



INVITATION TO

CELCOM AXIATA MALAYSIA OPEN 2017 PART OF THE METLIFE BWF WORLD SUPERSERIES PREMIER

STADIUM PERPADUAN, KUCHING, SARAWAK
4th April – 9th April 2017

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: US\$600,000.00

CLOSING DATE: 21st February 2017

To All BWF Member Associations:

Your players are invited to compete in the Celcom Axiata Malaysia Open 2017, part of the Metlife BWF WORLD Superseries Premier

Please find enclosed all the necessary information.



1. National Governing Body & Host Organizer:

Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM)

Stadium Juara, Kompleks Sukan Bukit Kiara

Jalan 1/70D, Bukit Kiara

60000 Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA Tel. : ++603-2093 9220 / 2093 9280

Fax : ++603-2094 5855 Website: www.bam.org.my

2. Tournament dates: 4th April – 9th April 2017

3. Sanctioned by: Badminton World Federation (BWF)

4. Venue: Stadium Perpaduan

Jalan Stadium, Petra Jaya, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

5. Referee : Pencho Stoynov (BUL)

Email: p.stoynov@abv.bg

Deputy Referee : Surasak Songvarakulpan (THA);

Email: surasak.bat@gmail.com

Local Deputy Referee: Anthony C. Linggian (MAS)

Email: aclinggian@gmail.com

6. Prize Money: US\$ 600,000.00

(Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations).

Medals for all winners and runners-up

| | Event | Champion | Runner-up | Semi-finals | Quarter-finals | Last 16 |
|----------------|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| * | Men's Single Women's Single | 45,000.00 | 22,800.00 | 8,700.00 | 3,600.00 | 2,100.00 |
| ** ** ** | Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles | 47,400.00 | 22,800.00 | 8,400.00 | 4,350.00 | 2,250.00 |

^{*} Per players ** Per Pair All prize monies are non-taxable.

7. ENTRIES Closing Date:

21st February 2017

ONLINE ENTRIES



- Member Associations are advised to log on to Celcom Axiata Malaysia Open Badminton Championships 2017 at: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=820BC412 -0F19-4861-81CC-85895DA4F30D and submit the entries online.
- 2. You will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF: please contact Mr. Shan Ramachandran at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org. The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 3. No entry form is required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.
- 4. After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by the Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following close of entries. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

All entries must be submitted online only.

8. Events:

| Event | Ent | Max Entries for | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Main Draw | Qualifiers | Qualifying Round |
| Men's Singles | 28 | 4 | 16 |
| Womens' Singles | 28 | 4 | 16 |
| Men's Doubles | 28 | 4 | 16 |
| Womens' Doubles | 28 | 4 | 16 |
| Mixed Doubles | 28 | 4 | 16 |

9. World Ranking Date for M&Q : 23rd February 2017
Publish M&Q Report : 24th February 2017
Seeding Date : 09th March 2017
Publish Seeding : 10th March 2017

Last Date of Withdrawal without penalty

1 10 March 2017

1 12th March 2017

1 14th March 2017

1 14th March 2017



10. Withdrawals:

Please ensure that we are informed by email: jane.l@bam.org.my or fax: +603 2094 5855 as soon as a player is forced to withdraw, giving the reason. If withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, any withdrawal for illness or injury must be supported by a medical certificate. If withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Kuching notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, and must be confirmed in writing. Withdrawals made after 12th March 2017 for whatever reason may be subjected to a penalty.

11. Schedule:

| | Date | Timing | Round | Court |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|---|-------|
| Tuesday | 4 th April 2017 | 0900-2230 | Qualifying Rounds & WD Main Draw -First Round | 4 |
| Wednesday | 5 th April 2017 | 0900-2200 | Championships Events | 4 |
| Thursday | 6 th April 2017 | 1000-2100 | Championships Events | 3 |
| Friday | 7 th April 2017 | 1500-2100 | Quarter Finals | 3 |
| Caturday | 8 th April 2017 | 1000-1500 | 1 st Semi Finals | 1 |
| Saturday | | 1730-2230 | 2 nd Semi Finals | 1 |
| Sunday | 9 th April 2017 | 1300-1900 | All Finals | 1 |

Women's Doubles First Round Main Draws will be play on Tuesday after qualifying round finished. The Women's Doubles: Players who come through from qualifying round will play their first main round match on the Wednesday.

