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2017**

5-8 December 2017

Blanchardstown, Dublin Ireland

Part of the

Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

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An

International Series Tournament

Prize Money: \$8,000

Closing Date: Tuesday 7th November 2017
23:59 (GMT+8)

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Organiser	Badminton Ireland
Local Organiser	Badminton Ireland National Sports Campus Blanchardstown Dublin 15 Tel: +353 1 8393028 Email: gfarrell@badmintonireland.com
Event Director	David McGill Tel: +353 1 8393028 Email: dmccgill@badmintonireland.com
Venue	National Indoor Arena Irish Sports HQ, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 Email: dmccgill@badmintonireland.com
Airport	Dublin Airport – Hotel 15 minutes, Hall 20 minutes.
Dates	5 th December 09:00 Qualification 6 th December 09:00 Preliminary rounds (1 st and 2 nd Round) 7 th December 10:00 Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals 8 th December 10:00 Finals – scheduled to finish by 16:00 (The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on TV requirements) Players playing in finals should not depart on Saturday
Events	Men's and Women's Singles (32 in main draw) Men's and Women's Doubles (32 in main draw) Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)
Eligible Players	All players of clubs affiliated through their National Associations to the BWF.
Conditions of play	The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit. The tournament draw sizes are limited to: - (a) 120 matches per day (b) 2 rounds per event per day for the main draw (c) no more than 3 qualifying rounds for a maximum of 8 places in any event (d) if more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered. Competitors can 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/pair is unable to compete due to early departure, such a player/pair shall lose all the Circuit Ranking points gained at the particular tournament and BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose

	<p>to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit regulations).</p> <p>The seeding's and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.</p>
Clothing / Advertising	<p>BWF General Competition Regulations 19-23 and Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulation 18 apply.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Key Dates	<p>Entry Deadline: Tue 7th Nov - 23:59 in BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00)</p> <p>World Ranking Date used for M&Q Report: Thurs 9th November 2017.</p> <p>Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date: Fri 10th November 2017.</p> <p>World Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw: Thurs 16th November 2017.</p> <p>Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty: Sun 19th November 2017.</p> <p>Draw Date: Tue 21st November 2017.</p>
Scoring System	<p>All events: 3 games to 21</p> <p>Knock out system according to rules of the BWF</p>
Shuttles	Forza VIP 77/78
Courts	6 hover courts
Practice Courts	Where possible, practice courts will be made available at requested times, but this cannot be guaranteed.
Prize Money	<p>Total Prize money: \$8,000.</p> <p>MS/WS 1st place: \$1000 per player</p> <p>MS/WS 2nd place: \$750 per player</p> <p>MD/WD/XD 1st place: \$1500 per pair</p> <p>Note: No tax will be deducted by Badminton Ireland.</p>
Tournament Referee	Jeroen Hubregsen (BEL) - Email: referee.hubregsen@gmail.com
Deputy Referee	Aengus Sheerin (IRL) – Email: sheerin.aengus@itsligo.ie
Entries	<p>All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DA53F2CA-0B48-411C-A8EB-A8E353435A5E</p> <p><u>No late entries will be accepted.</u></p> <p>Based on 3.3 in Badminton Europe Circuit Regulations it is required that every event in a particular BE Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors (i.e. actual competitors, not merely entries). If the required number of competitors is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. 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-</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>No late entries will be accepted.</p> <p>Singles: €40 per player</p> <p>Doubles: €30 per player</p> <p>The Member Association that enters a player into a Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player.</p> <p>The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.</p> <p>The entry fees will not be refunded in the event of a withdrawal once the entry deadline has passed.</p> <p>Payment must be done before their first scheduled match, failure to do so mean that they will not be allowed to play.</p> <p>This rule will be enforced – no exceptions and the national association will be liable for the withdrawal fee</p> <p>If a player/pair is listed on a “Waiting List”, no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before such a promotion takes place the Organisers must have this promotion confirmed by the respective player(s) federation(s). Only when this confirmation has been given will the player(s) be considered as an entry.</p> <p>Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year.</p>
<p>Withdrawals</p>	<p>Any withdrawal after 19th November 2017, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US \$150 for the withdrawal.</p> <p>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 US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member Association’s responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. It is the Member Association’s responsibility to make sure that visa applications are made early enough.</p> <p>The Tournament Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Please note: In order to get the discounted rate listed below and avail of free transport to and from the venue, all bookings must be made by contacting Badminton Ireland’s event team. Email cdohererty@badmintonireland.com to reserve your room.</p> <p>Hotels must be booked before the 9th November to avail of price listed below. Players who do not book through Badminton Ireland will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher <u>rate and transport</u>. PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation is first come first serve as we have a limited number of rooms available at the advertised price.</p>

	<p>Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown (4*) Dublin Church Road, Cruiserath, Dublin 15 The Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown is ideally situated near the sports hall, next to shops and only a fifteen-minute drive from Dublin Airport. Complimentary WiFi. Rate includes breakfast at Carlton Hotel. Shuttle Bus to Airport is provided by Hotel. Distance from Venue: 5 km (5-10 mins) B&B, €119.00 per person for a single room B&B, €129.00 or €64.50 per person for a twin room based on two people sharing. Please confirm your accommodation with BI by emailing cdohererty@badmintonireland.com</p>
Transport	<p>Shuttle bus will be provided from Dublin Airport to the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown from zone 16. Shuttle bus will be booked via flight number. To book transportation to tournament hotel please email gfarrell@badmintonireland.com Transport will be provided between the tournament hotel and the venue from the 5th to 8th December 2017. Note: There is limited or no public transport between the hotels and the venue, transport will be provided regularly between the hall and the tournament hotels.</p>
Insurance	<p>The Organiser's decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.</p>
Medical	<p>A physiotherapist will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.</p>
Betting	<p>Betting by players or officials on events in which they are involved is not permitted. Any breach of betting regulations will be investigated by Badminton Europe and the appropriate sanction will be administered by Badminton Europe.</p>
Managers Meeting	<p>There will be a manager's meeting at 20:00 in the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown on Monday 4th December 2017. If further meetings are required, they will be advised in due course.</p>
Payments	<p>Euro (€) payments: AIB Westend Retail Park, Dublin 15, Ireland Account – Badminton Ireland IBAN – IE13 AIBK 9325 1560 4730 81 SWIFT – AIBKIE2D Account Number – 60473081.</p>