



Invitation for Korea Masters 2022

KOREA Masters 2022

HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300 12 April - 17 April 2022 Gwangju Women's University, Gwangju, Korea

Prize Money: US\$ 180,000









Invitation

Dear Member Associations,

On behalf of the Badminton Korea Association, it is great honor to invite world class badminton players to participate in Gwangju Korea Masters Badminton Championships 2022, a part of HSBC BWF World Tour Super 300 event.

I sincerely thank the players, all the executives, and BWF officials who participate in these international badminton competitions even though the Covid-19 epidemic is not disappearing around the world.

We held this competition with the active cooperation of the Korean government and Gwangju City, and our organizing team is working very hard to ensure that the event is carried out to the highest safety standards.

Once again, we would like to thank all the participants, officials and BWF supports.

I think that efforts for a new badminton sport should continue in the Covid-19 era and in any circumstances.

We, BKA look forward to welcoming you all in beautiful city, Gwangju, Korea.

Thank you.

KIM Taek Gyu
President of Badminton Korea Association
Chairman of Korea Masters 2022 Organizing Committee









1. General Details

Organiser	Organiser Badminton Korea Association Address: 108 SK Handball Stadium, Olympic-ro 424, Songpa-Gu, Seoul, Korea T: +82 2 422 6173 E: badmintonkorea@bka.kr W: badmintonkorea.org
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	12 Apr. – 17 Apr. 2022
Competition Venue	Name of the venue: Gwangju Women's University Stadium Address: 201 Yeodae-gil, Gwangsan-gu, Gwangju Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea
Media Links	Championships website: www.badmintonkorea.org
Referee Team	Referee: Lynne Nixey (NZL); Email: nixey4@yahoo.co.nz Deputy Referees: Jozef Kuprivec (SLO); Email: jozef.kuprivec@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: TBC
Useful Contacts	Park Jong Hoon, BKA Secretary General E: kobaas@bka.kr Han Woo Goo, Tournament Manager E: hanwg@bka.kr Lee Hwa Woo, Head of General information Secretariat E: lee@bka.kr Lee Sun Kyung, Director of Technical Network connection E: eileen@bka.kr
Insurance Coverage	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence and/or costs associated if diagnosed COVID-19 positive or self-quarantine measures imposed if a person has to self-isolate/quarantine because he/she is a direct contact as per BWF safety protocols.









Indemnity

To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.

Participant
Agreement for
Use of
Photographs and
Videos

Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.









2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.

Scoring System

Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)

Instant Review System The Instant Review System (IRS) will available on Court 1, and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.

Key Dates

Entry Deadline	8 Mar 2022
World Ranking Date for M&Q Report	8 Mar 2022
Publication Date for M&Q Report	11 Mar 2022
World Ranking Date for Seeding Report	15 MAR 2022
Publication Date for Seeding Report	18 MAR 2022
Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	21 MAR 2022
Draw Date	22 MAR 2022

Draws

Event	Maximum Entries in Main Draw
Men's Singles	32
Women's Singles	32
Men's Doubles	32
Women's Doubles	32
Mixed Doubles	32

Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:

https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/FE1BA34D-7E6C-4A8A-8FA4-4BB1630F1A9F

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org or hj.yee@bwfbadminton.org

The entry deadline is Tuesday, 8 March 2022 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.









	After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group 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.
	Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.
	If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 10 March 2022 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.
Online Entry – Hosting Member Association	Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process to international entries.
Entries	Entries of Korean Players can send the form to BKA at the below e-mail; Email: <u>bka@bka.kr</u>
Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.
	Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).
	Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).
	Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.
	If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:
	Referee: Lynne Nixey (NZL); Email: nixey4@yahoo.co.nz
	Host Organiser Contact: Lee Sun Kyung, Director of Technical Network connection; Email: eileen@bka.kr









3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$180,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

TAX DEDUCTION: 4.4% of the prize

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$13,500	\$6,840	\$2,610	\$1,080	\$630
Women's Singles	\$13,500	\$6,840	\$2,610	\$1,080	\$630
Men's Doubles	\$14,220*	\$6,840*	\$2,520*	\$1,305*	\$675*
Women's Doubles	\$14,220*	\$6,840*	\$2,520*	\$1,305*	\$675*
Mixed Doubles	\$14,220*	\$6,840*	\$2,520*	\$1,305*	\$675*

