

ARCTIC OPEN

OCTOBER 10TH - 15TH 2023





— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

CLASH OF CLANS Arctic Open by YONEX 2023

HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500

10-15 October 2023

Energia Areena, Vantaa

Prize Money: US\$ 420,000

Dear BWF Member Associations,



It is with great delight and honor that Badminton Finland invites the world's top badminton players to take part in the CLASH OF CLANS Arctic Open by YONEX Super 500 event to be played in October in Vantaa, Finland.

The 2023 edition of Arctic Open is the first-ever World Tour event to be played in Finland and the only Super 500 level tournament in Europe. We look forward to kicking off the autumn European leg of the World Tour in Finland with the north-most event of the tour and starting a long-lasting tradition of hosting the coolest tournament on the tour, hence the name Arctic Open.

We thank BWF and all our partners for their contribution and support for organizing the event. Welcome to Finland!

Mr. Ville Valorinta
CEO, Arctic Open

1. General Details

Organiser	<p>Badminton Management Oy/Badminton Finland Valimotie 10 00380 Helsinki, Finland</p> <p>T: +358 40 565 5412 E: info@arcticopen.fi</p> <p>W: www.arcticopen.fi</p>
Sanction	<p>Badminton World Federation</p>
Date	<p>10.-15.10.2023</p>
Competition Venue	<p>Energia Areena Rajatorpantie 23 01600 Vantaa Finland</p>
Media Links	<p>Championships website: www.arcticopen.fi</p> <p> @arcticopen  @arcticopen.fi</p>
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Lynne Nixey (NZL) / Email: nixey4@yahoo.co.nz</p> <p>Deputy Referees: Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) / Email: artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com</p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Ilkka Vainio (FIN) / Email: vainioilk@gmail.com</p>
Useful Contacts	<p>Ville Valorinta, CEO Arctic Open E: ville@arcticopen.fi</p> <p>Annika Paananen, communications E: annika@arcticopen.fi</p> <p>Eino Väisänen / Umpires E: eino.vaisanen@saunalahti.fi</p>

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.
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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>																								
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)																								
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Online Entry – International Entries	<p>Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:</p> <p>https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/91CF9351-372A-4336-9E69-0366D53C7F63</p> <p>If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:</p> <p>s.ramachandran@bwf.sport or hj.yee@bwf.sport</p> <p>The entry deadline is Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs)</p>																								

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, August 30, 2023, at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, August 31, 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.

Online Entry – Hosting Member Association Entries

Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process to international entries. The host member association will contact the domestic players in question.

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: Ville Valorinta; Email: ville@arcticopen.fi

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. No tax will be applied.

	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
Tuesday October 10	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualification Rounds	4	08:30	09:00
	WS/XD	Main Draw First Round	4	08:30	16:00
Wednesday October 11	MS/WS*/MD/WD/XD*	Main Draw First Round	4	08:30	09:00
Thursday October 12	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R16	3	09:30	10:00
Friday October 13	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R8	3	13:30	14:00
Saturday October 14	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semifinals	1	09:30	10:00
					17:00
Sunday October 15	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	10:00	11:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

All qualifying rounds are to be played on Tuesday. WS & XD first round Main Draws will be played on Tuesday after qualifying, except the matches with players from the WS & XD qualifying rounds.

*WS & XD qualifiers will play on Wednesday.

Official Shuttle

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Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Myyrmäki Hall (next to the tournament venue)
- Number of Courts: minimum 8

- Schedule: Please see the Practice Request form
- Booking/Reservation information: please return the Practice Request form to hello@arcticopen.fi by October 3

Competition Courts Information:

- Schedule: Please see the Practice Request form
- Booking/Reservation Information: Please return the Practice Request form to hello@arcticopen.fi by October 3.
- Court Mat Color: green

Warmup Courts Information: 2 warm-up courts available throughout the tournament

Practice Shuttles Information: All players will be given 2 complimentary practice shuttles

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

Tournament venue players' lounge

- Schedule: open on tournament days 1 hour before the commence of play until 30 minutes after the last match
- Facilities include: snacks, food, fruits, beverages, live-streaming from the courts, mobile phone charging possibility

Stringing Services:

- Location: Tournament Venue
- Schedule: to be announced at the team managers' meeting
- Cost: to be announced at the team managers' meeting

Team Managers' Meeting

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

- Date: Monday October 9, 2023
- Time: 17:30 hrs
- Location: Official tournament hotel Skyline

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

The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday October 9, 2023
- Time: 16:00 hrs
- Location: Official tournament hotel Skyline

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, October 15, 2023, 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.

Please send accreditation request to hello@arcticopen.fi

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 EUR 150, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be EUR 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.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

<p>Medical Services</p>	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available at the tournament venue 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:</p> <p><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>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue. The transportation schedule will be available at the tournament hotels and at the venues.</p> <p>Please note that the shuttles moving between the tournament and practice venue and the official tournament hotels cannot make any additional stops or pick-ups outside these routes.</p> <p>The official airport for pick-up is Helsinki-Vantaa airport (HEL). For the transportation between the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and the official tournament hotels upon arrival and departure please follow the instructions given by the official tournament hotel.</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>If a visa is required to enter Finland, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</p> <p>Please send the completed Visa Support Request Form at hello@arcticopen.fi by September 11, 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 Finland; the final decision is made by the Government and the appropriate authorities of Finland.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Protocols</p>	<p>There are no COVID-19 related restrictions or requirements in place about arriving to or staying in Finland.</p>

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Skyline Airport Hotel	150+	Rooms for 1-4 pax available. Please see the hotel attachment for rates and other info	**** airporthotelskyline.fi
Pilot Airport Hotel	50+	Rooms for 1-4 pax available. Please see the hotel attachment for rates and other info	*** airporthotelpilot.fi

Please see the Hotel Info attachment for rates, booking instructions, payment options and cancellation policies.

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 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).</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 a Media Accreditation Request to annika@arcticopen.fi by Monday 11th September 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. There a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament. Please send requests for a video recording position and pass by email at hello@arcticopen.fi by October 3. 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>															