

CROWN GROUP AUSTRALIAN

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HSBC **BWF**
World Tour
Super 300



8-13 MAY 2018
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK SPORTS CENTRE
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To: BWF Member Associations

Invitation: **CROWN GROUP AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON OPEN 2018**
part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300

Date: **Tuesday 08th to Sunday 13th MAY 2018**

Entry Close: **For International Players**
Tuesday 03rd APRIL 2018
(23:59 hours BWF headquarters time +08:00 GMT Hours)

For Australian Players
Friday 30th MARCH 2018

National Association: BADMINTON AUSTRALIA
Unit 15, No.8 Techno Park Drive, Williamstown, Victoria 3016
Tel: +613 9397 4722

Host City: SYDNEY

Venue: QUAYCENTRE
Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park

Event Director: Loke Poh Wong
Email: poh@bigpond.et.au
Mobile: +61412 278 118

Referee: Ronny de Vos (BEL) email: ronny.de_vos@telenet.be
Deputy Referee: Jen Ponambalum (MRI) email: ponam@intnet.mu
Assisting Referee: Yogen Bhatnagar (AUS) email: yogen.bhatnagar@gmail.com

Sanctioned By: Badminton World Federation (BWF)

Tournament Website: www.australianbadmintonopen.com.au

Event Secretariat: 2018AustOpen@gmail.com

Prize Money: USD \$150,000

	Event	Champion	Runner-up	Semi-finals	Quarter-finals	Last 16
*	Men's Single	USD \$11,250	USD \$5,700	USD \$2,175	USD \$900	USD \$525
*	Women's Single	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(8)
**	Men's Doubles	USD \$11,850	USD \$5,700	USD \$2,100	USD \$1087.50	USD \$562.50
**	Women's Doubles	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(8)
**	Mixed Doubles					

* Per Player
** Per Pair



- Withholding tax:** Australian Government requires withholding tax to apply.
- Title Sponsor:** Crown Group Holdings
- World Tour Sponsor:** HSBC
- Equipment Sponsor:** Yonex Co. Ltd
- Shuttles:** Yonex AS50. Practice shuttlecocks two free per player.
- Entries:** Entries can only be submitted online by each member association. International entries close Tuesday 03rd April 2018, 23:59 hours BWF headquarters time, (+08:00 GMT).

Member Associations are advised to log into 2018 CROWN GROUP Australian Badminton Open at:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=0B2351D8-4D29-4E7A-B3DB-8CBF2E65CF32> and submit the entries online.

Username and password can be obtained from BWF. Please contact Shanmugam Ramachandran, email: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

The online entry page will automatically close on Tuesday, 03rd April 2018 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 GMT) and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

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 (+08:00 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 (+08:00 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 can only be submitted online by member association.



Australian Entries Only

Please note – All Australian entries can only be submitted to BWF by Badminton Australia. Australian entries close Friday 30th March 2018. This is to allow for checking and endorsement of all the Australian entries.

Australian player entries must be entered online through the following link:
<https://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=6E67424E-8321-4DAF-84DE-8CD1969D80C3>

Australian players entry fee is AUD\$100 per person regardless of the events entered. An entry fee will entitle a player to access the venue and practice areas until Thursday 10th May and to the public areas from Friday 11th - Sunday 13th May 2018.

EVENT	ENTRIES		
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	Qualifying Draw
Men's Singles	28	4	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

Seeding and Draws:

Entries Close	03rd April 2018
World Ranking Date for M & Q	05th April 2018
M & Q Publish Date	06th April 2018
World Ranking Date for Seeding	12th April 2018
Seeding Release	13th April 2018
Last Date of Withdrawal (without penalty)	16th April 2018
Draw Date	17th April 2018
Competition	08th - 13th May 2018

Schedule: (Tentative)

Tuesday	(08 May 2018) 10:00am - Qualifying Rounds	(4 Courts)
Tuesday	(08 May 2018) 05:00pm - Round of 32 (XD)	(4 Courts)
Wednesday	(09 May 2018) 09:00am - Round of 32	(4 Courts)
Thursday	(10 May 2018) 01:00pm - Round of 16	(4 Courts)
Friday	(11 May 2018) 03:00pm - Quarter Finals	(3 Courts)
Saturday	(12 May 2018) 01:00pm - Semi Finals	(2 Courts)
Sunday	(13 May 2018) 01:00pm - Finals	(1 Court)

Note: The above schedule is subjected to change at the discretion of the Referee.

