

**To: Member Associations
Continental Confederations**

**Cc: Referee
Council**

Subject: BWF World Senior Championships

**From: Peter Tarcala
Chair
Events Committee**

Following on the eight successful World Senior Championships, the Badminton World Federation would like to invite you to compete in the ninth edition of the tournament, the BWF World Senior Championships 2019 to be held **from Sunday 04 – Sunday 11 August 2019** in Spodek Arena, city of Katowice, Poland. Please find attached the following documents for your attention:

- Invitation letter
- Hotel Booking and other various forms linked in this letter

For more information and if you have any queries, please either contacts the BWF Secretariat headquarters or our host contact person: Wojciech Palikij wojciech.palikij@katowice2019.com

Thank you

Best regards



Peter Tarcala
Chair
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BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

INVITES entries to the

BWF WORLD SENIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
to be organised on behalf of BWF by the Polish Badminton Association
in the city of Katowice, Poland

Event	BWF World Senior Championships	
Dates	04 – 11 August 2019	
Venue	Spodek Arena, Katowice, Poland	
Host Organisers	<p>Polish Badminton Association, ul. Stawki 40, 01-040 Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>President: Marek Krajewski Contact Person: Wojciech Palikij (Tournament Director) Phone: +48 793660393 http://www.katowice2019.com Contact via email: wojciech.palikij@katowice2019.com</p> <p>Local Host: TKKF Czarni Katowice Contact person: Bartosz Kilijański email: office@katowice2019.com</p>	
Age Groups	Age Groups	Year Born or earlier
	+35	1983
	+40	1978
	+45	1973
	+50	1968
	+55	1963
	+60	1958
	+65	1953
	+70	1948
	+75	1943
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players should have reached the relevant age by January 1st of the year in which the tournament is held. • Therefore for a player to play in an age category, +35 to +75, they need to have been born in or before the year shown in the chart above. 	

<p>Draw sizes in Group play</p>	<p>All draws where the number of entries are more than 16 will be played on a knock out basis.</p> <p>Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played on a league format based on the following distribution:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 439 1369 696"> <thead> <tr> <th>No. of entries</th> <th>No. of Groups</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – 5</td> <td>1</td> <td>No knock-out stage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 – 10</td> <td>2</td> <td>top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 4 entries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 – 16</td> <td>4</td> <td>top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 8 entries</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: if there are less than four entries in an event of any age group, the right is reserved to cancel that event. In such case, the players who have entered in that cancelled event will be eligible to enter in the same event in lower age group, provided there are entry spaces available.</p> <p>The Committee of Management reserves the right to modify the above playing.</p>	No. of entries	No. of Groups	Remarks	1 – 5	1	No knock-out stage	6 – 10	2	top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 4 entries	11 – 16	4	top two players in each group qualify for a knock out stage draw of 8 entries
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<p>Entries</p>	<p>Each Member Association shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in level doubles events and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Singles – 4 males + 4 females 2. Doubles – 8 males + 8 females 3. Mixed – 4 males + 4 females <p>A player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age groups. E.g. a male player eligible in 45+ age category, can enter in 45+ Men's Singles, then he will not be eligible to play in Men's Singles event in any other age group.</p> <p>Note: Passports will be checked against date of birth in BWF headquarters and also by the Referees at the venue against the original copy of Passport. Please forward a copy of the passport to Thevagi - t.suppiah@bwfbadminton.org or Shan - s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy to v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p> <p>Online Entry</p>												

	<p>All entries must be submitted via Member Associations in the online entry system. Closing Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (GMT +08.00)</p> <p>Member Associations are advise to log in into online entry system link for BWF World Senior Championships 2019: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=14365F9A-47BD-4106-912D-0D0BE6E6370A and submit the entries online.</p> <p>Please ensure to submit your entries in ranking order to ensure your players are correctly separated in the draw.</p> <p>You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: Please contact R. Shanmugam s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy to v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p> <p>Players must possess BWF ID numbers to submit their online entries. Players without BWF ID numbers are requested to contact your National Association to obtain BWF ID Numbers through online ID system.</p> <p>In the online entry system, players CANNOT make a request as "Partner Wanted". Players who are keen to partner a player from different Member Association in the doubles event are requested to contact their Member Association sufficiently in advance for approval before the closing date.</p> <p>Entries will not be accepted if a Member Association's 2019 subscription has not been paid or their National Association is suspended by BWF.</p>
<p>Clothing Regulations</p>	<p>General Competition Regulations 20 to 24 and 5.3.7 Summary of GCR 21 & 23 – clothing will be applicable, as appropriate.</p> <p>It is mandatory that all players must adhere to the clothing regulations. Failing to meet the clothing regulations will be liable to a fine as per regulations.</p>
<p>Ethics</p>	<p>Please refer to regulations "Ethics - Section 2.3 – 2.5" on BWF website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3 Anti-Doping Regulations • 2.4 Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results • Table of Offences and Penalties – Updated 30 November 2018

