



54th Portuguese International Championships

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

International Series Tournament

Caldas da Rainha, 7 – 10 March 2019

INVITATION

ORGANIZER: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

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VENUE: High Performance Center for Badminton (Av. Vasco da Gama, Caldas da Rainha)

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:

Thursday, 7 March 2019

Qualification (9.00 - start depends on the number of entries)

Friday, 8 March 2019

9.00 – First and second round

Saturday, 9 March 2019

09.30 - Quarter finals

16.00 - Semi finals

Sunday, 10 March 2019

10.00 - Finals

The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website. All times are provisional and are subject to change due to the number of entries and to the referee's approval.

ENTRY DEADLINE: 5 February 2019

RANKING DATE (used for M&Q report): 7 February 2019

M & Q RELEASE DATE: 8 February 2019

RANKING DATE (used for seeding and draws): 14 February 2019

DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT PENALTY: 18 February 2019

DRAW DATE: The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on 19 February 2019

DATE FOR TEAM MANAGERS MEETING: 6th March 2019 – 20h at the venue

ELIGIBILITY:

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Member Associations.

ENTRIES:

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=BB21DE20-7675-4401-AD16-485FEAD06DC2>

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 23.59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)**.

Players can not 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 get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

No late entries will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES:

Singles - 45€ per player; Doubles – 40€ per player/event.

The Member Association that enters a player into a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees are advised to be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.

The entry fees become due if a player/pair is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal for any reason whatsoever.

PRIZE MONEY:

8805€ (10 000USD * 0.878928 = 8790.00€ - Considering 21.November.2018 exchange rate):

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	880	880	1060	1060	1060
Runner up	480	480	615	615	615
Semi-finalist	265	265	amounts in €		

No taxes will be deducted.

EVENTS:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The numbers of players/pairs accepted for the main events are 32 in Singles and 24 in Doubles.

It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e actual competitors and not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

In accordance with regulation 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association. If an event does not contain at least one entry from a Member Association other than the hosting Association, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

BADMINTON EUROPE or the organizer are 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.

WITHDRAWALS AND NO SHOWS:

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

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of USD150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in 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 USD500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Cristal Caldas* (Address: Rua António Sérgio, 31 – Caldas da Rainha)**

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€
Triple room	85€

Caldas Internacional Hotel* (Address: Rua Dr Artur Figueiroa Rêgo nº 45 – Caldas da Rainha)**

(Prices per room / night – Bed & Breakfast):

	Bed & Breakfast
Single room	50€
Double room	70€

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited. Please send the accommodation requests until 20 February 2019 using the official form. After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels.

Reservations should be paid by bank transfer, using the bank details below, until 20 February 2019.

TRANSPORT:

Transport will be provided free of charge between Lisbon International Airport and Caldas da Rainha (80 km) **only** for participants who booked hotel through the organization. In order to guarantee transport, the relevant information (arrival date, hour and flight) should reach the organizers until 20 February 2019.

Participants who don't book hotel through the organization may request airport transport, but it will have a cost of 60€ per person (both ways).

Transport between the official hotels and the hall will also be provided free of charge during the tournament.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted under the BWF Competition Regulations and in accordance with the Regulations of the European Badminton Circuit.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

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.

CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

In accordance with BWF competition regulations 20-24 and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 18. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw. - A player failing to wear the name on the back of his/her shirt when mandatory shall be penalised by an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

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.

SHUTTLES:

Snowpeak Superior C1101

COURTS:

5 Yonex courts (+2 warm up courts in a separate hall in the same venue).

PRACTISE COURTS

Can be booked on Wednesday 6th March between 14:00-20:00 (5 courts). You can book 1 hour per court (etc 14:00 – 15:00). The practise courts will be the competition courts. Please send your requests to events@fpbadminton.pt.

DRUG TESTING:

According to Portuguese law Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

INSURANCE:

The organizer and Badminton Europe declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant purchases a proper insurance (regulation 3.6 of BEC Elite Circuit regulations).

The organising Member Association 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 Association 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.

VISA:

If you need Visa to enter Portugal, after entering your players, please ask the organizer for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the VISA in time.

BETTING

There may 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 (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4.) and Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials (BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.6) and will be sanctioned by BWF.

PAYMENTS:

We would appreciate if you can make your payments (entry fees and accommodation) in advance, by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be accepted by the organization):

Name: Federação Portuguesa de Badminton
Bank: Crédito Agrícola
Address: Caldas da Rainha, Portugal
Account IBAN: PT50004551304023129431752
Bank SWIFT CODE: CCCMPTPL