

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

VICTOR Kaohsiung Masters 2023

Part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 100

26 Sep - 01 Oct 2023

K-Arena, Kaohsiung City

Prize Money: **US\$ 100,000**

Dear Members,

The Chinese Taipei Badminton Association is proud to host the first ever VICTOR Kaohsiung Masters 2023, from 26 Sep. to 1 Oct. We look forward to welcoming all participants to the beautiful city of Kaohsiung.

Although it is the first time hosting the VICTOR Kaohsiung Masters, we are prepared.

We look forward to welcoming you all.




Sincerely yours,



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Will Chang

President of the Chinese Taipei Badminton Association (CTBA)

1. General Details

Organizer	Chinese Taipei Badminton Association Room 810, No. 20, Zhulun St., Taipei City 10489, Chinese Taipei T: +886 2 87711440 F: +886 2 27522740 E-Mail: sheenaliu@ctb.org.tw W: www.ctb.org.tw/index.asp
Sanction	Badminton World Federation (BWF)
Date	26 th Sep – 1 st Oct 2023
Competition Venue	K- Arena, Kaohsiung No. 757, Boai 2nd Road, Zuoying District, Kaohsiung City 813 Venue website: http://www.k-arena.com.tw/
Media Links	Website: TBC  @CTBAnew  ctbadminton  @ctbadminton
Referee Team	Referee: Carsten Koch (GER) / E-Mail: carsten.koch1966@gmail.com Deputy Referees: Ian Ross (ENG) / E-Mail: ian.ross.uk@gmail.com Local Deputy Referee: Chou Yu Chen (TPE) / E-Mail: gz20023@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Ms. Sheena Liu E-Mail: sheenaliu@ctb.org.tw
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,

**Participant
Agreement for Use
of Photographs and
Videos**

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.

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>																								
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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/46F5BDD6-8136-4529-B53B-301F948F56AB</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, 22 Aug. 2023 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs. GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.</p>																								

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, **23 Aug. 2023** at 12:00 hrs. BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, **24 Aug. 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: Carsten Koch (GER) / E-Mail: carsten.koch1966@gmail.com
Deputy Referees: Ian Ross (ENG) / E-Mail: ian.ross.uk@gmail.com
Host Organizer Contact: Ms. Sheena Liu / E-Mail: sheenaliu@ctb.org.tw

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$100,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5 and awarded as per the table below.

Noted: 20% of the prize money will be deducted according to local tax law

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$7,500	\$3,800	\$1,450	\$600	\$350
Women's Singles	\$7,500	\$3,800	\$1,450	\$600	\$350
Men's Doubles	\$7,900*	\$3,800*	\$1,400*	\$725*	\$375*
Women's Doubles	\$7,900*	\$3,800*	\$1,400*	\$725*	\$375*
Mixed Doubles	\$7,900*	\$3,800*	\$1,400*	\$725*	\$375*

*- per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Play Times
Tuesday 26 Sep	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualifying MS64 (except Qualifiers)	5	08:00	09:00-22:00
Wednesday 27 Sep	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Round32	5	08:00	09:00-22:00
Thursday 28 Sep	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Round16	4	11:00	12:00-20:00
Friday 29 Sep	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter Finals	3	11:00	12:00-22:00
Saturday 30 Sep	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi Finals	2	11:00	Start at 12:00
Sunday 01 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	11:00	Start at 12:00

Noted:

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

Official Shuttle

VICTOR MASTER ACE

Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Kaohsiung Municipal Sanmin Vocational High School of Home Economics & Commerce (SMVHS)
- Number of Courts: 4 courts
- Schedule: Sunday, 24th September to Saturday, 30th September 9:00-18:00
Sunday, 1st October 9:00-12:00

Competition Courts Information:

- Schedule:
Monday, 25th September: 09:00-20:00
Thursday, 28th September to Sunday, 1st October: 08:00-10:00
- Will be arranged upon players' arrival according to the size of the team.
- Court Mat Color: Green

Warmup Courts Information: 2 courts

Practice Shuttle Information: 3 COMPLIMENTARY shuttlecocks per player

Note: Additional MASTER ACE shuttlecocks are also for sale at the reception (price: TWD 800/dozen)

Please complete and return the Practice form to Ms. Elaine Ko (elaineko@ctb.org.tw) by **Wednesday, 6th Sep. 2023**.

