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TO THE
BITBURGER BADMINTON OPEN 2017
PART OF BWF GRAND PRIX GOLD SERIES
PRIZE MONEY: US\$ 120 000
OCTOBER 31ST – NOVEMBER 05TH 2017
SAARLANDHALLE, SAARBRÜCKEN

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Part I - Essential

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Organized by 1. BC Saarbrücken-Bischmisheim

Title Sponsor Bitburger Braugruppe GmbH

Venue Saarlandhalle Saarbrücken, Germany

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Events Event

Men's Singles	Main: 56 + 8Q	(16-Qualification Draw)
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Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(8-Qualification Draw)
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Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(8-Qualification Draw)
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Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(8-Qualification Draw)
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Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q	(8-Qualification Draw)
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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.bitburger-open.de> / <http://www.bwfbadminton.org>

Date October 31st to November 05th 2017

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Prize money

US\$ 120.000 (Distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations. Income tax will be deducted according to German tax regulations. Tax to be paid to German tax office will be retained from the price money and paid directly.)

Events	Winners	Runner Up	Semi-finalist	Quarter-finalist	Last 16
MS, WS	9.000	4.560	1.740	720	420
MD, WD, XD	9.480	4.560	1.680	870	450

Entries closing date **26th September 2017 at 23:59 hrs 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 2017 at:

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=FOA57335-DB87-4904-9164-92D095622AEC>

The online entry page will immediately close on **26th September 2017 at 23:59 hrs BWF headquarters time (+08:00h 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 (+08.00h 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 (+08.00h GMT)

following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct.

No complaints / objections shall be entered after this point.



World Ranking Date for Seeding	28th September 2017
Publish M&Q	29 th September 2017
Seeding date	05 th October 2017
Publish Seeding	6th October 2017
Last Day of Withdrawal Without Penalty	8th October 2017, 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)
Draw Date	10th October 2017

Part II - Regulations

Courts	The courts will be presented by YONEX
Withdrawals	Please bear in mind BWF Competition Regulations, including Grand Prix regulation 9 – Penalty for Withdrawals
Entry	You need to fill in (apart from the Online entry system) on registration form to enter the Bitburger Badminton Open 2017 tournament as a player of a team, as an accompanying person or as an individual player.
Entry German players	German Players have to send the entry to german-entries@badminton.de . Entries closing date for German players is: 24th September 2017
Entry fees	According to Grand Prix regulation 7.8 entry fees will only be imposed on players from the German Badminton Association (DBV).
Notification	Provisional status of your entries can be seen at the following websites: http://www.bitburger-open.de and http://www.bwfbadminton.org
Ceremonies	Players are not allowed to wear hats or caps during the presentation ceremonies. Rackets may not be carried during the presentations. Tracksuit 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 Bitburger Badminton Open will be conducted under the conditions laid down by the BWF governing BWF Grand Prix Gold Events. (In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final).
Warm-up	On the courts the warming up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.

Clothing & Advertising	The BWF General Competition Regulations 19-23 regarding Clothing and Advertising shall be strictly followed.
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.
Doping control	In accordance with the current regulations random and targeted sampling will be carried out at any time during the course of the competition. All testing will be done in accordance with the current BWF Regulations.
Registration Team and Coaches	Entry to the arena for players and coaches will be controlled at the entrance to the hall. Please send your names of the team to our office. Download the form from www.bitburger-open.de

Part III -Schedule

Order of Play	Date	Play	Start
	Tue, 31 st Oct	Qualification Main draw: MS 1 st round	09:00 (at the earliest) 16:00 (4 Courts)
	Wed, 1 st Nov	Main Draw: 1 st round WS, MD, WD 2 nd round MS	09:00 (4 Courts)
	Thu, 2 nd Nov	Main Draw: 1 st round XD 2 nd round WS, WD, MD, XD 3 rd round MS	10:00 (4 Courts)
	Fri, 3 rd Nov	Main Draw: Quarterfinals MS, WS, XD, MD, WD	11:00 (2 Courts)
	Sat, 4 th Nov	Main Draw: Semifinals MS, WS, XD, MD, WS	14:00 (2 Courts)
	Sun, 5 th Nov	Main Draw: Finals MS, WS, MD, WD, XD	14:00 (1 Court)

Notice

- All events will be run on a strict timetable system.
- Competitors must be ready to play thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled time.
- Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified.
- Alterations to competition schedule due to Television coverage is possible and will be announced by the Referee.