Important Meetings:

The following meetings will be held at the Acacia Room, adjacent to the Quaycentre (competition venue) reception desk.



Press Conference

Monday 07 May 2018 11:30am

All players must strictly adhere to the request of the Organisers to attend press conferences, event marketing, publicity and promotional activities as per BWF regulations for the new World Tour. Players involved will be given advance notices and will receive priority for practice requirements.

Team Managers' Meeting

Monday 07 May 2018 4:00pm

It is compulsory for all team managers or a member association representative to attend the team managers briefing session.

Umpires' Meeting

Monday 07 May 2018 5:30pm

All umpires are to attend this briefing session.

Note: The above meeting times and location are tentative and may be subject to change. Team managers and players will receive updated information prior to arriving or on arrival in Sydney.

Some activities may be undertaken at various iconic landmark in Sydney. Transportation will be provided by organisers for players and officials to attend these press conferences and activities.

Practice Sessions:

4 competition courts and 4 warm up courts will be set up in the main stadium. There is also another 12 practice courts set up in an adjacent practice hall.

The two halls are adjacent to each other and both halls are <10mins walk from the official hotels. Request for practice schedule can be arranged at the liaison desk upon arrival.

Transport:

Airport transfer will be provided from Sydney International Airport to official hotels upon request. Please complete and submit flight details forms attached.

Arrival flights details must be emailed to organiser at least 7 working days before arriving. Departure flight details must be confirmed at least 2 working days in advance to the Tournament Secretariat.

Note: Official hotels are less than 10min walk to competition and practice venues.

Accreditation:

Photographic and colour coded accreditation will be adopted at this event. Accreditation passes will be arranged for participating players and team officials before team arrival. Please complete attached Accreditation Form together with a photo ID of each participant. Passes will not be issued without a photo ID. Passes are not transferable and penalty will apply to national member association.

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Non Playing Personnel:

The number of accompanying officials receiving accreditation will depend on the playing team size:

No. of Players	Accompanying Officials
1-3	1
4-7	2
8-11	3
12-15	4
16 or more	5

For international teams, any additional or replacement passes for officials accompanying the team can purchase a limited number for AUD\$150 each pass.

Visitors attending the event in a non-official capacity is required to purchase tickets for the required sessions. Please visit tournament website for ticket purchasing details.

Media:

Media accreditation requests should be made by emailing: 2018AustOpen@gmail.com

Video Recording:

Regulations for video recording will be advised at the Managers' meeting

Condition of Play:

The BWF General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in the BWF World Tour Regulations. Where there is any conflict, the BWF World Tour Regulations take precedence. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Clothing and Advertising:

Clothing and advertising must follow BWF General Competition Regulations 20-24.

On Court Doctor & Physiotherapist:

On-court doctors and physiotherapists will be on duty throughout the competition at the tournament venue.

Doping Control:

The BWF anti-doping Regulations apply. Players competing in this tournament are subjected to drug testing under BWF and WADA Regulations.

Insurance/Medical:

Please ensure your players and team officials are covered with the necessary insurance policy to meet current requirements. The organiser will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his/her participation at the tournament. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalisation shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.

Visa:

If visa is required for participants to enter Australia for the event, please complete the attached visa request form.



**Accommodation:
(Official Hotels)**

All accommodation should be booked directly with the Hotels.
Please note there are various events occurring at other parts of the Sydney Olympic Park the same time as the Australian Open so please book as early as possible to avoid full occupancy.
Special rates applies to limited rooms only.
Rooms are subject to availability.
Hotels will issue group contract with individual team.