(The above times and schedule may be changed at the discretion of the Referee and BAM after M&Q report published)

Notice:

- i. All events will be run on a strict timetable system.
- ii. Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled time.
- iii. Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified.
- iv. Alterations to competition schedule due to Television coverage is possible and will be announced by the Referee.

12. Team Managers' Meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 1600 hrs at the official hotel.

"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 regulation Part III Section 1A, Appendix 11 "Offences and Penalties". Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee knows in advance that is acceptable"

13. Technical Briefing will be held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 1700 hrs at Technical Officials Hotel



14. Shuttlecocks: VICTOR (Master Ace)

15. Competition Rules & Regulations:

Please bear in mind the BWF World Superseries regulations, and BWF General Competition Regulations, including 19-23 which covers player clothing. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. Scoring: As regulated by the BWF in all World Superseries Premier tournaments.

16. Doping control: Dope testing will be conducted via random and targeted testing throughout the tournament. Please consult BWF anti-doping regulations for more information.

17. Official Hotels:

1. Hilton Kuching

(Updated 27 Feb. 2017)

Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak

Tel: +60 82 223 888 Fax: +60 82 428 984

Room Rates: Single / Twin US\$80 nett per room per night

Booking and payment through BAM on the prescribed reservation form.

Email: jane.l@bam.org.my

2. Grand Margherita Hotel

Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak Tel: +60 082 532 069 Fax: +60 082 236 041

Room Rates: Single / Twin

Rm280 ≈ US\$65 nett per room per night

Booking should be made on the prescribed hotel reservation form, and payment should be settled directly with Grand Margherita Hotel.

Email: jenny@centraloffice.my

All Reservation should be made not later than 24th March 2016.

18. Visa Application:

All players and officials, who require visa to enter Malaysia should submit passport details in the *Visa Form* to email jane.I@bam.org.my by 3rd March 2017. Please complete all required information, otherwise we will not able to issue the official invitation letter (for visa application).

19. Transportation:

Airport transfer will be provided from 02nd April 2017 - 10th April 2017 from Kuching International Airport to the official hotel upon request.



The flight details must be filled up in the *Flight Details Form* and must be sent to bongnyatnee_sba@yahoo.com.my not later than 17th March 2017 for pick-up arrangement.

Any request after the above dateline will not be entertained. Request for refund of taxi charges will not be entertained.

Ground transportation to and from the venue will **ONLY** be provided to participants staying at the **official hotel**.

20. Practice Sessions:

Practice schedule at the tournament **venue** will be prepared according to the teams' arrival details and size of each team. The Schedule will be decided by the Referee and **not** on a first come first served basis.

Practice in the **practice hall** will be available from <u>Sunday 2nd April 2017</u>. Request can also be made at the **Liaison Desk** in the official hotel lobby upon arrival. The Schedule will be confirmed by the Referee.

21. **Team Accreditation**: Please list out your team officials' name into the **Team Officials' Accreditation Form** and send to Ms. Jane at email bongnyatnee_sba@yahoo.com.my not later than 17th March 2017.

Complimentary ID passes will be issued to nominated team officials on the following scale:

| Teams with up to 10 players | 4 ID passes |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| " between 11-16 players | 5 ID passes |
| between 17-25 players | 6 ID passes |
| " over 25 players | 7 ID passes |

Limited additional officials' ID passes will be issued at a fee of **US\$100.00** each **(maximum of 5 passes for each team only)** and should be requested in advance with Ms. Jane not later 17 March 2017 to jane.l@bam.org.my.

22. Insurance:

The organizers will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in this Championship. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned. *All players and officials are recommended to review their insurance cover and ensure that it meets your current requirements.*





IMPORTANT DEADLINES and EMAIL CONTACT

Entry Deadline : 21st February 2017

- Online entry -

Hotel Reservation Deadline: 24th March 2017

1. Hilton Hotel

jane.l@bam.org.my

2. Grand Margherita Hotel

jenny@centraloffice.my

Visa Letter Deadline : 3rd March 2017

jane.l@bam.org.my

Accreditation Deadline : 17th March 2017

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Flight Details Deadline : 17th March 2017

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Last Date of Withdrawal

Without penalty : 12th March 2017

These tournament prospectus and related forms will be established in BAM website.

Please refer to www.bam.org.my for updated information.