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

- Location: 1F at the main Venue
- Schedule: 9:00 to 18:00
- Facilities Description: water

Stringing Services:

- Location: VICTOR Booth
- Schedule:
- Cost: VICTOR Rackets - free
Other Brands - USD 25 (appr. NTD 750)

Team Managers' Meeting

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

- Date: Monday, 25th September 2023
- Time: 16:00 hrs
- Location: Main Venue

It is mandatory for all participating Member (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member will be penalized for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF

Statute 2.5).

Member are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approve.

Umpire Briefing

The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday, 25th September 2023
- Time: 15:00 hrs
- Location: Main Venue

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 1ST Oct. 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 organizers 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 personalized and photographic accreditation.

Please complete and return the accreditation form with photographs saved by the player's name to Ms. Elaine Ko (elaineko@ctb.org.tw) by **Tuesday, 18th Aug. 2023**.

The number of complimentary accreditations passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players 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 accreditations passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$200, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.

	<p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$150 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area 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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
<p>Badminton Integrity</p>	<p>Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) 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, 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 matches.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF’s website: 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 authorizing 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

Transportation

Airport transportation between the official hotel and the airport will only be provided for players staying at the official hotel, and the following transportation hubs:

- Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)
- Kaohsiung International Airport (KHH)
- HSR Zuoying Station

If you decide to arrival in Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), you have 2 options:

1. Taiwan High Speed Trail <https://en.thsrc.com.tw/> to transit to Kaohsiung Zuoying Station. We will have volunteers to help you to go to Taoyuan Station, and also we will have volunteers at the Zuoying Station to arrange the transportation to the official hotel. Before you book your flight, please check the schedule of the Taiwan High Speed Trail Taoyuan Station service time (06:20-23:15) first in order to arrange your flight schedule.
2. Or you could book a van for 7 people. It will take 4.5 to 5 hours from TPE to official hotel. One trip (TPE to the official hotel or official hotel to TPE) will be USD250. If you would like to book the van, please kindly fill the form. The last date to amend your booking is 29th Aug. 2023, and the full payment must be remitted by 31st Aug. 2023. There is no refund for cancellation.

All above payment will be charged by the participants/associations/federations.

To request transportation, please complete and return the Accommodation and Transportation Request Form to Ms. Sheena Liu (sheenalieu@ctb.org.tw) by **Friday, 28th Aug. 2023.**

Noted that the transportation service only provides to whom book the official hotel through the organizer.

There will be transportation arranged between the official hotel, practice court and competition venue. The schedule will be published at the lobby of the official hotel. The schedule will follow by your practice time.

Visas

If a visa is required to entry, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

Please complete and return the Visa Request Form by **14th Aug. 2023.**

The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association.

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.

NOTED: For players and team officials holding passports of People's Republic of China, please start your visa application at least 45 working days before to ensure that the visa can be received in time.

COVID-19
Protocols

TBC

5. Accommodation Details

Official Hotel:

A. Howard Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung (20mins by shuttle bus to competition venue and practice courts)

https://www.howard-hotels.com.tw/zh_TW/HotelBusiness/136

Address: No.311, Chi-Hsien 1st Road, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

- Single room is 160 USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)
- Double/ Twin room is 180 USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)

B. PARK LEES HOTEL (5mins by walk to competition venue and practice courts)

<https://pkl.thelees.com.tw/en/about/AboutParkLeesHotel/>

Address: No. 105, Wufu 1st Road, Lingya District, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

- Single room is 160 USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)
- Double/ Twin room is 180 USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)

C. Hotel R14 (5mins by walk to competition venue and practice courts)

https://www.hotelr14.com/location_en/

Address: No. 1, Wenzhong Road, Gushan District, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Noted: This hotel only provides **vegetarian breakfast**. **The restaurant 1F, you could only take vegetarian food**. Other foods, you could enjoy in your own room.

- Single room is 140USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)
- Double/ Twin room is 160 USD/room/night (included breakfast and transportation)

Please complete and return the Accommodation and Transportation Request Form to Ms. Sheena Liu (sheenaliu@ctb.org.tw) by **Friday, 28th Aug. 2023**.

First come, first served. The last date to amend your booking is **29th Aug. 2023**, and the full payment must be remitted by **31st Aug. 2023**.

There is **No refund** for cancellation.

Payment Details:

Beneficiary name: LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICE CORP.

Account No.: 0075210636301

SWIFT Code: BOTPTWTP

6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations

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).

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 Friday, 18th August 2023.

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.

All approved BWF and CTBA 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, 30 September 2023	6	12:00
Sunday, 1 October 2023	5	12:00

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 stickers. There a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorization must be obtained in advance at the **Team Managers' Meeting**.

Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.

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