

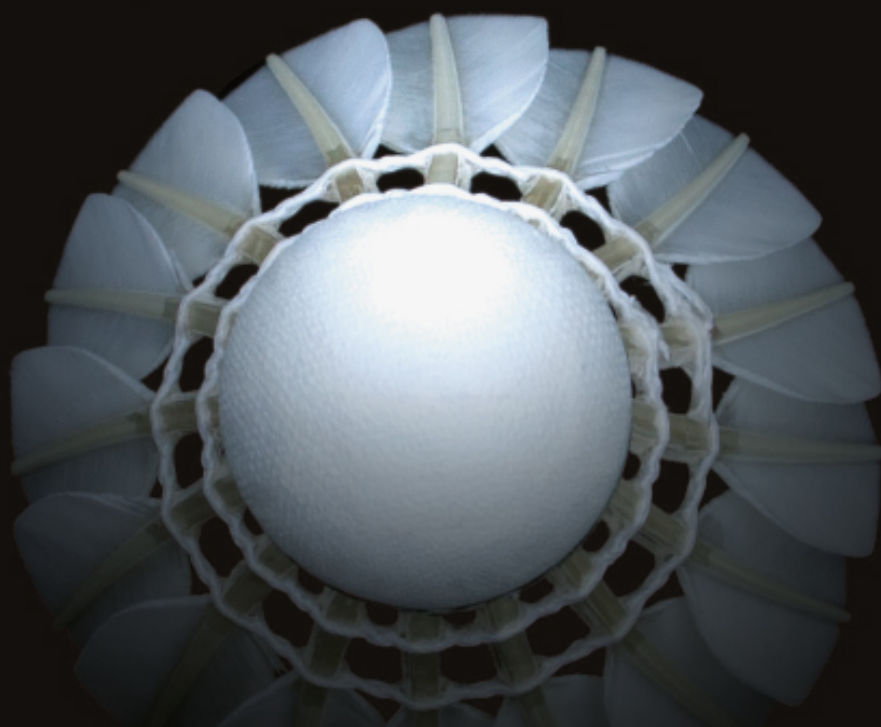
YONEX SWISSOPEN¹⁸

International Badminton
BWF World Tour Tournament

February 20th–25th 2018

St. Jakobshalle, Basel

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Part I - Essential topics

Organizer	YONEX SWISS OPEN , Buttiweg 8, CH-4112 Flueh / Switzerland Phone: +41 79 320 73 11 (cell) - Fax: +41 61 733 00 05 Mail: cak@swissopen.com Internet: http://www.swissopen.com Committee: Charles A. KELLER Julien TISSOT Christian WACKERNAGEL										
Sanctioned by	BWF - Badminton World Federation										
Presented by	swiss badminton										
Venue	St. Jakobshalle , Brüglingerstrasse 19-21, Basel, Switzerland										
Referee	Eric Lissillour (FRA) – eric.lissillour@orange.fr										
Deputy	Cleopatra Monco (ITA) – cleopatramonco@badmintonitalia.net										
Local Deputy	Thomas Egli (SUI) – thomas.egli@gmx.net										
Events	Event: Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Men's Singles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Singles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Doubles</td> <td>Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Exceeding entries (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the current status of your entries through our Homepages: http://www.swissopen.com / www.bwfbadminton.org</p>	Men's Singles	Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 16)	Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)	Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)	Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)	Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (Qualification Draw: 8)
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Date	February 20 to 25, 2018 (Qualification + First Round XD: February 20, 2018)										
Prize money	US \$ 150 000 (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations)										

	Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi-finalist (Each)	Quarter-finalist (Each)	Last 16 (Each)
	MS	11'250	5'700	2'175	900	525
	WS	11'250	5'700	2'175	900	525
	MD (pair)	11'850	5'700	2'100	1'087.50	562.50
	WD (pair)	11'850	5'700	2'100	1'087.50	562.50
	XD (pair)	11'850	5'700	2'100	1'087.50	562.50

Entries closing date **January 16, 2018 at 23:59 hours BWF headquarters time (+08:00h GMT)**
All entries must be submitted **by online entries only!**

Online entries **BWF** is implementing the **Online entry system** for this tournament and we seek your cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date. Member Associations are advised to log on to **YONEX SWISS OPEN** 2018 at:

<http://bit.ly/2xFdGsk> (←- please click on this link)

and submit the entries online!