<p>Withdrawals</p>	<p>Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, automatically renders the Member Association concerned liable to a fine of USD 250 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.</p> <p>Last date for withdrawal without penalty – Monday, 15 July 2019 BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (GMT +08.00).</p>
<p>Substitutions</p>	<p>After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player, who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in section 5.2.1. Clause 7 are respected.</p> <p>Substitutions are allowed to be made until the end of the Team Managers' Meeting for normal withdrawals, and in events that have not already started (for those players who suffer an on-court injury in another event).</p>
<p>Shuttlecocks</p>	<p>BWF approved (3) Speeds will be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice shuttlecocks can be purchased at the secretariat office • The altitude of Katowice is 266 m above sea level
<p>Technical Officials</p>	<p>Referee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girish Natu Email: girishnatu@gmail.com <p>Deputy Referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zahra Rahmati Haghnejad Email: zahrarhag@yahoo.com • Jeff Bell Email: jbelle@badmintonalberta.ca <p>BWF Medical On-court Doctors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wojciech Ossowski (POL) • Dr. Vikram Sharma (IND) • TBC
<p>Accommodation Hotel information</p>	<p>Accommodation details available at tournament website: www.katowice2019.com and internal transport is provided from all the official hotels listed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All prices include breakfast. Any extras such as purchases from the minibar etc. are paid directly to the hotel. • If you have questions about hotels please write to: hotels@katowice2019.com • Last date to fill in the hotel reservation is Sunday 18 June 2019. For cancellation see terms and conditions on the website.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment should be made based on the order form received at the time of booking. <p>Here is the form: http://katowice2019.com/general-form/</p>
<p>Transport</p>	<p>Airport transfers from Katowice International Airport and Krakow International Airport will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament who have booked an official hotel through the organisers. You are required to kindly let the hosts know your travel details in the registration form provided, which should reach the organisers at the e-mail address: transport@katowice2019.com with a copy to BWF at v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p> <p>This should be sent to the organizers before the date Wednesday 5 July 2019 specified in the form, to enable them to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Here is the form: http://katowice2019.com/general-form/</p> <p>Transport from the Official Hotels to the Venue will also be provided.</p> <p>Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition or have not made a hotel booking through the organisers, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport and to the venue.</p> <p>Contact person: Bartosz Kilijański email: office@katowice2019.com</p>
<p>Visa</p>	<p>Contingents requiring visa for entry into Poland, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable the organisers to send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The visa application form is available on the website: www.katowice2019.com/visas-form , so as to reach the organisers before the date specified in the form.</p> <p>You must apply for your visa at least 20 working days (Friday 5 July 2019) before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed.</p> <p>Please note, the letter of invitation the organisers provide does not guarantee granting of visa and / or entry into Poland and the final decision is made by the Polish Embassy in your country or nearby Polish consulates. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa sufficiently in advance. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt directly with the Embassy Official who is dealing with your application.</p>