^{* –} per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Mast ers	Start	End
Tuesday, 12 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw First Round	4	09:00	10:00	18:00
Wednesday, 13 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw First Round	4	09:00	10:00	19:00
Thursday, 14 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Second Round	4	09:00	10:00	19:00
Friday, 15 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter Finals	3	10:00	11:00	18:00
Saturday, 16 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi Final	2	10:00	11:00	18:00
Sunday, 17 April	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Final	1	10:00	11:00	17:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end

Official Shuttle

YONEX AS 50

Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Gwangju Training Center
- Number of Courts: 8 (6 practice, 2 warm up)
- Schedule: Apr. 10(Sun) Apr. 17(Sun) 2022 at 9:00 20:00 Hrs
- Booking/Reservation information: attached









	Competition Courts Information:
	• Schedule: tbc
	 Booking/Reservation Information: The organizer will prepare an overall equitable
	acclimatization schedule, taking into considerations the size and arrival of each team.
	Court Mat Color: Green
	Warmup Courts Information: 2 court in the Practice hall
	Practice Shuttles Information: 3 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice
Player Facilities	Player Lounge Information:
	• Location: Main stadium (1F, Players Lounge)
	• Schedule: From start of practice to end of competition each day
	 Facilities Description: this area will offer limited facilities – water, seating. Due to Covid 19 social distancing and enhanced hygiene must be observed.
	Stringing Services:
	• Location: Main hall
	• Schedule: From start of practice to end of competition each day
	• Cost: YONEX free; others US\$20
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:
	• Date: Monday, 11 Apr 2022
	• Time: 18:00 hrs
	• Location: Official Hotel
	It is mandatory for all participating Mambar Associations (represented by designated Team
	It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for
	failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).
	Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.
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Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:
	• Date: Monday, 11 Apr. 2022
	• Time: 16:30 hrs
	• Location: Official Hotel









Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 17th Apr 2022, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.

Accreditation

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.

Accreditation will only be issued after a player/entourage/official:

- 1. Received negative Covid-19 PCR test results from upon-arrival testing
- 2. Submit pre-departure negative Covid-19 PCR test results applicable to all participants.

The PCR test must be dated within **48 hours prior to departure to Korea**. Please send the test certificate to:

<u>kmj111310@bka.kr</u> cc. <u>badmintonkorea@bka.kr</u> <u>events.admin@bwfbadminton.org</u>

It is mandatory for players on the reserve list that wish to be considered for promotion, to submit the pre-arrival negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate, dated 48 hours prior to arrival in Korea. This test is at player's own cost. If the pre-arrival test certificate has not been submitted for a player on the reserve list, the next eligible reserve will be contacted instead.

The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$150, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament. The additionally accredited Team Officials will have to bear the cost of the mandatory PCR tests conducted in connection with the tournament. The current price of a PCR test is about US\$110.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$100 on each occasion,









	charged to the respective Member Association.
	The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation or if a player/official/volunteer/staff refuse to take a COVID-19 test when requested, or if there is a serious breach of COVID-19 safety measures.
	The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.
Medical Services	A medical officer will be available during the tournament.
Anti-Doping	Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.
	Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).
	For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:
	https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/
Badminton Integrity	Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.
	To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.
	Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.
	For more information, please refer to BWF's website:
	https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with General Competition	GCR 7.9:
Regulations Clause 7.9	"In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."









4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Due to COVID-19 testing, all players, including players on the reserve list shall arrive to Incheon International Airport and take the on-arrival PCR test latest by Friday, 8 April 2022.

It is also mandatory for players on the reserve list to arrive to Incheon International Airport and take the on-arrival PCR test latest by Friday, 8 April 2022, if they wish to be considered for promotion. Those who arrive later than the cut-off date, will not be allowed to take part in the tournament.

Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:

• Incheon International Airport

To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by 22nd March 2022.

