



JULY 11th - JULY 16th, 2017
— WINSPOUR, CALGARY, ALBERTA —

1 April 2017

Dear Badminton World Federation Members,

Re: Invitation – 2017 YONEX Canada Open, a BWF Grand Prix (Level 3) Tournament.

It is with pleasure that we invite your players to participate in the 2017 YONEX Canada Open Grand Prix to be held on July 11-16, 2017 at the Markin MacPhail Centre, Winsport, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The official hotel(s) are the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites Calgary West (3*), located within a five-minute drive or 15-minute walk of the venue, and the Aloft Calgary University (4*), located within a ten-minute drive of the venue. With the change of dates for the 2017 YONEX Canada Open, special notice should be taken to secure your hotel arrangements early, as YCO17 coincides with over 500,000 visitors visiting the city to partake in the Calgary Stampede. The Calgary Stampede is called The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth for good reason. For 10 days, every July we welcome the world to a spectacular celebration of western heritage and values.

All qualifying matches and first round of men's singles matches will be played on July 11th. This is a BWF sanctioned "Grand Prix" tournament and entries will close on **Tuesday, June 06, 2017** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).

Please find below the entry details and event information. Should you require any additional information or assistance please contact Badminton Canada or the 2017 YONEX Canada Open tournament director.

We look forward to seeing you in Calgary, Canada in July 2017.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bell
Tournament Director

Joe Morissette
CEO/Director General
Badminton Canada



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Dear Colleagues,

Your players are invited to compete in the 2017 YONEX Canada Open. This invitation contains important information that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager accompanying your players.

National Organization	Badminton Canada 700 Industrial Ave, Suite 401, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 0Y9 Ph: +00 1.613.569-2424 E-mail: morissette@badminton.ca Website: www.badminton.ca
Presented by	Badminton Alberta 60 Patterson Blvd SW, Calgary, AB, Canada T3H2E1 Ph: +00 1.403.297-2722 Fax: +00 1.403.297-2706 jbelle@badmintonalberta.ca www.badmintonalberta.ca
Sanctioned by	BWF – Badminton World Federation
Date	Tuesday, July 11-16, 2017
Competition Venue	Markin MacPhail Centre Winsport, Winter Sport Institute Canada Olympic Park, 88 Canada Olympic Road SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 5R5 Canada
Practice Venue	Bob Niven Training Centre (3 courts) 3-5 minute walk from the competition venue Canada Olympic Park, 88 Canada Olympic Road SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 5R5 Canada
Referees	Referee: Federico Valdez (PER) Email: fevalcal@hotmail.com Deputy Referee: Monique Bastien (SUI) Email: mobastien@hotmail.com <u>Deputy Referee: Susana Maldonado (POR)</u> Email: susanamaldonado@netcabo.pt
Tournament Director	Jeff Bell Phone: +00 1.403.297-2108 / Email: jbelle@badmintonalberta.ca



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<p>On-site Registration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Markin MacPhail Centre, Winsport, Calgary, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Office, Lower Level • Day & Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 10 from 0900 – 1500 hrs. • Tuesday, July 11 from 0900 – 1300 hrs.
<p>Official Shuttle</p>	<p>The YONEX Aerosena 50 is the official shuttle of the 2017 YONEX Canada Open. Practice shuttlecocks will be available at minimal cost from the supplier at the competition venue.</p>
<p>Entry fees</p>	<p>According to Grand Prix regulation 7.8 entry fees will only be imposed on players from Badminton Canada.</p>
<p>Conditions of Play</p>	<p>The 2017 YONEX Canada Open will be conducted in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) including those concerning Clothing, Regulations for Grand Prix, Players' Code of Conduct, Coaches and Officials' Code of Conduct, Match Integrity and Betting. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>Conventional rally point consisting of three games to 21 points will be used throughout the tournament.</p> <p>Please familiarize yourself with these Regulations prior to your arrival in Calgary.</p>
<p>Practice Facilities:</p>	<p>Practice times at the venue on Monday onwards may be requested from the organizer before the event starts, or by completing the practice request form and emailing jbell@badmintonalberta.ca by Tuesday, June 27, 2017, however, we cannot guarantee to meet all requests.</p>
<p>Transport:</p>	<p>Airport transportation between the official tournament hotels and the Calgary International Airport will <u>only be provided</u> for players staying at either of the official tournament hotel(s).</p> <p>For airport pick up requests – please complete Transport Request Form. Transport Request Forms must be emailed to transport@canadaopen.net by Tuesday, June 27, 2017.</p> <p>Venue transportation will be provided only between the official tournament hotel and the Markin MacPhail Centre located at Winsport.</p>