	<p>The organisers accept no responsibility nor are liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or difficulties because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.</p> <p>Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your Association</p> <p>Please provide the Full Name, Date of Birth and Passport Number (as shown on passport) and Date of issue, Place of issue and Date of expiry for players and officials on the visa form and to the following address: Contact person details: Ireneusz Górnio visa@katowice2019.com and copy Thevagi Suppiah t.suppiah@bwfbadminton.org and Venu Mahalingam v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org</p>														
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<p>Physio</p>	<p>The physio services will be available at the venue with prior appointment. Host will provide two hour of free physio services for players each day.</p>														
<p>Team managers Meeting</p>	<p>Date: Saturday 3 August 2019 Time: 2.00 pm Venue: At conference room at venue congress centre</p> <p>As per BWF Regulations, the Team must be represented in the Managers' Meeting. Member Associations must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.</p> <p><i>"It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers' meeting. Failing to attend the meeting they are liable to be fined as per regulations (Refer BWF Statutes Section 2.5) "Table of Offences and Penalties". Member Associations can make a request to someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee is informed in advance that is acceptable"</i></p>														
<p>Outline schedule Subject to change and the final schedule to be approved by the Referee</p>	<p>Tentative PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 1751 1369 2007"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Rounds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sunday 04 August</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 05 August</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 06 August</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 07 August</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 08 August</td> <td>Preliminary rounds all categories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 09 August</td> <td>Quarter Finals all categories</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Rounds	Sunday 04 August	Preliminary rounds all categories	Monday 05 August	Preliminary rounds all categories	Tuesday 06 August	Preliminary rounds all categories	Wednesday 07 August	Preliminary rounds all categories	Thursday 08 August	Preliminary rounds all categories	Friday 09 August	Quarter Finals all categories
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	Sunday 11 August	Finals all categories						
Key dates	<p>Tuesday 18 June 2019 BWF World Senior Championships entries close Midnight BWF Headquarters time. (0800hours GMT)</p> <p>Friday 5 July 2019 Publish Seeding</p> <p>Monday 15 July 2019 Last date for withdrawals without penalty Submission of team managers nomination form</p> <p>Wednesday 17 July 2019 Draw at BWF Headquarters</p> <p>Saturday 03 August 2019 Team Managers' meeting Time: 2.00 p.m. Venue: at conference room at the Spodex venue</p> <p>Technical officials meeting Time: 4.00 p.m. Venue : At conference room at the Spodex venue</p>							
	Sunday 04 – Sunday 11 August 2019 Competition starts							
Practice Courts	<p>Practice courts for players will be made available 3rd August at the main venue time 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.</p> <p>Practice courts available from 8.30 am – 9.00pm on 3 and 11 August on practice venues.</p>							
Welcome and Farewell party	<p>Welcome party – TBC Farewell party – TBC</p>							
Entry Fees	<p>Entry fee per person: One event USD120 and Two or Three events USD150.</p> <p>The organizer provides a T-shirt and gifts for all players who have registered.</p> <p>All entry fees must be paid to the organisers by:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name of Beneficiary</td> <td>Klub TKKF Czarni</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address of Beneficiary</td> <td>ul. Radosna 35 C, 40-472 Katowice, Poland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Name</td> <td>ING Bank Śląski</td> </tr> </table>		Name of Beneficiary	Klub TKKF Czarni	Address of Beneficiary	ul. Radosna 35 C, 40-472 Katowice, Poland	Bank Name	ING Bank Śląski
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	Bank Branch Address	ul. Sokolska 34, 40-092 Katowice, Poland
	Bank Account No (USD)	PL 69 1050 1214 1000 0090 8053 7369
	SWIFT CODE	INGBPLPW
Medals	All medals will be suitably inscribed by the BWF:	
	Winners	
	Runners-up	
	Semi- finalist	
Medical insurance (optional)	Players and officials are advised to have own medical insurance policy to cover their own medical expenses. The organisers will not be responsible any medical cost.	
Grant	The BWF will not be offering any financial assistance to compete in this competition.	
Regulations	<p>BWF Statues, Section 5.2.1: Major Events Tournaments Regulations Table Section 5.3.2 Timelines for Tournament and Chapter 2 – Ethics - Section 2.3 – 2.5 On BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/</p>	
Indemnity and Insurance	<p>By sending the entry for the tournament the participating association and its nominated competitors/officials signify acceptance to the indemnity and to not hold the organizing committee accountable for and / or to have any recourse against any costs, penalties, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament or for non-granting of visa to India.</p> <p>The organiser will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his / her participation in these championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical tests and / or treatment (including but not limited to any form of surgical procedure) and / or hospitalisation shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.</p> <p>Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the appropriate and adequate insurance coverage to meet their current requirements.</p>	

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