



— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to
ABU DHABI MASTERS 2023

BWF Tour Super 100 Tournament

17th – 22nd October 2023

ADNEC Marina Hall

Prize Money: **US\$ 120,000**

Dear Member Associations,

Subject: ABU DHABI MASTERS 2023 Invitation – BWF Tour Super 100 Tournament

We are pleased to extend an invitation to your players for their participation in the ABU DHABI MASTERS 2023. The tournament will take place from October 17th to 22nd, 2023, at the Marina Hall of ADNEC (Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre), located at Al Khaleej Al Arabi St - Al Rawdah Capital Centre, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Below, you will find the entry details and event information. If you require any additional information or assistance, please reach out to the tournament director of ABU DHABI MASTERS 2023. We eagerly anticipate your presence in Abu Dhabi, UAE, in October 2023.

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Noura Hassan AlJasmi
President
UAE Badminton Federation

1. General Details

Organizer	<p>UAE Badminton Federation, 701 Business Village, Block B, P. O Box: 4350, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Contact No: +971555832288</p> <p>Email: info@uaebadminton.ae W: www.uaebadminton.ae</p>
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Date	17 th – 22 nd October 2023
Competition Venue	<p>ADNEC Marina Hall Khaleej Al Arabi Street Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Venue website: https://www.adnec.ae/en/space-listing/adnec-marina-hall</p>
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Girish Natu (IND); Email: girishnatu@gmail.com</p> <p>Deputy Referees: Zheng Sanliang (CHN); Email: sandiezheng@139.com Luis Alejandro Lopez (MEX); Email: badalexmx@gmail.com</p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Mathew Varghese (UAE); Email: mathewvg@gmail.com</p>
Useful Contacts	<p>Tournament Operations manager Samih AL Maisari Email: almaisari@316sport.ae Mobile: +971562238622</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 hospitalization expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated with 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</p>

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 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 colors 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)

Key Dates

Entry Deadline	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
World Ranking Date for M&Q Report	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Publication Date for M&Q Report	Friday, September 15, 2023
World Ranking Date of Seeding Report	Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Publication Date for Seeding Report	Friday, September 22, 2023
Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	Monday, September 25, 2023
Draw Date	Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Draws

Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
Men's Singles	40	8	32
Women's Singles	28	4	16
Men's Doubles	28	4	16
Women's Doubles	28	4	16
Mixed Doubles	28	4	16

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/589BDBAB-81BB-4A46-9247-38052BA0574BEntry>

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, September 12, 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, September 13, 2023 at 12:00 hrs. BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday September 14, 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: GIRISH NATU (IND) Email: girishnatu@gmail.com;

Host Organiser Contact: Samih AL Maisari; Email: almaisari@316sport.ae

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$ 120,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$9,000	\$4,560	\$1,740	\$720	\$420
Women's Singles	\$9,000	\$4,560	\$1,740	\$720	\$420
Men's Doubles	\$9,480*	\$4,560*	\$1,680*	\$870*	\$450*
Women's Doubles	\$9,480*	\$4,560*	\$1,680*	\$870*	\$450*
Mixed Doubles	\$9,480*	\$4,560*	\$1,680*	\$870*	\$450*

* – per pair

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start	End
Tuesday 17 th Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	All Qualifying Rounds & XD Round of 32 (Except players from Qualifying Round)*	4	09:00	10:00	22:00
Wednesday 18 th Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	MS Round of 64 & XD Round of 32 (players from Qualifying Round)* MS/WS/WD/MD Round of 32	4	09:00	10:00	23:00
Thursday 19 th Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Round of 16	4	12:00	13:00	20:00
Friday 20 th Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter Finals	3	12:00	13:00	19:00
Saturday 21 st Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi Finals	2	12:00	13:00	19:00
Sunday 22 nd Oct, 2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	12:00	13:00	20:00

*Finalists of Arctic Open 2023 (Finland) will play their main draw matches on Wednesday.

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

Official Shuttle

Li Ning G900

Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: ADNEC Marine Hall

Date	Practice Courts	Timings
Sunday, October 15, 2023	10	9 AM to 9 PM
Monday, October 16, 2023	6	9 AM to 7 PM
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	4	9 AM to 8 PM
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	4	9 AM to 8 PM
Thursday, October 19, 2023	4	9 AM to 8 PM
Friday, October 20, 2023	4	9 AM to 8 PM
Saturday, October 21, 2023	4	9 AM to 8 PM

- Booking/Reservation information: Please fill the Practice request form by 7th October 2023 and submit to Booking@316sport.ae

Competition Courts Information:

- Schedule: Monday, 16th October 2023, 9AM – 7 PM (4 courts)
- Booking/Reservation Information: Please fill the Practice request form by 7th October 2023 and submit to Booking@316sport.ae
- No practice on the competition courts on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Court Mat Color: Green

Warmup Courts Information: 2

Practice Shuttles Information: 3 Practice shuttles will be provided for every player during the whole tournament

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

- Location: Within Venue, the catering division will operate 30 minutes before the start of the matches and will extend until 1 hour before the matches are scheduled to finish. The lounge will be available until 1 hour after the last match of the day.
- Schedule: 17-22 October 2023
- Facilities Description: Water, tea/ coffee, snacks, seating

Stringing Services:

- Location: Within the hall
- Schedule: 17th – 22nd October 2023
- Cost: AED 50.00 without string
AED 75.00 with string

• Other: Stringing Service hours		
Date	Start time	End Time
16/10/2023	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
17/10/2023	9:00 AM	8:00 PM

18/10/2023	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
19/10/2023	1:00 PM	7:00 PM
20/10/2023	1:00 PM	7:00 PM
21/10/2023	1:00 PM	7:00 PM
22/10/2023	1:00 PM	7:00 PM

Team Managers' Meeting

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

- Date: Monday, 16th October 2023
- Time: 15:00 HRS
- Location: TBA

As per BWF Statutes, Section 5.1 General Competition Regulations, Regulation 9.3, It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations to assign a 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, 16th October 2023
- Time: 17:00 HRS
- Location: TBA

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 22nd October 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 Statute 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 fill the accreditation form alongwith and send to Accreditation@316sport.ae

The number of complimentary accreditation 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 accreditation 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.

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.

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 and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.

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 match(es).

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Compliance
with General
Competition
Regulations
Clause 7.9

GCR 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

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:

- Abu Dhabi International Airport

To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by Sunday, 17th September, 2023.

Visas

If a visa is required to enter UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Sunday, 17th September, 2023.

m.hussein@316sport.ae

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 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES; the final decision is made by the Government of UAE.

COVID-19 Protocols

TBC

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates per night	Contact
Centro Capital Center 3*	100 Guest room Inclusive of Breakfast	Single- AED 325.00	muhammad.umar@capitalexprience.ae
		Double - AED 375.00	
Park Rotana, Abu Dhabi	100King / Twin Inclusive of Buffet Breakfast	Single - AED 450.00	abdullah.alrasbi@rotana.com
		Double- AED 500.00	
Pearl Rotana Capital Center 4*	100 Guest Room Inclusive of Breakfast	Single- AED 425.00	muhammad.umar@capitalexprience.ae
		Double: AED 475.00	

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form by Sunday, 17th September, 2023.

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 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 Sunday, 17th September, 2023 and send to Accreditation@316sport.ae

TV Broadcast Schedule

Date	Number of matches	Time
Sunday, 22nd October 2023	5	13:00

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 passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament (Please refer to Media accreditation form and fill in the media area). 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.