November Draw date | Tuesday 17th November Team Manager's meeting | Wednesday 25th November (SWNC, Taff Suite 2, 19:00-20:00) Event Schedule | Thursday 26th November from 9am - Qualification in all events Friday 27th November from 9am - Round 1 & 2 of Main Draw Saturday 28th November from 10am - Quarter Finals Saturday 28th November from 3pm (approx) - Semi Finals Sunday 29th November From 10am - 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 Badminton Europe's website.
Events	• Men's Singles • Women's Singles • Men's Doubles • Women's Doubles • Mixed Doubles 32 players will be accepted into the main draws of the Men's Singles and Women's Singles events. 24 pairs will be accepted into the main draws of the Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Double's events.

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Events	All events will be played using a knockout system in accordance with the laws of badminton and General Competition Regulations of the BWF. 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.
Conditions of play	The tournament shall be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF, regulations of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit and Badminton Wales (BW) including the prohibition of doping for which tests may be carried out.

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Conditions of play	In summary these are | • The draw will be seeded in accordance with the regulations of the BWF. • Badminton Europe will make the draw. • The period for knocking-up before any match shall not exceed two minutes. • All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered; failure to do so may result in the players disqualification. • 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 (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit Regulations).
Shuttles	YONEX AS-50
Competition courts	5 Victor court mats
Practice courts	**Jubilee Hall- 2nd floor, SWNC** Five practice courts will be available in the Jubilee Hall. The practice courts cannot be pre-booked but will operate on a first come, first served basis. The five practice courts will be available as follows | 12pm- 10pm - Wednesday 25th November 9am - 10pm - Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th November 9am- until the start of the last final - Sunday 29th November We will put an update on the Sportity App to let people know if the Main Arena competition courts will be available for practice on the evening of Wednesday 25th November.

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Clothing and Advertising 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 times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.
Entry System	All entries must be made using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 27th October 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT + 8hrs) Please Enter Here No late entries will be accepted. BWF 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: £70 Doubles: £60 per player Cheques/Banker's Drafts in pounds sterling, should be made payable to **Welsh Badminton Union Ltd.** Badminton Wales will not be responsible for any bank charges incurred.

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Entry Fees	Please note that should BW receive payment which has incurred a charge and therefore doesn't cover the full cost, BW will invoice for the difference or ask the players for the remainder of the amount at the tournament. This should be paid prior to the players first match. 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 the 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.
Payment Information	Account No | 02 52 91 77 Sort Code | 30-96-91 Lloyds TSB. Queen Street, Cardiff. IBAN: GB04 LOYD 3096 9102 52977 SWIFT/BIC: LOYDGB 21217 Badminton Wales, Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Close, Cardiff, CF11 9SW
Withdrawals and 'No Shows'	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). 22.2Any 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).

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<tr><td>Visas</td><td>Players who require a Visa to enter the UK should complete the attached form requesting an official letter from Badminton Wales | https://forms.office.com/e/fQSb9PW9Ur

After entering one or more players in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed.
Members must make sure that visa applications are made early enough.
This should be done immediately after the entry is submitted.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prize Money</td><td>Total Prize Money $10,000
<table><tr><th></th><th>MS</th><th>WS</th><th>MD</th><th>WD</th><th>XD</th></tr><tr><td>Winner</td><td>$800</td><td>$800</td><td>$1000</td><td>$1000</td><td>$1000</td></tr><tr><td>Runner Up</td><td>$450</td><td>$450</td><td>$600</td><td>$600</td><td>$600</td></tr><tr><td>Semi-finalist</td><td>$225</td><td>$225</td><td>$300</td><td>$300</td><td>$300</td></tr></table>Prize money will be paid in cash and handed to the players after their last match. No taxes will be deducted.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Transport</td><td>Badminton Wales will organise airport transfers from Cardiff Airport via FlightLink. Please use the below form/s to book your airport transfers |
Inbound (Arrival) Airport Transfer Booking Form- https://flightlinkwales.com/badminton/
Outbound (Departure) Airport Transfer Booking Form- https://flightlinkwales.com/badminton-return/

Players travelling into Bristol Airport should use public transport to get to Cardiff https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/airports/bristol
The drop off point for the Bristol Airport to Cardiff bus is adjacent to the Sport Wales National Centre. The official hotel is within walking distance of the Sport Wales National Centre & Cardiff bus station.</td></tr>
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Accommodation	**Official Hotel |** The Holiday Inn, Castle St, Cardiff CF10 1XD Room Rates | Single Room- £112 bed and breakfast Double or Twin Room- £130 bed and breakfast Reservations for the hotel should be made by contacting | Email | badminton@crememk.co.uk Phone | +44 7936 036740 You should make payment to Crème Conferences for your accommodation.
Badminton Integrity	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: 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: Anti Doping Overview
Insurance	The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is the individual's responsibility to insure themselves. BEC Elite Circuit Regulation 3.6 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 Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

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Tournament Cancellation policy	BEC Elite Circuit Regulation 3.4 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.

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