

POLISH OPEN 2025

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit

International Challenge Tournament

Prize Money: 17 500 USD

Łódź, Poland

March 19 to March 23, 2025

Invitation



ORGANIZER: Polish Badminton Association,
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VENUE: Sport Arena Łódź im. Józefa „Ziuny” Żylińskiego
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Key dates	
Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 4:59 PM (GMT+1)
Ranking date (used for M&Q Report):	February 18, 2025
Visa request deadline:	February 18, 2025
Main & Qualifying (M&Q) Report Release	February 21, 2025
Ranking Date used for Seeding/Draw:	March 11, 2025
Last Date for Withdrawal without Penalty:	March 10, 2025 11:59 PM (GMT +1)
Draw Date:	March 11, 2025
Accommodation deadline:	February 19, 2025
Transportation request	March 12, 2025
Team Managers Meeting	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – 08:00 PM at the venue

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

09.00 – Qualification

Thursday, March 20, 2025

09.00 – Qualification

Friday, March 21, 2025

09.00 – Qualification final rounds

Not before 11.00 - First round Main Draw

Saturday, March 22, 2025

09.00 – Second round Main Draw

16.00 – Quarter Finals

Sunday, March 23, 2025

09.00 – Semi Finals

13.00 – Finals

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organiser's website.

9.5 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.

ELIGIBILITY:

Tournament is open for all badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

ENTRIES:

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/E3CA648B-973B-4C71-8A17-42FE70F89C40>

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, February 18, 2025 4:59 PM (GMT+01:00)**.

Players cannot be entered unless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case you wish to enter players, who do not have a BWF ID-number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can receive a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

No late entries will be accepted.

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."

Singles – 70€ per player

Doubles – 55€ per player/event

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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept credit card payment at tournaments.

The entry fees are advised to be paid at the same time as the entries are submitted.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member. Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

PRIZE MONEY:

US\$ 17.500,00

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	\$ 1400	\$ 1400	\$ 1575	\$ 1575	\$ 1575
Runner up	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$ 1050	\$ 1050	\$ 1050
Semi-finalist	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 473,50	\$ 473,50	\$ 473,50
Quarter-finalist	\$ 140	\$ 140			

For all players winning prize money, a 10% tax will be deducted.

The Organizer will pay the prize money in cash in USD at the prize giving ceremony to the players/pairs competing in the finals.

Q Finalists and S Finalists will receive cash prizes as soon as their matches have finished.

EVENTS:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The numbers of players/pairs accepted for the main events are 32 in Singles and 32 in Doubles. 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.

WITHDRAWALS AND NO SHOWS:

Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason.

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of USD 150,00 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 USD 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

ACCOMMODATION:

B&B Hotel Łódź

al. Tadeusza Kościuszki 16 , 90-419 Łódź, Poland

A modern and comfortable hotel in the centre of Łódź - B&B HOTEL Łódź Centrum is located in the very centre of the city – it's only a 5-minute walk from Piotrkowska Street. From here, you will quickly reach the Manufaktura shopping mall, Atlas Arena/Sport Arena and the famous building complex of Izrael Poznański. Getting around the city will be equally comfortable, no matter where the meeting point with your client is. And along Piotrkowska Street you will find atmospheric bars, modern clubs and great restaurants. The rooms are cosy and offer sound reduction. We have equipped them with comfortable beds, smart TV sets, work desks and a closet. Each room has a functional bathroom with a shower and a hairdryer. In our rooms, you will find everything you need to relax and work. Enjoy our delicious breakfast served from 6:00 to 10:00 during the week, and from 6:30 to 11:00 on the weekends.

At the hotel, there are 50 places available in the above-ground and underground car parks.



Please send the accommodation requests until February 19, 2025 using the [reservation link](#). After that date we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotels, but we will do our best to assist and to try to find rooms, but these might be at full rate and not served by the tournament transport service.

Room type	Price per room per night
Single room with breakfast	60 Euro
Twin room with breakfast	72 Euro
Triple room with breakfast	85 Euro
Parking services	Payable directly at the hotel price ~ 8 Euro

Booking conditions:

1. All bookings have to be done via the reservation form until February 19, 2025
2. Reservations can be changed or cancelled according to deadlines:
 - until February 26 – max. 10% allotment can be cancelled without any charges
 - cancelation fee above the established conditions and deadlines is 100% for cancelled reservation
3. Rooms will be charged by “Polski Badminton” company by invoice prior to the event (e-mail). Payment must be done before arrival, by bank transfer until February 26, 2024.
4. All nights booked in advance, have to be paid for. If you leave a day sooner as booked, no refunds are possible.
5. All prices are inclusive of VAT, local taxes and breakfast.
6. All rooms are subject of availability.
7. From/to official hotels organizer provide free of charge transport services: transfers from/to the railway station (Widzew Łódź or Łódź Fabryczna) and shuttle bus to the sport venue.

TRANSPORT:

Available only via [reservation link](#)

For guests using official organizer accommodation

- free of charge between Railway Station Łódź Fabryczna, Łódź Widzew and Łódź Airport
- from Warsaw Airport to official hotel - 18 Euro per person/one direction

For other guests :

- Railway Station Łódź Fabryczna and Łódź Widzew
 - dedicated car up to 5 person – 20 Euro / one direction
- from Warsaw Airport to Sport Venue
 - dedicated car up to 5 person – 120 Euro / one direction

Booking conditions:

1. All bookings have to be done via the reservation form until March 12, 2025
2. Reservations can be changed or cancelled according to deadlines:
 - a. until March 12,2025 – without any charges
 - b. cancelation fee above the established conditions and deadlines is 100% for cancelled reservation
3. Transfer services will be charged by “Polski Badminton” company by invoice prior to the event (e-mail). Payment must be done before arrival, by bank transfer until March, 12, 2025.
4. All prices are inclusive of VAT and local taxes.
5. All transfer are subject of availability.

ACCREDITATION:

Accreditation only for register team members should be sent till February 28,2025.
Form will be available at the official tournament website.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted under the BWF General Competition Regulations and in accordance with the BEC Elite Circuit Regulations.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will 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 penalized 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.

CLOTHING AND 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.

SHUTTLES: VICTOR MASTER ACE

COURTS: 4 VICTOR courts (+2 warm up courts).

PRACTICE COURTS

Courts will be available in the main sport venue on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 between 15:00-21:00. Please send the practice court reservation until March 5, 2025 to events@pzbad.pl via reservation form.

DOPING CONTROL:

According to Polish law Drug Testing may be carried out on a random basis throughout the tournament.

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/>

INSURANCE:

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.

The organizer declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant purchases a proper insurance.

VISA:

If you need Visa for Poland, after entering your players, please send us the Visa application to events@pzbad.pl, no later than February 19, 2025 for the official invitation letter. Any additional costs (courier, ...) will be put on the invoice and must be paid by the Member.

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/>

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:

The organizing 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.

PAYMENTS:

We would appreciate if you can make your payments for entry fees in advance, by bank transfer, to the following account (no bank charges will be accepted by the organization):

Account no: 38 1090 1014 0000 0001 3596 3276

IBAN: PL38109010140000000135963276

SWIFT: WBKPPLPP

Bank details Santander Bank Polska S.A.

CONTACTS: For all your questions, applications and requests, you can contact us at events@pzbad.pl