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Draw Size	<p>Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw</p> <table><tr><td>Men's Singles</td><td>Main: 56 + 8 Qualifier</td></tr><tr><td>Women's Singles</td><td>Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier</td></tr><tr><td>Men's Doubles</td><td>Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier</td></tr><tr><td>Women's Doubles</td><td>Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier</td></tr><tr><td>Mixed Doubles</td><td>Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier</td></tr></table> <p>Main Draw Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 64 entries in Men's Singles and 32 entries in all other events.• Men's singles start at 5:00PM MST on Tuesday July 11, 2017.• Other draws begin on Wednesday July 12, 2017.• The finals will be played on Sunday July 16, 2017. <p>Qualification Draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 32 players will take part in men's singles and 16 players or pairs will take part in each of the other four events, with the winners progressing to the relevant Main Draw events.• The qualification rounds will begin at 0900 hrs. MST on Tuesday July 11, 2017. <p>Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All events will be run on a strict timetable system.• Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled match time.• Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled match time will be disqualified.• Alterations to competition schedule due to television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.	Men's Singles	Main: 56 + 8 Qualifier	Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier	Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier	Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier	Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4 Qualifier
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Team Managers' Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on Monday July 10, 2017 at 1500 hrs. (Mountain Standard Time).• The venue is the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Calgary West• It is compulsory for all team managers to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Failure to attend means you are liable to be fined as per BWF "Offences and Penalties".• Member Associations may make a request for an alternative to the Team Manager to represent them at the meeting, provided the Referee is notified in advance.										



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Technical Officials Meeting

- The Technical Officials' briefing will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 1630 hrs. (Mountain Standard Time).
- The venue is the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Calgary West.

Order of Play

Date	Play	Play Times	Courts
Tuesday July 11, 2017	Qualification Qualifying Rounds	0900 – 16:00	5
	Main Draw: R of 64 MS	17:00 – 21:00	5
Wednesday July 12, 2017	Round of 32	0900 – 21:00	5
Thursday July 13, 2017	Round of 16	15:00 – 22:00	4
Friday July 14, 2017	Quarter-Finals	1500 – 21:00	3
Saturday July 15, 2017	Semi-Finals	Start at 1300	2
Sunday July 16, 2017	Finals	Start at 1300	1

Prize Money

- The prize money for the 2017 YONEX Canada Open Badminton Championships is USD \$ 65,000.
- This prize fund will be distributed in accordance with BWF rules governing Grand Prix vents. Medals for all winners and runner-up.
- No withholding taxes.

Player/Pair	Event	Winner	Runner up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
*	MS	\$4875	\$2470	\$942.50	\$390	\$227.50
*	WS	\$4875	\$2470	\$942.50	\$390	\$227.50
**	MD	\$5135	\$2470	\$910	\$471.25	\$243.75
**	WD	\$5135	\$2470	\$910	\$471.25	\$243.75
**	XD	\$5135	\$2470	\$910	\$471.25	\$243.75

*Per player

** Per pair



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<p>Key Dates - 2017</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Closing Date for Entries</td> <td>Tuesday June 06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>World Ranking Date for M & Q</td> <td>Thursday June 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publish Date for M & Q Report</td> <td>Friday June 09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>World Ranking Date for Seeding</td> <td>Thursday June 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seeding Released</td> <td>Friday June 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Date of Withdrawal (without Draw Date)</td> <td>Sunday June 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Tuesday June 20</td> </tr> </table>	Closing Date for Entries	Tuesday June 06	World Ranking Date for M & Q	Thursday June 08	Publish Date for M & Q Report	Friday June 09	World Ranking Date for Seeding	Thursday June 15	Seeding Released	Friday June 16	Last Date of Withdrawal (without Draw Date)	Sunday June 18		Tuesday June 20
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<p>International Entries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations. • BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations' cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date Tuesday, June 06, 2017 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time. • No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only. • Member Associations are advised to log on: 2017 YONEX Canada Open at: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=A03D2D0A-5612-4982-8972-BCC30942ED7B and submit the entries online! • Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact R. Shanmugan at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org. • The online entry page will close immediately on Tuesday, June 06, 2017 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time. • You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted. <p>Close of Online Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Wednesday, June 07, 2017, 12:00 noon BWF Headquarters time following close of entries. • If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, June 08, 2017 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point. 														



