

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

Hong Kong Open 2023
Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500

12 to 17 September 2023

Hong Kong Coliseum, Kowloon

Prize Money: US\$ 420,000

Dear Member Associations,

Greetings from Hong Kong.

On behalf of Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited (HKBA), it is with great honour and pleasure to invite world top players to participate in Hong Kong Open 2023, part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500.

It has been 3 years since last edition of Hong Kong Open due to the pandemic, and thus, we are happy to host the tournament and welcome you again in Hong Kong.

As one of the qualification events for the Paris Olympics 2024, we will endeavor to deliver the event at high standard, full of enjoyment to all athletes, team officials, spectators, TV audience, guests, and visitors.

We would like to express appreciation to HKSAR Government, BWF and HSBC for their contribution to this tournament, as well as other sponsors for their support.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Hong Kong.

Dr. TONG Yun Kai
President, Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited

1. General Details

Organizer	<p>Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited (HKBA) Room 2005, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong</p> <p>Tel: +852 2504 8318 Fax: +852 2882 8450 Email: hkba@hkolympic.org Website: www.hkbadmintonassn.org.hk</p>
Sanction	<p>Badminton World Federation</p>
Date	<p>Tuesday, 12 September to Sunday, 17 September 2023</p>
Competition Venue	<p>Hong Kong Coliseum 9 Cheong Wan Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong</p> <p>Venue website: https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/hkc/index.html</p>
Media Links	<p>Championships website: http://www.hkopenbadminton.org/</p>
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Julie Carrel (NZL) / Email: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com</p> <p>Deputy Referee: Jozef Kuprivec (SLO) / Email: jozef.kuprivec@gmail.com</p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong, Sunny (HKG) / Email: hkba@hkolympic.org</p> <p>Local Assistant Referee: Cheng Wing Ki, Steve (HKG) / Email: hkba@hkolympic.org</p>
Useful Contacts	<p>Tournament Secretariat Tel: +852 2504 8318 Fax: +852 2882 8450 Email: hkba@hkolympic.org</p>
Insurance coverage	<p>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.</p>
Indemnity	<p>To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organizer, 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.</p>

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 Organizer 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	Tuesday, 1 August 2023
World Ranking Date for M&Q Report	Tuesday, 1 August 2023
Publication Date for M&Q Report	Friday, 4 August 2023
World Ranking Date for Seeding Report	Tuesday, 15 August 2023
Publication Date for Seeding Report	Friday, 18 August 2023
Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	Monday, 21 August 2023
Draw Date	Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Draws

Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in 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

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/6FOCEBA9-84D2-44D9-85B8-007EED86A95F>

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

s.ramachandran@bwf.sport or hj.yee@bwf.sport

The entry deadline is Tuesday, 1 August 2023 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, 2 August 2023 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 3 August 2023 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

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 Organizer 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: Julie Carrel (NZL) / Email: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com

Host Organizer Contact: Cindy Chow; Email: hkba@hkolympic.org

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$420,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

Non-resident players will be taxed at the standard rate (16.5%) of tax on gross earnings from prize money.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$31,500	\$15,960	\$6,090	\$2,520	\$1,470
Women's Singles	\$31,500	\$15,960	\$6,090	\$2,520	\$1,470
Men's Doubles	\$33,180*	\$15,960*	\$5,880*	\$3,045*	\$1,575*
Women's Doubles	\$33,180*	\$15,960*	\$5,880*	\$3,045*	\$1,575*
Mixed Doubles	\$33,180*	\$15,960*	\$5,880*	\$3,045*	\$1,575*

* – per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start	End
Tuesday 12 September 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualification	4	08:30	09:00	15:00
	MD / WD	Main Draw (except Qualifiers)	4		16:00	21:00
Wednesday 13 September 2023	MS/WS/XD	Main Draw	4	08:30	1 st Session: 09:00	17:30
	MD / WD	Main Draw (Qualifiers only)		18:00	2 nd Session: 18:30	22:00
Thursday 14 September 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw	3	08:30	1 st Session: 09:00	17:30
				18:00	2 nd Session: 18:30	22:00
Friday 15 September 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter-Finals	3	11:00	1 st Session: 11:30	16:30
				17:45	2 nd Session: 18:30	22:30
Saturday 16 September 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi-Finals	1	09:15	1 st Session: 10:00	15:00
				16:15	2 nd Session: 17:00	22:00
Sunday 17 September 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	13:15	14:00	19:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.
Finalists in China Open 2023 will play on Wednesday unless in qualifying. All qualifying will be played on Tuesday.

Official Shuttle

To be confirmed.

Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Kowloon Park Sports Centre / Kwun Chung Sports Centre
- Number of Courts: 8
- Schedule: Saturday, 9 September 2023 to Sunday, 17 September 2023 (8am to 10pm)

Competition Courts Information:

- Schedule: Sunday, 10 September 2023 (4pm to 9pm)
Monday, 11 September 2023 (8am to 7pm)
- Court Mat Color: Green

Booking/Reservation Information: Please complete and return the Practice Request Form to hkba@hkolympic.org, by Wednesday, 30 August 2023. Organizer will prepare overall equitable acclimatization schedule, taking into consideration of size and arrival time of each team.

This is subject to availability and final confirmation by the Referee.

Warmup Courts Information: 2 courts

Practice Shuttles Information: 3 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice.

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

- Location: Hong Kong Coliseum
- Schedule: As per competition schedule
- Facilities Description: Internet, Live scoring of matches, mineral water and snacks

Stringing Services:

- Location: Warm-up Court, Hong Kong Coliseum
- Schedule: As per competition schedule
- Cost: **To be confirmed.**

Team Managers' Meeting

The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday, 11 September 2023
- Time: 17:30 hrs
- Location: Official Hotel

It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the 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.

Umpire Briefing	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Monday, 11 September 2023 • Time: 16:00 hrs • Location: Official Hotel 														
Welcome Dinner	<p>Hong Kong Badminton Association Ltd has the pleasure of inviting all delegates to the Welcome Dinner of Hong Kong Open 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Monday, 11 September 2023 • Time: 19:15 hrs • Location: Promenade Restaurant, Level 7, Harbour Plaza Metropolis (Official Hotel) 														
Presentation Ceremonies	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 17 September 2023, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>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 organizers regarding ceremony protocol.</p> <p>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.</p>														
Accreditation	<p>Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.</p> <p>Please complete and submit Accreditation Form with passport size photograph to hkba@hkolympic.org, by Wednesday, 2 August 2023.</p> <p>The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 1469 1126 1832"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Member Association Players</th> <th>Number of Team Officials Accreditations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Three or less</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four to Seven</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eight to 15</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 to 20</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 to 25</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 or more</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations	Three or less	1	Four to Seven	2	Eight to 15	3	16 to 20	4	21 to 25	5	26 or more	6
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	<p>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.</p> <p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.</p>
<p>Medical Services</p>	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.</p>
<p>Anti-Doping</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:</p> <p>https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF’s website:</p> <p>https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
<p>Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9</p>	<p>GCR 7.9: <i>“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.”</i></p>

4. Travel & Visa Details

<p>Transport</p>	<p>**For teams coming to Hong Kong from China Open, direct flights are available from Wuxi Airport or Nanjing Airport to Hong Kong International Airport.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong International Airport <p>To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form to hkab@hkolympic.org, by Wednesday, 30 August 2023. Transportation arrangement will not be guaranteed for late transportation request or insufficient information received by the Host.</p> <p>Please approach our Transport Team at “Exit B” on arrival hall at airport.</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>If a visa is required to enter Hong Kong, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form to hkba@hkolympic.org by Tuesday, 2 August 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Hong Kong; the final decision is made the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Protocols</p>	<p>BWF or the host is not responsible for any tournament cost incurred by any participants should be tournament be cancelled or postponed by the local authorities in Hong Kong due but not limited to COVID-19 reasons.</p> <p>Information published on this tournament invitation may be updated from time to time until the tournament.</p> <p>Participants are required to follow the instructions of the local authority, local organizing committee and BWF regarding COVID-19 protocols.</p>

Currently in Hong Kong, there are no COVID regulations in force, more information can be found at the link below:

Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, The Government of the HKSAR - <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/index.html>.

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel	Option	Room Type	Daily Room Rate (HK\$)
Harbour Plaza Metropolis www.harbour-plaza.com <i>Address:</i> 7 Metropolis Drive, Hunghom Kowloon, Hong Kong	A	Superior room (25m ²) Single – One Queen bed	\$1,320 nett* Breakfast for 1 pax
	B	Superior room (25m ²) Double – 2 Single beds	\$1,420 nett* Breakfast for 2 pax
	C	Deluxe room (27m ²) Single – One Queen bed	\$1,570 nett* Breakfast for 1 pax
	D	Deluxe room (27m ²) Double – 2 Single beds	\$1,670 nett* Breakfast for 2 pax
	E	Superior One Bedroom Suite (50m ²) One Queen bed	\$1,820 nett* Breakfast for 1 pax
	F		\$1,920 nett* Breakfast for 2 pax

*For details, please refer to Accommodation Request Form.

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form to hkba@hkolympic.org by Tuesday, 8 August 2023.

6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizer, 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).</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>															
Media Accreditation	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form to hkba@hkolympic.org, by Wednesday, 30 August 2023.</p>															
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Video Recording and Photography	<p>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.</p> <p>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/stickers. There is a limited number of these positions and passes/stickers available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament. The team managers can collect the passes/stickers at the team manager meeting. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>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.</p>															