Visas / Quarantine Exemption application Criteria for entry into Korea per the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Korea: https://www.immigration.go.kr/immigration_eng/index.do

We will also provide a letter of invitation as supporting document to assist with your application. Please complete and return the Visa request form and Quarantine Exemption application. Request Form by Wednesday, 2 **March 2022** to Email: jjs5518@bka.kr

- ◆ Document for application "Visa" and "Quarantine Exemption Certificate"
 - a) Quarantine Exemption application form attached(4 sheets)
 - air ticket copy, passport copy must be attached.
 - b) Quarantine Exemption application List attached(1 sheet)
 - c) Visa application form attached
 - *To check on Visa requirement for your country, please visit:
 - https://visaforkorea.eu/en
 - * If electronic visa (K-ETA) applicable country, please contact to the below Web site:
 - ▶ https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do?locale=EN (K-ETA : Korea-electronic travel Authorization)

The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.









The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Korea; the final decision is made by the Government of Korea COVID-19 Protocols.

Prior entering Korea, the individuals or teams must acquire the following documents:

- a) Passport valid
- b) Visa (application Forms attached) or K-ETA(electric visa)
- c) Negative PCR test certificate (48 hours before departure)- 3 original copies
- d) 'Quarantine Exemption Certificate' (application Forms attached)- 6 original copies
 - attachment : passport & air-ticket copy

** Important Notice

Even though the closing date of 'Visa' and 'Quarantine Exemption Certificate' until March 2nd 2022, please send this forms and passport copy ASAP,so that we check all the sheet and submit to Korean Government to receive the approval and forward this confirmation forms to the Korean Embassy which located in your country.

COVID-19 Protocols

1. Basic Policy for entering to Korea under COVID-19 control

- a) Persons entourage without 'Quarantine Exemption Certificate' must undergo a mandatory of 7 days Government control facility quarantine upon entering Korea.
- b) Korea Masters Participants including players, team entourage, BWF officials, technical officials with 'Quarantine Exemption Certificate' are exempted from the 7 days quarantine.

 Participants who only take part in Korea Masters 2022 are required to arrive in Korea at least

four (4) days before the first day of the competition, latest on Friday, 8th April 2022.

Participants who have already entered Korea to participate in the Korea Open will be transported from the organizing committee From Suncheon to Gwangju Metropolitan City by bus between Saturday and Monday, April 9~11 2022.

Those who arrive later than the cut-off date, will not be allowed to take part in the tournament.

- c) All players and team entourage must undergo a 1 day(24 hrs) mandatory organizational quarantine and will take a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival to Korea. This includes the reserved players, in order to be eligible to compete shall there be withdrawal arises.
- d) Participants who tested negative for COVID-19 on their on-arrival PCR Test (1^{st} test in Korea), will be able to access practice facilities at training hall from Sunday, 10^{th} April until Sunday, 17^{th} April 2022.









2. Procedures to enter Korea

It is a condition of entry that all participants must:

- a) Present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate (in English) on arrival- 3 original copies
 The test must have been taken within the 48 hours prior to departure to Korea
- b) Present "Quarantine Exemption Certificate"
 - issued by the Embassy of Korea located in the respective country
- c) entry visa or electronic visa (K-ETA)
- d) Undergo the COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival at Korea. (1st PCR test)

3. Recommended Timelines to arrival and COVID-19 Protocol:

- (1) Arrival dates: Apr 7th (Thu) Apr 8th (Fri), latest on April 8th 2022
 - Undergo the PCR test upon arrival at Korea (1st PCR test)
 →Participants on arrival in the Incheon Int'l airport will move to the KDCA
 arranged hotel in the near airport and undergo the PCR test. Participants will be
 accommodated here, until receiving the PCR test result. It will take 1 day and
 participants will stay that night at the KDCA arranged hotel. All costs related to
 this PCR test and accommodation will be covered by KDCA. It means free of
 charge for all participants.
 - →Hotels selected by KDCA are randomly determined. Therefore, once the accommodation is decided after arriving at Incheon International Airport, participants who have received PCR negative result must inform the organizing committee of the details(hotel name,address,contact no.) of their accommodation on the day of arrival at Incheon International Airport to move to the official hotel in Gwangju city the next day.

