



**ELITE
CIRCUIT**

61st Portugal International Championships 2026

**Badminton Europe Elite Circuit
International Series Tournament**

Prize Money: 10 000USD

**March 4th to March 8th, 2026
Caldas da Rainha, Portugal**

INVITATION

ORGANIZER

Federação Portuguesa de Badminton

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VENUE

Badminton High Performance Sports Centre – Joaquim Lopes

Address: Av. Vasco da Gama N.º1, Caldas da Rainha, Portugal

WEBSITE <https://fpbadminton.pt/61st-portugal-international-championships-2026/>

REFEREE TBC

DEPUTY REFEREE Susana Maldonado (Portugal) – Email: susanamaldonado@netcabo.pt

KEY DATES

Tournament Dates	
Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:59 PM GMT
Publish M/Q List:	Friday, February 6, 2026
Seeding Date:	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty:	Monday, February 23, 2026 11:59 PM GMT
Draw Date:	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Team manager meeting:	Tuesday, March 3, 2026 08:00 PM

Tournament Organisation Deadlines		
Visa request deadline:	Tuesday, February 3, 2026	https://shorturl.at/ts0YL
Accommodation deadline:	Sunday, February 8, 2026	https://shorturl.at/6KuEY
Transport deadline	Sunday, February 8, 2026	https://shorturl.at/6yoaV
Practice form request deadline:	Sunday, February 22, 2026	https://shorturl.at/N9hgx
Payments (entry fees, accommodation, transport)	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4, 2026, 9:00 AM – Qualification MS & WS (1st and 2nd round)

Thursday 5, 2026, 9:00 AM - Qualification (all rounds)

Friday 6, 2026, 9:00 AM – Round 32

Saturday 7, 2026, 9:00 AM – Round 16 & Quarter-finals at 4:00 PM

Sunday 8, 2026 9:00 AM – Semi-finals and Finals at 1:00 PM

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.

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.

FORMAT

Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles

Number of players/pairs accepted for the main draw: Singles 32 and Doubles 24.

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

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

All badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

ENTRIES

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

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/CA2271FA-E9DD-4D4C-A305-F0EA6B476AAB>

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 get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:59 PM GMT.

No late entries will be accepted.

GCR 7.9: *"In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned its reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."*

ENTRY FEES

Singles - 60€ per player

Doubles – 50€ per player/event

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:59 PM GMT

DRAW DATE

The draw will be performed by Badminton Europe: Tuesday, February 24, 2026. KO format

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 08:00 PM at the venue (transport from the official hotel will be provided 10 min before the meeting time).

WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawal deadline: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:59 PM GMT

Please ensure that the Organizer is informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

PAYMENT

Payments (entry fees, accommodation, transport) have to be paid until March 3rd 2026 in EURO 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: PT50 0045 5130 4023 1294 3175 2

Bank SWIFT CODE: CCCMPTPL

There is also the possibility to pay in cash to the organisers when players arrive to the venue. We don't accept debit or credit cards.

According to BEC Elite Circuit Regulations

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.

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

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

8.688€ (10 000USD * 0,86851- Considering November 21st 2025 exchange rate):

	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*
Winner	695 €	695 €	869 €	869 €	869 €
Runner up	391 €	391 €	521 €	521 €	521 €
Semi-finalist	195 €	195 €	261 €	261 €	261 €

Prize money will be paid in cash.

No taxes will be deducted.

*Per pair

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Tournament will be conducted under the laws and competition regulations of the BWF and the Regulations of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit, including the prohibition of doping for which tests may be carried out. According to Portuguese law, Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

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.

SHUTTLES

YANG YANG 300B

COURTS

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

VISA

If you need Visa for Portugal, please send us the Visa application form and copy of passport, no later than Tuesday, February 3, 2026, for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the VISA in time. Any additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and has to be paid by the Member.

Visa application form available here: <https://fpbadminton.pt/wp-content/uploads/Visa-application-form-61-Portugal-International-Championships-2026.docx>

PRACTICE FACILITIES

Available on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, between 01:00 PM and 09:15 PM in the venue. Please send request form to the organizers until Sunday, February 22, 2026. A confirmed practice schedule will be published and sent by e-mail on Monday, February 23, 2026.

Practice court reservation form available here: <https://fpbadminton.pt/wp-content/uploads/Practice-court-61-Portugal-International-Championships-2026.docx>

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 using official form. In order to guarantee transport, the relevant information (arrival date, hour and flight) should reach the organizers until February 8, 2026 using Transport form available here: <https://fpbadminton.pt/wp-content/uploads/Transport-form-61-Portugal-International-Championships-2026.docx>

Participants who don't book hotel through the organization may request airport transport, but it will have a cost of 100€ per person (both ways).

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

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will be available on-site on the first day of the tournament. No form is required. All participants must go to the Info Desk at the venue to collect their accreditation.

Please note that accreditation is mandatory to access the field of play.

ACCOMMODATION¹

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

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb. 8)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb. 8)
Single room	70€	80€
Double room	90€	100€
Triple room	110€	120€

#2 Hotel Flag Caldas da Rainha*** (Address: Rua Fernando Ponte e Sousa, 12 - Caldas da Rainha)

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb. 8)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb. 8)
Single room	70€	80€
Double room	90€	100€

#3 Hotel Internacional*** (Address: R. Dr. Artur Figueiroa Rego - Caldas da Rainha)

	Prices per room / night – B&B (until Feb. 8)	Prices per room / night – B&B (after Feb. 8)
Single room	70€	80€
Double room	90€	100€
Triple room	110€	120€

Please send the accommodation requests until February 8, 2026 using the official form to events@fpbadminton.pt. After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels, but we will do our best to assist and to try to find rooms, but these might be at full rate and not served by the tournament transport service. Booking conditions and form available here: <https://fpbadminton.pt/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-Form-61-Portugal-International-Championships-2026.docx>

¹ The number of rooms in each hotel is limited.

GYM

The gym at the venue will be available from 08:30am to 08:30pm. Closed on Sunday.

Players may use the facility by paying:

- €10 per day, or
- €40 for 5 days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).

Payment is to be made on-site at the Gym Info Desk.

CATERING

Lunch and dinner is available in the Sports Centre Restaurant. The price is 15€/meal (includes soup, main course – meat, fish or vegetarian option – salad, drink and dessert or fruit).

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/>

INSURANCE

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.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION

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.

CONTACTS

For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us at events@fpbadminton.pt. This includes the following:

- Visa application;
- Practice court request;
- Hotel booking request;
- Transport request.

FOLLOW US

Facebook (Photos): <https://www.facebook.com/fpbadminton.pt>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fpbadminton.pt/>

YouTube (Livestream): <https://www.youtube.com/fpbadmintonportugal>

WEBSITE

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