You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: please contact M. S. Ramachandran:

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

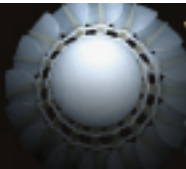
The online entry page will immediately close on **Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time +08:00h GMT** and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

Dates	January 16 , 2018	Entries closing date
	January 18 , 2018	World Ranking Date for M&Q
	January 19 , 2018	M&Q Publish Date
	January 25 , 2018	Ranking for main draw seeding
	January 26 , 2018	Publish Seeding Report
	January 28 , 2018	Last Date of Withdrawal (Without penalty)
	January 30 , 2018	Draw Date

Part II - Regulations Registration

Shuttles	YONEX is the official shuttlecock AEROSENZA 50 (BWF approved) for the YONEX SWISS OPEN
Prize money	There will be a deduction (withholding tax of 10-30%) on winner's prize money. The money won will be distributed by the BWF after the tournament and not by the YONEX SWISS OPEN organizing committee.
Withdrawals BWF	Are only accepted if done through the BWF online entry system!
Withdrawals	<p>Please inform the Tournament Committee (Charles A. Keller) and the Badminton World Federation (Online system) as soon as possible and in writing about any withdrawals prior to the event.</p> <p>If withdrawal is notified by telephone it must be confirmed in writing. If withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Basel, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee and must be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>See World Tour Regulations</p>
Entry / Forms	<p>You need to fill in (apart from the Online entry system) one of the following additional forms to enter the YONEX SWISS OPEN as a player of a team, as an accompanying person or as an individual player:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel arrangement • Hotel reservation and rooming list • Visa application (if needed) • Team manager and officials accreditation
Entry Swiss players	Swiss players only: Closing date is the January 14, 2018 – 23:59 h! You have to pass your entry through swiss badminton (national coach).
Acceptance entries	<p>Participation in the YONEX SWISS OPEN is open to members of any National Association recognized by the BWF and any currently registered member of the Badminton Association of Switzerland.</p> <p>The following entries are not acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received after the closing date • Made on an individual basis
Notification	<p>Provisional status of your entries can be seen at the following websites:</p> <p>http://www.swissopen.com and http://bwfcorporate.com</p>

Alterations	Please consult the online entry system and BWF office. s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org
BWF World Tour	Please bear in mind the BWF World Tour regulations .
Ceremonies	Players are not allowed to wear hats or caps during the presentation ceremonies. Rackets may not be carried during presentations. Tracksuits, or clothing as worn during play, will be allowed. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This regulation will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each ceremony.
Conditions of play	The YONEX SWISS OPEN will be conducted under the conditions laid down by the Badminton World Federation governing BWF World Tour Events (in the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final).
Readiness	All events will be run on a strict time scale basis. Competitors should be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled time. If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time they will be disqualified. Alterations due to TV-coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.
Warm-up	On the courts the warming up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.
Practice Facilities	Practice courts will be available upon agreement, from Monday February 19 in the hall St. Jakobshalle.
Clothing & Advertising	The following points are essential extracts from the BWF Competition Regulations 19 to 23. For more details please refer to said regulations.
Clothing	All clothing worn by players during play shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing.
Colour	Each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours. It is mandatory that, from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players / pairs in each match wear significantly different colours from each other. In doubles it is mandatory for doubles partners to wear the same colour from the quarter finals onwards. If the opposing players/pairs involved in a match are not wearing significantly different coloured clothing, the player/pair ranked lower will be required to wear clothing of a significantly different colour.



The shirt may carry advertising as defined below:

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| Advertising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advertisements may appear on the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. Each advertisement must be 20 square centimetres or less. b) Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 cm and not exceeding 5 centimetres on the back; such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of other shirt, the back of the shirt or both. |
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| Other clothing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Each sock may carry two advertisements of 20 square centimetres or less. d) Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less. e) The adverts in a) to d) may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor. |
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| Lettering on player's clothing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) In Grade 2 – Level 5 tournaments, the name of the player on the back of the shirt is mandatory. Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet (except in adverts), and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt. Lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres. The country name (if present) must be a height of 5 centimetres. g) The sequence of lettering on the shirt from top to bottom shall be: player name - country name (if present) – advert (if present). |
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Indemnity / Insurance:	Any participating association and its delegated competitors / officials should agree to indemnify and hold the organizing committee free and unaccountable for and against any claims for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in the said tournament. Please ensure that your players & team officials are covered with the necessary insurance policy to meet the current requirements.
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Doping control:	Dope testing will be conducted through random and targeted testing throughout the tournament!
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Part III - Calendar and Schedules

