



23 January 2018

To:: **Member Associations**
 Continental Confederations
 BWF Council (copy for information)

Subject: **TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cups Championships**

From: **Peter Tarcala**
 Chair, Events Committee

Dear Sirs,

The Badminton World Federation would like to inform you of arrangements for the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cups Finals to be held from Sunday 20th – Sunday 27th May 2018 at Impact Arena, Bangkok Thailand. This will be the 30th Thomas Cup and 27th Uber Cup competition.

We look forward to inviting the qualifying teams at the of February 2018 to the Finals in Bangkok, Thailand.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Tarcala'.

Peter Tarcala
Chair
Events Committee

Badminton World Federation

Information on

TOTAL Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2018

The Men's & Women's World Team Championships

to be organised on behalf of the BWF by the

Badminton Association of Thailand

Event	TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2018
Venue	Impact Arena, Bangkok
Dates	20 - 27 May 2018
Host Contact Details	<p>Badminton Association of Thailand Badminton Association of Thailand Building, Wattayu-Sarasin Road, Lumpinee Park, Pathumwan, 10330, Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul General Secretary: Air Marshal Assoc. Prof. Nigon Chumnankul Contact Person: Mr.Paisan Rangsitpho or Ms.Pornpawee Anantakitpaisal</p> <p>Mobile Tel No: 00669 4449 8212, 00668 7692 3872 Email: thomasubercup2018@gmail.com http://www.badmintonthai.or.th</p>
Technical Officials / Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referee: Pencho Stoynov (BUL) • Deputy Referees: Dennis Li (HKG) Liu Qian (CHN) Chris Lawrence (USA) • Medical Doctors: Dr. Saroj Shrestha (NEP) Dr. Carmen Jahja (INA)
Shuttlecocks	<p>Yonex Tournament Grade (3 Speeds available).</p> <p>Each player will be given 3 new shuttles for practice.</p>
Practice facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice courts will be available from Friday 18 May 2018 to Sunday 27 May 2018 at Hippo Badminton from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The practice on the competition courts will be available from 9.00am – 9.00pm on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 May 2018 Requests for practice facilities either in the practice or main hall must reach BWF by Tuesday 1 May 2018. Please complete attached practice form and forward to BWF Events Officer Shan Ramachandran: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy the organisers. The forms are also posted on the BWF official website along with confirmed available practice times. Practice will also be offered at the competition courts from 6.30am – 8.30am for teams playing that day. Teams will be allocated approximately 20 minutes each. 								
Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Member Association is entitled to take part subject to qualification (see Thomas & Uber cup Regulation 4) and the timelines for qualification outlined below: 								
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Qualification & Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In addition to the holders & hosts and continental qualifiers, three (3) participating teams will qualify based on the overall strength of the team. All participating teams will be seeded based on the overall strength of the team.																				
Outline schedule	<p>Group matches will be played in 3 sessions per day from 9.00am, 2.00pm and 7.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">20 May 2018 Day 1 Thomas & Uber Group matches21 May 2018 Day 2 Thomas & Uber Group matches22 May 2018 Day 3 Thomas & Uber Group matches23 May 2018 Day 4 Thomas & Uber Group matches24 May 2018 Day 5 Thomas & Uber Quarter finals25 May 2018 Day 6 Thomas & Uber Cup Semi Finals26 May 2018 Day 7 Uber Cup Finals27 May 2018 Day 8 Thomas Cup Finals																				
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WR dates to determine the overall strength of team seeding in Group play	<p>First World Ranking date after last Continental stage tournament - Thursday 22 February 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total ranking points of the three highest ranked singles players and two doubles pairs from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.Please ensure the three highest ranked singles players and two doubles pairs selected from the World ranking do comply with “GCR 8 - International Representation”.																				
Team Confirmation dateline	<p>Thursday 15 March 2018 (Qualified teams must confirm their participation before Thursday 15 March 2018)</p>																				

Penalty for withdrawal	<p>The following fees be charged to Member associations should they withdraw;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the entry dateline and before the draw USD1000 • After the draw – USD3000 • Does not participate (No Show) USD5000
Team Draw Date	<p>Friday 23 March 2018</p> <p>Venue: Sapphire 23rd Floor, Arnoma Grand Bangkok Time : 2.00 PM</p>
WR dates to decide the ranking order of singles and doubles	<p>Thursday 03 May 2016</p>
Draw for the Knock-out stage	<p>Wednesday 23 May 2018 Venue : Impact Arena Stadium, Press conference Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over • Two top ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage.
WR date to determine ranking of teams qualifying for Knock-out stage	<p>Thursday 17 May 2018</p>
Nomination of players, team managers and other officials	<p>The deadline for entering your team nomination is Sunday 6 May 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each competing Member Association shall nominate to the BWF not fewer than four players and not more than ten players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. <p>Ranking Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength. • Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in doubles as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 nominated players : the 6 possible pairings 5 nominated players : the 10 possible pairings 6 nominated players : the 15 possible pairings 7, 8, 9 or 10 players : the 21 possible or most probable pairings • Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength.