Ibis Sydney Olympic Park

Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, Australia
Tel: +61 2 8762 1111

Room rates: AUD \$210.00 (Queen or Twin Bedded) per night
Room only and breakfast not included.
Breakfast is additional \$25 per person per day.
Booking Email: H2732-RE4@accor.com and H2732-SL3@accor.com
To obtain above rates, please quote booking code: ID451781

Novotel Sydney Olympic Park

Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, Australia
Tel: +61 2 8762 1111

Room rates: AUD \$240.00 (Queen or Twin Bedded) per night.
Room only and breakfast not included.
Breakfast is additional \$25 per person per day.
Booking Email: H2732-RE4@accor.com and H2732-SL3@accor.com
To obtain above rates, please quote booking code: ID451780

Pullman Sydney Olympic Park

Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, Australia
Tel: +61 2 8762 1111

Room rates: AUD \$260.00 (Queen or Twin Bedded) per night.
Room only and breakfast not included.
Breakfast is additional \$30 per person per day.
Booking Email: H2732-RE4@accor.com and H2732-SL3@accor.com
To obtain above rates, please quote booking code: ID451782

Accommodation Booking	By 06th April 2018	Early booking is highly recommended
Visa Letter Request	By 09th April 2018	Early request is highly recommended
Accreditation Details	By 24th April 2018	Complete attached form
Travel Details	By 24th April 2018	Complete attached form



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SYDNEY







One of the world's most vibrant and exciting cities, Sydney is the gateway to Australia and home to three of the country's most famous icons – the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and shimmering Sydney Harbour. With a vibrant food and wine scene driven by outstanding local produce, new attractions and old favourites, you'll be spoilt for choice in Sydney.

WELCOME TO SYDNEY

FOOD & WINE

From stunning harbourside locations to inner-city heritage makeovers, Sydney's newest dining precincts pack a tasty punch.

The Streets of Barangaroo has flourished into 'Feast Central' by the harbour in just 18 months, with leading lights of the Australian restaurant scene joining the party. Seafood-focussed **Cirrus Dining** comes from the award-winning team behind Monopole and Bentley; Catalan-inspired **Born by Tapavino** extends Frank Dileria's Spanish empire, and contemporary Chinese **Lotus** is manned by two ex-Billy Kwong chefs. The world tour of food also takes in Turkey with acclaimed **Anason**, Vietnam with **PhDmo**, Japan with **Zushi** and **Ume Burger**, Indian at **Spiced by Billu's** and New Orleans at **NOLA Smokehouse and Bar**. One of Sydney's original small bars, **Shirt Bar**, has an outpost, while **Banksii** is the city's first vermouth bar, stocking more than 40 varieties. Perched above it all is **Untied**, a brand new rooftop eatery with a hip tropical vibe and wow-factor harbour views. Be sure to take **The Streets of Barangaroo Walking Tour** so you don't miss a morsel.

In the inner west, the former Rozelle Tramway Depot is reborn as **Tramsheds Harold Park**, a home for culinary artisans, including **Belles Hot Chicken**, **Bekya**, Jared Ingersoll's **Butcher and The Farmer**, **Flour Eggs Water** from the A Tavola team and **Dust**, a third-generation bakery serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tramsheds' **Artisan Lane** extends the epicurean experience to tastings, pop-ups and workshops – from pizza making to French cooking lessons.

Circular Quay has taken a giant leap into the food scene with its new three-level extravaganza of eateries, **Gateway**. More than 25 respected names reside alongside flagship **Popina**, the only spot you'll find wood-fired pizza and artisan pasta sharing menu space with labneh, hummus and knafeh. Neighbours include Neil Perry's **Burger Project** and dessert heavyweights **Zumbo** and **Gelato Messina**.

Chippendale's **Kensington Street** is another hive of culinary activity. In The Old Rum Store, **Bistrot Gavroche** has two new restaurant neighbours: award-winning Sicilian chef Lino Sauro's **Olio**, and the American/Japanese **Eastside Grill**, from international chef Stanley Wong. Wong and Sauro, along with fellow chef Tiw Rakarin, also showcase their skills at private dinners in the building's top-floor function space, **Private Kitchen**.