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Canadian Entries

- Entry is open to any current member of Badminton Canada in good standing with a BWF # ID number. Please note that only Canadian players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database can be entered by Badminton Canada. Badminton Canada is implementing its Online Entry System for this tournament.
- Players who intend to register for this tournament must ensure that they have a working email to receive a payment and entry confirmation email.
- All Canadian players will be required to pay a Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) fee as requested by Badminton Canada at the time of on-line registration.
- Canadian players must enter and provide payment here:

Entry Deadline:

The entry deadline for Badminton Canada members is **Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2359 hrs. MST**. No late entries will be accepted

Entry Fee:

- The entry fee for one or two events is \$170.00 per player; for three events is \$230.00 per player. Full entry fee must be paid online at the time of registration.
- No other forms of payment will be accepted.

Confirmation of Entry & Payment:

- Registering players will receive an email confirmation generated by the Badminton Canada Online Entry System and it will include: the events entered and for doubles, partners selected as well as the amount paid online.
- Receipt of payment and entry confirmation email is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.

Refunds:

- For withdrawals done after the deadline of May 30, 2017, no refunds will be made.
- Entry fees will only be refunded for non-placement in the draws.

Canadian Entries:

- Canadian entries will be entered into the draws in order based on: BWF ranking, Badminton Canada ranking and random draw by BWF.
- Placement in the draws, including qualifications, is not guaranteed due to the maximum entries limits.



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Withdrawal

For International Entries

- Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations.
- Withdrawals can only be made through the Member Association before the deadline. A Member Association can withdraw through the BWF online entry system.
- Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email immediately to the Tournament Director and the Referee. The following persons listed below should be copied in the email.
- The withdrawal notification must include the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, it must be supported by a medical certificate.

Withdrawal Contact Persons

Tournament Director: Jeff Bell

Email: Jbell@badmintonalberta.ca

Referee: Federico Valdez (PER)

Email: fevalcal@hotmail.com

Deputy Referee: Monique Bastien (SUI)

Email: mobastien@hotmail.com

Deputy Referee: Susana Maldonado (POR)

Email: susanamaldonado@netcabo.pt

Badminton Canada Contact: Joe Morissette

Email: morissette@badminton.ca

- If the withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Calgary, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputy, and must be confirmed in writing.
- Withdrawals after Sunday, May 30, 2017 (withdrawal without penalty date) shall automatically incur withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Should a penalty be applied, it shall be imposed as per BWF General Competition Regulations by the BWF.

For Canadian Players

- Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on the BWF Regulations.



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Accreditation

International Entries

Please note that there will be photographic accreditation for the 2017 YONEX Canada Open. Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers' Meeting.

Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please find the attached Accreditation Request Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation. A color passport size photo must be emailed to jbell@badmintonalberta.ca for each member of the delegation, no later than 30 June 2017. Please label each photo with family name and BWF #.

In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.

No of players from Association / No of accompanying Officials:

- For up to 4 : 2 badge
- For 5-10 : 3 badges
- For 11-16 : 4 badges
- For 16 or more : 5 badges

Note: If more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. A limited number of additional official accreditation passes may be purchased at the special rate of \$100.00 each.

For Canadian Coaches

Coaches who meet the following criteria may qualify for accreditation:

- Be a current NCCP certified Competition Development or higher
- Hold a current Badminton Canada membership
- Have a current background check on file
- Application deadline: Application must be received by Badminton Canada on or before Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 2359 hrs. EST using Badminton Canada online coach registration system

Media Obligation:

Note that all players are required to participate in media engagements should they be requested in Pre-Tournament Media. They will not exceed one hour in total on the day prior to their first scheduled match of the tournament.

It is also a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-



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court interviews for television immediately after the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.

In order to assist with the promotion of the tournament and game in general, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one hour (such as autograph signing, participating in 'meet the public' question and answer sessions, etc.).

Video Recording & Photography:

Badminton Canada and the Tournament Organizers reserve the right to take photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events.

No unauthorized persons may enter the playing arena to video record or take photos without the prior approval of Badminton Canada or the Tournament Organizers.

Flash photography is not permitted within the arena at any time. Video recording is permitted for analytical purposes only, and only by competing Member Associations. The Tournament Director and/or Referee shall designate positions. Cameras operating outside of these areas or without the correct accreditation may be removed. Camera accreditation must be obtained in advance.

Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.

Visa:

Badminton Canada will only communicate with a Member Association's National Office.