Team Managers' Meeting Monday 30th October 2017 at 19:00 hrs, Saarlandhalle Saarbrücken

Umpires' Meeting Monday 30th October 2017 at 20:00 hrs, Saarlandhalle Saarbrücken

Part IV - Services

Transportation from Saarbrücken Airport is free of charge.

Arrival at Frankfurt (Main)/Luxembourg Airport:

If you arrive at Frankfurt/Main Airport (FRA) or Luxembourg (LUX), we offer you the following shuttle services:

1-3 persons (additional trip)	= €160 per trip
4 persons by car	= €35 per person
5-8 persons by minibus	= €30 per person
Coach for up to 20 persons	= €750 per trip

Transportation

Payments for the shuttle service (have to be/can be) settled directly with the driver. The driver will give you a receipt! A train ticket from Frankfurt/Main Airport to Saarbrücken would cost approximately €36 per person. (Status June 2015)

-> Train info is repeated 5 lines below

Please be aware that we are not able to satisfy every request, since only a limited number of drivers and vehicles are available.

For more information please notice the form "shuttleservice".

Direct transport from French Open

If you play the French Open (24.10. - 29.10.2017) in Paris, we recommend the direct train connection with ICE/TGV to Saarbrücken main station.
A ticket would cost approximately €60 - 85 per person. (Status June 2017)

Upon arrival at Saarbrücken main station, you can make use of the free shuttle service to your hotel. (This journey is quicker and with less stopovers in comparison to a flight to Frankfurt (FRA)). You can follow the link to book your ticket: www.tgv-europe.com

Shuttle Service

A shuttle-bus drives the players and coaches to the hall and the official hotels (only the official tournament hotels).



In general, it will not be possible to practice in the tournament hall during the event. Therefore we provide external practice courts in other halls between 9 am and 5 pm.

Practice Facilities

To arrange bookings, please fill in the practice form and send it to shuttleservice@bitburger-open.de. As a matter of course, there will be shuttle service to the practice hall (but only for those players who stay in one of our official tournament hotels).

Deadline for practice booking: 22nd October 2017

Physiotherapist

There will be a physiotherapist throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge.

Media

On request players must be available (not to exceed 1 hour in total) on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the tournament. At Grand Prix Gold tournament, 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.

Photo material

Organizer has the right to make photos, film material or any other image taken during events.

Video recording

Written authorization for the use of any video equipment must be obtained in advance from the Bitburger Open Office, which must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.

Contacts

Tournament office: office@bitburger-open.de
Shuttle-service: shuttleseervice@bitburger-open.de
Hotels: hotel@bitburger-open.de
Practice: [practice@ bitburger-open.de](mailto:practice@bitburger-open.de)



Part V – Accommodation and Visa

Hotels

We offer 3 official tournament hotels:

- Hotel am Triller
- Mercure City
- Mercure Hotel Süd

More information: www.bitburger-open.de

 HOTEL AM TRILLER <small>Das Themenhotel im Grünen</small>	Hotel am Triller	SR: 83,- € per night	DR: 103,- € per night
	Mercure City	SR: 84,- € per night	DR: 104,- € per night
	Mercure Süd	SR: 70,- € per night	DR: 81,- € per night

Bookings

Reservations must be sent to the office. (Form on www.bitburger-open.de) Our tournament hotels will not guarantee the special tournament prices if you contact them directly. Please note, we act only as a mediator. We don't pay cancellation fees. The fee will be charged to your association. Hotel reservations are possible until 5th October 2017. hotel@bitburger-open.de. Hotel reservations, after 5th October 2017 cannot be considered. **Hotelbookings cancelled after the 13th October 2017 will be charged by 80% cancellation fees of the total price of the original booking. This applies also in case of no-shows.**

Visa

If you or your team and officials require visas to enter Germany, our office will be happy to assist you in writing an official invitation. Please send all data (Full name, Passport no., Date of Issue + Date of Expiry, Birthday, Nationality etc.) (Visa Form) to office@bitburger-open.de