Order of Play	Date	Play	Start
	Tuesday Feb 20	Qualification: rounds Main draw: 12 Match XD	12:00 - 17:00 h – 4 Courts 18:00 - 22:00 h – 4 Courts
	Wednesday Feb 21	Main draws: 1/16 rounds MS/WS/MD/WD +4 M.XD	09:00 - 22:00 h – 4 Courts
	Thursday Feb 22	Main draws: 1/8 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	11:00 - 17:00 h – 3 Courts 18:00 - 22:00 h – 3 Courts
	Friday Feb 23	Main draws: 1/4 rounds MS /WS / MD / WD / XD	13:00 - 17:00 h – 2 Courts 18:00 - 22:00 h – 2 Courts
	Saturday Feb 24	Main draws: 1/2 rounds MS / WS / MD / WD / XD	12:00 - 17:00 h – 1 Court 18:00 - 22:00 h – 1 Court
	Sunday Feb 25	Main draws: all finals MS / WS / MD / WD / XD	12:00 - 17:00 h – 1 Court
Alterations due to TV - Coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Referee or the BWF!			

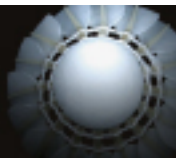
Briefings will be held in the St. Jakobshalle in Basel and are compulsory for all teams and umpires!			
Team managers' briefing	Monday, February 19, 2018	at 19:00 hrs	VIP Lounge St. Jakob Basel
Umpires' briefing	Monday, February 19, 2018	at 20:00 hrs	VIP Lounge St. Jakob Basel

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Part IV - Services

Practice Facilities	<p>Practice courts will be available only upon agreement in the hall on Monday, from Monday February 19, 2018 afternoon. During the tournament there will be 8-10 courts available in the arena.</p> <p>Bookings will be made in the hall at the transportation desk. An appointment system will be operating to ensure equal opportunities for all teams.</p>
Massage	<p>Massage will be available for players throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge. An appointment system will operate to ensure equal opportunities for all players.</p>
Media	<p>On request players must be available (max. 1 hour in total) on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the tournament.</p> <p>At BWF World Tour tournaments, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.</p>
Photo material	<p>BWF has the right to use photographs, film material or any other image of players taken during events sanctioned by BWF.</p>
Video recording	<p>Written authorisation for the use of any video equipment must be obtained in advance from the accreditation office, which must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.</p>
Badges / Team Accreditation:	<p>Please submit your players' and officials' accreditation and photo through our accreditation form at: https://swissopen.formstack.com/forms/yso_2018</p> <p>Entry to the arena for all players and officials will be controlled at the entrance to the hall. Badges will be issued only to nominated persons.</p>
Non Playing personnel	<p>In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying (non playing) officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 3 or less players 1 Official • For 4-7 players € 2 Officials • For 8-15 players € 3 Officials • For 16 or more € 4 Officials <p>Note: if more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. Accreditation for all days = CHF 150.00.</p>
Internet / Web	<p>Please feel free to visit our tournament web page at: http://www.swissopen.com You will find useful information about our tournament.</p>



Part V - General Information

Contacts

If you need any further information or assistance, please contact:

Charles A. KELLER	cak@swissopen.com	Committee Competition
Tommy MOESCH	tm@swissopen.com	Competition + Entries + Visa
Cornelia KELLER	cak@swissopen.com	Accommodation
David HESS	dh@swissopen.com phone: +41 76 498 42 66	Transportation

Website

<http://www.swissopen.com> (English and German)

Credit Cards

VISA and EUROCARD-MASTERCARD are accepted.

Transportation

Pick-up from airport or Railway Station of Basel provided.

From the hall to and back to **only** the **official** hotels, a transport is organized on regular basis. Please address yourselves to David at the transportation desk.

Please be aware that we will have a transport time of about 30 min from the hotel to the hall!

We kindly ask you to send us your arrival date at least **14 days before the event**; otherwise you will not be picked up upon your arrival!

Team Managers are requested to organise their transport early enough with our transport manager **David Hess** (dh@swissopen.com cell phone +41 76 498 42 66).