Badminton Canada will not be able to provide visa support letters if the Visa Support Request Form is incomplete and are not accompanied by the requested documents.

Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into Canada and the final decision is made by the Canadian Embassy at your own countries. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly to the respective Canadian Embassy who is dealing with your application. We accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Association.



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Accommodation:

In preparation for 2017 we have two hotels to serve participants of Yonex Canada Open. The two properties are owned and managed by the same parent company.

The City of Calgary will be very busy during the tournament as the world-famous Calgary Stampede will also be taking place, which attracts one million visitors over the ten-day festival.

All reservations must be done directly with the hotel. Badminton Canada, nor the Organizing Committee will NOT be responsible for securing accommodation for any team or individual player.

Hotel reservations must be made **before May 25th, 2017** to ensure the special rate. We have provided several options for you to make your reservation.

Option 1: Return the hotel booking sheet directly to the hotel by either fax or email.

Option 2: Book directly on-line via the hotel link provided.

Option 3: Call the hotel of your choice directly and provide personal details and method of payment (credit card).

When making a reservation identify yourself as a member of the group “**2017 Canada Open Badminton Grand Prix**”. Please be prepared to give a credit card number, and expiration date and the three-digit code to secure your reservation.

GROUP BOOKINGS – If you need special billing arrangements, such as bank transfer or need to book more than 5 rooms for your team, please contact the hotel directly under +001 403.202-4419 or 403.202-4414 for us to assist you with your booking.

Meal plans are available upon request at either hotel.

Both hotels are owned and managed by the same parent company. All reservations must be made directly with the hotel and not the Organizing Committee.

[Four Points by Sheraton Hotels & Suites, Calgary West](#) (3 star property)
The Four Points by Sheraton Hotels & Suites, Calgary West (8220 Bowridge Crescent NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 2V1) has once again been selected as the official headquarters and host hotel for the 2017 YONEX Canada Open. This property is located three-minute drive or 15-minute walk from the venue and is upon Canada Olympic Park. Shuttle bus will be



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Accommodation continued:

provided between both host hotels and tournament venue.

The special room rates range from \$159 for traditional Queen or King to \$179 for King or Queen Suite (additional sitting room with double pull-out sofa) plus 12% tax (5% GST, 4% Room Tax, 3% Destination Marketing Tax) per room for Single, Doubles.

Rates include complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms, meeting spaces and Lobby, and complimentary outdoor parking.

2017 Canada Open Hotel Reservation Contact:

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Calgary West
8220 Bowridge Crescent NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 2V1

Use this link to book online:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2017YonexBadminton>

Phone +001 403.202-4405

Reservation +001.800.368-7764

Fax: +001 403-228-4442

Aloft Calgary University (4 star property)

The Aloft Calgary University (2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary, AB T2M 4L2) has been added for 2017 Canada Open. This property is located ten-minute drive from the venue and is located on the C-train line, which can transport you to downtown Calgary within 20 minutes. Shuttle bus will be provided between both host hotels and tournament venue.

The special room rates range from \$159 for Double Queen to \$179 plus 12% tax (5% GST, 4% Room Tax, 3% Destination Marketing Tax) per room for Single, Doubles.

2017 Canada Open Hotel Reservation Contact:

Aloft Calgary University
2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary, AB, T2M 4L2

Use this link to book online:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2017YonexBadmintonGroup>

Phone +001 403.338-4419

Reservation +001.866.716-8143

Fax +001.403.282-1241

Reservations must be made **before May 25th, 2017** to ensure the special rate.



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	<p>An internal shuttle bus schedule will service both hotels and the venue on an hourly basis. The schedule will be displayed at both hotels with a common drop-off and pickup location designated at the venue.</p>
Anti-Doping:	<p>Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List.</p> <p>Please note that athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List – before they take medication.</p> <p>Canadian players concerned with current information on banned substances and medication, go to http://www.cces.ca/en/antidoping/cadp or contact the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport at 1.613.521-3340</p>
Indemnity:	<p>By submitting an on-line entry to the 2017 YONEX Canada Open Grand Prix, participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2017 YONEX Canada Open and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge Badminton Canada, Yonex Canada Corporation, Badminton Alberta, their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and all participants in this event as follows:</p> <p>Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suits, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other occurrence during or about this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.</p> <p>Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and Badminton Canada; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of</p>



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any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.

For the same consideration Entrant hereby gives Badminton Canada, and each and every licensee or contractee of either or all of them including photographers, television and or motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any or all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.