



AIG FZ FORZA Irish Open 2023

15th-18th November 2023

National Indoor Arena,

Dublin, Ireland

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

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An

International Challenge Tournament

Prize Money: \$15,000

Closing Date: 17th October 2023 16:59 (GMT +1)

Irish Open Website

<https://www.badmintonireland.com/page/play-badminton/competitions/international-events/aig-fz-forza-irish-open>

Organiser	Badminton Ireland Website: https://www.badmintonireland.com/page/play-badminton/competitions/international-events/irish-open
Local Organiser	Badminton Ireland, Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown, D15 DY62 Tel: +353 1 8393028 Email: gfarrell@badmintonireland.com
Event Director	Conor Doherty +353 (0) 18393028 cdoherly@badmintonireland.com
Venue	National Indoor Arena Sport Ireland Campus, Snugborough Road, D15 EPN4 Dublin 15 sales@sportirelandcampus.ie
Airport	Dublin Airport (DUB) – Hotel 20 minutes, Venue 20 minutes
Dates	15 th November – 09:00, Qualification 16 th November – 09:00, Preliminary rounds (1 st & 2 nd) 17 th November – 10:00, Quarter-Finals and 17.00, Semi-Finals 18 th November – 13:00, Finals – scheduled to finish by 18:00 (The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on TV requirements). The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the tournament’s website. Players competing in finals should not depart on Saturday.
Events	Men’s and Women’s Singles (32 in main draw), Men’s and Women’s Doubles (32 in main draw), Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)
Eligible Players	All players of clubs affiliated through their National Associations to BWF
Conditions of play	The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe’s Elite Circuit. The tournament draw sizes are limited to: - (a) 120 matches per day (b) 2 rounds per event per day for the main draw (c) No more than 3 qualifying rounds per day for a maximum of 8 places in any event (d) If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw and which

entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered.

Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit regulations).

The seeding's and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

Clothing/ Advertising	Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF. It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.
Key Dates	Entry Deadline: Tue 17 Oct 2023 - 16:59 (GMT +01:00) World Ranking Date used for M&Q Report: Tue 17 Oct 2023 Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release Date: Fri 20 Oct 2023 World Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw: Tue 24 Oct 2023 Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty: Mon 30 Oct 2023 Draw Date: Tue 31 Oct 2023
Scoring System	All events: best of 3 games to 21 Knock out system according to rules of the BWF
Shuttles	Victor Gold Champion
Courts	6 hover courts (6 Yonex)
Practice Courts	Where possible, practice courts will be made available on the 14 th November at requested times in the competition hall, but this cannot be guaranteed. Practice courts can be booked in one-hour time slots per nation. Practice available between 14:00 – 20:00. Please email cdoherly@badmintonireland.com to book.

Prize Money

Total Prize Money: \$15,000 - €13,670 (\$1= €0.91) 1st August 2023

	MS	WS	MD*	WD*	XD*
Winner	€1,095	€1,095	€1,230	€1,230	€1,230
Runner-up	€655	€655	€820	€820	€820
Semi-finalist	€275	€275	€340	€340	€340
Quarter-finalist	€110	€110			

*per pair

Note: No tax will be conducted by Badminton Ireland.

The prize money will be paid via bank transfer the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs' provided bank accounts. Any costs related to the bank transfer will be paid by the tournament organiser.

Tournament Referee Ivanka Pokorni (CRO) Email: ivpokorni@gmail.com

Deputy Referee Aengus Sheerin (IRL) Email: sheerin.aengus@itsligo.ie

Entries All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link: <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/0225F8AC-BDB7-4956-8031-B6CD9F1F37FB>

No late entries will be accepted.

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

Singles: €65 per player

Doubles: €55 per player

The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. The entry fees will not be refunded in the

case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

Payment must be done before their first scheduled match, (NO CASH ACCEPTED ON DAY).

If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw.

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion within 48h after the message has been sent by the organisers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

Compliance with 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."

Withdrawals

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US \$150 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Visas

After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. It is the Member's responsibility to make sure that visa applications are made early enough.

The Tournament Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa. Email: cdoherty@badmintonireland.com

Accommodation

Please note: In order to get the discounted rate listed below and availability of free transport to and from the venue, all bookings must be made by completing the Badminton Ireland Online Accommodation Form: <https://bi-acc.paperform.co/>

Hotels must be booked before the **26th October 2023** to avail of price listed below. Players who do not book through Badminton Ireland will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher rate and transport. **PLEASE NOTE: Accommodation is first come first serve as we have a limited number of rooms available at the advertised price. Invoices will be sent to the person who makes the booking and only one invoice will be supplied per room.**

Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown (4*) Dublin

Church Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15, D15 EYX5

The Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown is ideally situated near the sports hall, next to shops and only a fifteen-minute drive from Dublin Airport. Complimentary WiFi. Rate includes breakfast at Carlton Hotel. Shuttle Bus to Airport is provided by Hotel.

Distance from Venue: 5 km (5-10 mins)

B&B, €161.08 per person for a single room

B&B, €171.53 for a twin room based on two people sharing.

Triple rooms (€213.33) may be reserved by request.

Any questions about accommodation should be made with Badminton Ireland emailing cdoherty@badmintonireland.com

Transport

Shuttle bus will be provided between Dublin Airport and the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown from zone 16 between 14th – 19th November. Shuttle bus will be booked via flight number. To book transportation to tournament hotel complete the online form <https://bitravel.paperform.co/>. **Deadline 26th October 2023**

Questions should be emailed to gfarrell@badmintonireland.com

Transport will be provided between the tournament hotel and the venue from the 15th to 18th November 2023. Note: There is limited or no public transport between the hotels and the venue, transport will be provided regularly between the hall and the tournament hotels.

Insurance

The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. Badminton Europe is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

Medical

First Aid team will be on site during competition. A physiotherapist will be present daily for select times in the Sports hall during the tournament. A medical doctor will be on call.

- 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/>
- Managers Meeting** **Managers Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 20:00 at the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown.** If further meetings are required, they will be advised in due course.
- The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.*
- Doping control** 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/>
- Payments** Euro (€) payments:
AIB
Westend Retail Park, Dublin 15, Ireland
Account – Badminton Ireland
IBAN – IE13 AIBK 93251560473081
SWIFT – AIBKIE2D
Account Number – 60473081