Shuttle Service

Only players and teams staying at one of our three **official** hotels are allowed to use our shuttle service!

Travel

Competitors from abroad are requested to inform the YONEX Swiss Open of **time** of arrival, **flight no.**, **train no.** etc. before arrival, according to the enclosed information.

Your travel must be routed to: **Basel Airport** otherwise we will not be able to pick you up.

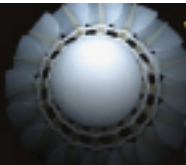
Visa

If you or your team and officials require visas to enter Switzerland **Tommy MOESCH** will be happy to assist you in writing an official invitation (Visa Form). Please submit full passport details (Full name, Passport no., and Date of Issue & Date of Expiry, contact no., Birthday) to e-mail tm@swissopen.com not later than **January 29, 2018!**

Visa assistance

Tommy MOESCH tm@swissopen.com
Fax ++41 61 733 00 05

Note that official invitations destined to embassies are issued for registered persons only!



Part VI - Accommodation

Allocation:

The organiser will allocate your rooms according arrival of your booking request (first in – first booked) and availability.

Hotels

Official hotels:

Swissôtel Basel
4* Superior



30 Single or Twin Rooms available
CHF 259.00 / night / room inclusive Breakfast
<http://www.swissotel.com/hotels/basel/>

Courtyard by Marriott
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3*



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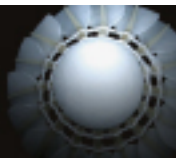
Hotel Stückli
Basel
3* Superior



15 Twin rooms: CHF 199.00 / night / room incl. breakfast
4 x 3 bed rooms: CHF 259.00 / night / room incl. breakfast
3 x 5 bed rooms: CHF 409.00 / night / room incl. breakfast available
<http://bit.ly/2gKLM9B>

* + City Tax

There is, apart from the room price, an additional **City Tax** of **CHF 4.00** per night and person



Booking Rooms will be assigned by the YONEX Swiss Open according to **availability, size** of your team and **arriving** date of your booking details - **first in first served!**

Allocation Room allocation will be confirmed and done in order of receipt of booking form.
Bookings entered later than **February 12, 2018** can only be honoured if available and will be subject to a price increase of **CHF 10.00** per room and night.

Confirmation We will inform and confirm you the hotel details not later than 7 days after the closing date **January 16, 2018** or when we have received your deposit.

Cooking in rooms **It is forbidden to cook in all hotels in Basel and surroundings.** Any misconduct will automatically result in costs which we will have to bill/charge to the Team / Association concerned!

Cleaning costs If the local Organiser YONEX Swiss Open must pay for **cleaning** rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge your team / Federation thereafter! Cleaning costs will be **CHF 500.00** / room.

Booking conditions:

The reservation will be *confirmed* at the reception of a deposit corresponding to **50%** of the total amount. You have the possibility to modify the number of participants or the duration of the stay until **February 5, 2018** without any penalties.

Deposit / Cancellation Modifications:

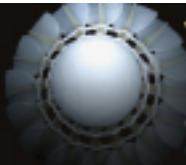
As from **February 6** any modification of your reservation will be due to availability and will increase the price for the room by CHF 10.00/night –
Cancellation after 6/2/2017 = the price for one night per room has to be paid!

Cancellation during the competition:

For any person who leaves the hotel before the date initially planned, 1 additional night will be due for payment, if the number of cancelled nights is inferior or equal to 3 nights.
In case of a cancellation superior to 3 nights, 2 nights will be due for payment!

Early departure

If you wish to change your booking please inform our accommodation department at the accommodation desk by **11:00 AM** at the latest, otherwise you will have to pay for the next following night!



Payments:	Only at the accommodation desk	Your payments must be settled in the St. Jakobshalle, at the accommodation desk. Payments will have to be made in Swiss Francs .
	Extras (hotel)	Any extras taken at the hotels will be at your (teams or players) charge and have to be paid at the hotels reception.
	Shuttle Service	Only players and teams staying at one of our four official hotels are allowed to use our shuttle service!

Bank account:	Notenstein La Roche Privatbank AG Bohl 17 CH-9004 St. Gallen / Switzerland	CHF IBAN: CH33 0876 5100 6783 7100 0 Swift: WEGECH2G Portfolio-Nr: 10.067837_1 In Favour of: Badminton Swiss Open
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Thank you very much for your help! See you in Basel February 2018



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