It usually takes about 3-4 hours by bus to Gwangju City.

- Contact person : BKA Mr.Jang
 - E-mail: jjs5518@bka.kr, & badmintonkorea@bka.kr
 - Mobile: 010 6433 5499

*KDCA: Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency

- (2) April 9th: receiving the PCR test result
- (3) April 10th ~11th: practice
- (4) April 12th , Tuesday: Tournament starts
- (5) April 13~14th, Wednesday ~ Thursday: 2nd PCR Test
 - ♦ Participants need to install a COVID-19 self-diagnosis app and will guide you when you arrive at the Korea Incheon airport.

 In addition, on the 3rd and 5th days after arrival, COVID-19 tests must be conducted using a self-diagnosis kit(Antigen test nasal swab), which will be guided again by the organizing committee of the competition. The cost is free.
 - ♦ After the competition, if a participant requests a PCR test and an English confirmation upon returning home, it will be self-funded and the amount will be about US110.









4. Positive COVID-19 cases

In case of infection, the Badminton Korea Association and BWF will follow the protocols given By Korea Disease Control and Prevention (KDCA), and the appointed medical team on-site. More information will be distributed before the tournament.

A COVID-19 RT-PCR Test is mandatory for all Super 1000, Super 750, Super 500 and Super 300 Tournaments for players, team officials, and selected tournament staff and volunteers. There could be multiple tests required.









5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
UTOP Boutique Hotel & Residence	120	Single Occupancy : ₩80,000	Breakfast included.
		Twin room : ₩110,000	Breakfast included.

Hotel Name: UTOP Boutique Hotel & Residence

Add: 53 Sicheongro, Seogu, Gwangju Metropolitan City, Korea

Tel +82-62-370-8000 Fax +82-62-370-8009

https://www.utopboutique.com

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form by Tuesday 15th March , 2022.

All participants are required to complete the rooming list to the below;

Email to: utop.gwangju@gmail.com, CC: m0958@bka.kr

Hotel Room Payment and Cancellation Policy:

Room Booking form: attached.

Room Payment:

Each team is requested to pay the 100% of the total room charge for confirmation of the reservation until March 15th 2022 to bank transfer. Any late payment is not guaranteed for the room reservation in the official hotel.

Cancellation charge

Cancellation timeline	Cancellation fee
Cancellation before March 21 (~ Mar 21)	No Cancellation Fee
Cancellation period Mar 22 ~ 28	30% of the total payed money
Cancellation period Mar 29 ~ Apr. 4	50% of the total payed money
Cancellation period Apr 5 ~ onward or No Show	100% of the total payed money









Payment Information :

Beneficiary Name	Utop Boutique Hotel
Beneficiary A/C	771301-01-801389
Beneficiary Phone	82 63 370 8000
Beneficiary Address	53, Sicheong-ro, Seo-gu, Gwangju R.Korea
Bank Name	KB KOOKMIN BANK
Swift Code	CZNBKRSEXXX
Bank Address	#26, Gukjegeumyung-ro 8-gil, Yeongdeungpo- gu, Seoul
Bank Tel	82 2 6300 9999

Invoice, Confirmation & Receipt:

We will send you an invoice upon receiving your room booking details and receipt will be issued after having received the full room booking payment









6. Media Details

Player Media	9
Obligations	

It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).

Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.

Media Accreditation

Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form, by March 22 2022.

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, access for photographers, BWF Magazine Show, Rights Holding Broadcasters (RHB), Host Broadcaster (HB), Non-Rights Holding Broadcasters (Non-RHB) and journalists wishing to take photographs and interview players will be restricted.

Only BWF and host photographers will be allowed on the field of play to take photographs. All other photographers will only be able to take photographs from designated areas in the arena.

TV Broadcast Schedule

Date	Number of matches	Time
Saturday, 16 th April 2022	6	11:00 hrs
Sunday, 17 th April 2022	5	11:00 hrs

Video Recording and Photography

Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.

Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament.

Each team is entitled to a maximum of 3 video permits. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.

The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.

Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.