Also part of the exciting food mix is **Spice Alley**, a funky laneway packed with aromatic Asian eateries, **Mekong**, which specialises in heady Asian fusion dishes, and the Old Clare Hotel's **Automata** and **Kensington Street Social**.

SHOPPING/ ARTS & CULTURE

Sydney's two waterside shopping centres are now linked by the **Hello Sydney! Shopper Hopper** ferry service. The sunshine-yellow boat shuttles between the souvenir heaven of Darling Harbour's **Harbourside** and the discount designer must-haves at Drummoyne's **Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre**, where more than 120 top labels, including Armani, Hugo Boss, Calvin Klein, Furla and Aquila, await. Birkenhead Point is expanding to include even more premium outlets this year.

Givenchy and Fendi have joined the line-up of global luxury names including Zara, Gap, Kate Spade and Aesop at **Westfield Sydney**, which has extended hours for dining during Vivid Sydney, 26 May – 17 June.

The historic **Queen Victoria Buidling** and **Strand Arcade** blend beautifully restored interiors with a host of enticing fashion boutiques featuring local and international brands.

Australia's first John Lewis store can be found at Myer in Brookvale's **Warringah Mall**, while public artworks and more than 30 new retailers complete the \$55 million redevelopment of Glebe's Broadway Shopping Centre.

OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE

In the air, on land and water, Sydney's landscape is an adventure playground.

One of the city's most famous landmarks is the 134m-high Sydney Harbour Bridge, where night time **Bridge Climbers** can boogie on an illuminated dance floor at the summit during Vivid Sydney. Get the adrenalin racing on a **SKYWALK** at Sydney Tower Eye, a pulse-raising adventure onto a glass platform 268m above the city streets, or soar among the animals on a self-propelled WILD Flight inside Darling Harbour's **WILDLIFE** Sydney Zoo. For more animal attractions, Taronga Zoo's **Wild Ropes** traverses the zoo at treetop level on ropewalks and ziplines. Relish the rush of skydiving in a wind tunnel with **iFLY Downunder** or channel your inner James Bond at **Jetpack Adventures**, both of which are located at Penrith in Western Sydney. Sydney's newest adventure park, **Treetops Sydney – The Hills**, is located in beautiful Cumberland State Forest and has 126 challenges, including 20 flying foxes, among the towering bunya pines.

Horsepower addicts can do a hot lap in a Turbo WRX rally car at **Rally School** near Windsor or take a V8 supercar for a spin at **Sydney Motorsport Park**. Opt for a more genteel ride in a classic Porsche through the Royal National Park with Cliff to Coast or a Porsche Drive Day on the northern beaches with Driving Adventures. Prefer two wheels? Cycle along the 35km of trails at Sydney Olympic Park, keeping an eye out for hidden gems such as lookouts, bird hides, wildlife refuges, mangrove boardwalks and outdoor art.

Experience the harbour at full throttle in a jetboat ride from Circular Quay or Darling Harbour, hover above in a helicopter, or take the ultimate white-knuckle Sydney ride with a **Red Baron Aerobatic Experience**. Mild Winter weather is just about right for surfing or stand-up paddle boarding at Manly or Bondi Beach. Try a sunrise kayak from Palm Beach with **Pittwater Kayak Tours**, for a real treat. Venture beneath the waves on a **Shark Dive Extreme** at Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary or mingle with the resident spooks on a **Ghostly Encounters Tour** at the haunted Quarantine Station.

ACCOMMODATION

Sydney offers a wide range of accommodation, from five-star harbourside properties and budget hotels by the beach to boutique inner-city stays, hostels and self-contained apartments. Some of the more popular vantage points for accommodation are the city centre and Darling Harbour, Chinatown and Potts Point, Pyrmont, Manly, Bondi Beach and Coogee Beach in the city's east. A selection of sparkling five-star properties around The Rocks, Circular Quay and Darling Harbour have stunning restaurants, bars, clubs and five-star harbour views.

For more information on events, travel and accommodation go to sydney.com

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