	<p>To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in General Competition Regulations 12.6.1 and 12.6.2 where they apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWF will use the on-line entry procedure for nominating players. The team nominations are to provide the best possible pair combinations in order of ranking for the Thomas & Uber championships. The link will be provided later.
Appointment of Team Manager	The deadline for submission of the team managers name is Sunday 6 May 2018
Team Managers meeting	Saturday: 19 May 2018 , Time: 2.00pm Venue : TBC(Novotel or impact Arena)
Welcome Dinner	<p>Friday 18 May 2018:</p> <p>Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World Time : 6.30 pm</p> <p>All I teams players and officials are expected to attend</p>
Arrival of participating Teams	Forty – eight hours prior to first schedule tie (48 hours)
Handover of the composition for the team for that time	Four hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decreed by the referee (4 hours). Online team composition will be made available. Login and password will be given at the team managers meeting
Regulations	Please pay close attention to BWF Thomas & Uber Cup regulation, BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.1: MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS on BWF website: (click here)
Visa Application	Badminton Association of Thailand will need the full name of each person, function and passport number to issue an invitation letter for visa applications. Find attached the prescribed form which is also posted on BWF website. You are urged to send this information after 1 week when the teams are published. The dateline for submission of visa support letter is 12 April 2018
Accommodation	<p>Team : Players and officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novotel Hotel <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IBIS Hotel <p>Booking dateline for accommodation: April 12th 2018 Full settlement for accommodation at Novotel: 135 USD Full settlement for accommodation at Ibis: 95 USD Media ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please advise which hotel : IBIS Hotel Booking Dateline : April 12th 2018

	<p>Main (BWF AGM Hotel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld <p>Booking April 12th 2018</p> <p>Cancellation Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation, part or full, made 30 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees as per the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire tariff charged by the hotel for the rooms cancelled. <p>Time limit: Cancellation fees (%)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Time limit</th><th>Cancellation fees (%)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to 30 days before the date of arrival</td><td>NIL</td></tr> <tr> <td>From 30 days up to 10 days before the date of arrival</td><td>50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>From 10 days before the date of arrival or no show</td><td>100%</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellations of the rooms cannot be made at the check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms. All damages to property of hotels or venues resulting from the stay of a national (regional) delegation shall be charged to the National federation and paid in full. An early departure / Amendment of dates after check in shall be subjected to the 100% cancellation fees. <p>Please amend or add to above as necessary to reflect the booking arrangements you have made.</p>	Time limit	Cancellation fees (%)	Up to 30 days before the date of arrival	NIL	From 30 days up to 10 days before the date of arrival	50%	From 10 days before the date of arrival or no show	100%
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Insurance	Participants must arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property.								
Grants	The BWF will not be offering any financial assistance to compete in this competition.								
Tickets Rates	To be published on BWF and host website								
Medals	<p>All medals will be suitably inscribed by the BWF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winners Gold Runners-up Silver Losing Semi-finalists - Bronze 15 medals will be provided to the above winners 								

Airport	Suvarnabhumi and Don Muang Airport												
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport transfers from Suvarnabhumi and Don Muang Airport will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament who are staying in the official hotel. You are required to kindly let us have the travel details at least 7 days before the tournament, to enable us make the necessary arrangements. Please complete attached travel form and forward to the organiser. The forms are also posted on the BWF official website Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport and to the venue. 												
Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and accompanying team officials must submit their photographs in jpg format latest by April 12th 2018 Please complete attached application form and forward to the organiser's. The forms is also posted on the BWF and official website Accreditation passes will be issued to nominated team officials on the following scale: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Teams with player</th><th>No. of Free ID Passes</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to 6</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Between 7 to 12</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Between 13 to 18</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>Between 19 to 24</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>More than 24</td><td>5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> A limited number of additional ID passes in the Team Block seating may be purchased at a special rate of US\$ 150. 	Teams with player	No. of Free ID Passes	Up to 6	1	Between 7 to 12	2	Between 13 to 18	3	Between 19 to 24	4	More than 24	5
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