

INDIA INTERNATIONAL SERIES 2017

OFFICIAL INVITATION

- Organizer** : Badminton Association of India (BAI)
- Sanctioned by** : Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Asia
- Dates** : 23rd to 26th November, 2017
- Venue** : Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (PGBA)
Survey No 91, ISB Road, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500032
- Prize Money** : US\$ 8,000 (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of Government of India. Present minimum rate is 20.60%). The distribution of Prize Money will be as per the General Competition Regulations of BWF.

Events	Winners	Runners Up	Semi-finalist	Quarter finalists	Last 16
MS (Per Player)	600	304	116	48	28
WS (Per Player)	600	304	116	48	28
MD (Per Pair)	632	304	112	58	30
WD (Per Pair)	632	304	112	58	30
XD (Per Pair)	632	304	112	58	30

(All Figures in US\$)

- Events** : Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Entries beyond the number specified below (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the status of your entries.

Event	Entries - Main Draw		Entries - Qualifying Draw
	Direct	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	24	8	32
Women's Singles	24	8	32
Men's Doubles	24	8	32
Women's Doubles	24	8	32
Mixed Doubles	24	8	32

Entries

Closing Date : **Tuesday, 24th October, 2017.**

- All entries must be submitted online only. Member Associations are advised to log on at: <http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=F4570649-0E0F-4FA0-B1D8-6AC161125817> and submit the entries online.
- The online entry page will close immediately on the entries closing date at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT). Please ensure that you submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.
- After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming final entries which are received as at close of entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by the Wednesday (next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following close of entries. If no objection is received by BWF from the Member Association by Thursday (second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.
- You will require a username and password to submit your entries online. In case you do not have this, you can obtain it from the BWF. Please contact Mr. Shan Ramachandran at s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.

Entry Fees : No entry fees shall be charged if the entries are sponsored by the National Federation. In case of Individual entries from the Host Association only (not being part of the National Contingent), the following entry fees shall be charged:
Singles: INR 2,000/- (Per player)
Doubles: INR 3,000/- (Per pair)

Regulations : The General Competition Regulations of BWF shall be applicable to the Championships including for the clothing and advertising. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Scoring System : 21 points X 3 games rally point.

Clothing Regulations : General Competition Regulations 19 to 23 will be applicable to the extent applicable as applicable to the Grand Prix Tournaments.

Mandatory Clothing Regulations

- Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event.
- From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same colour.
- From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colours.

M&Q : M&Q List based on the BWF Ranking List dated **Thursday, 26th October, 2017**

Seeding : For Main Draw based on the BWF Ranking list dated **Thursday, 2nd November, 2017**.
For Qualifying Draw based on the BWF Ranking list dated **Thursday, 26th October, 2017**.

Withdrawals : Will be according to the BWF Regulations.

- Withdrawals after **Sunday, 5th November, 2017** shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Withdrawals until this date must be intimated through online entry system by logging in the tournament link used for sending the entry. The withdrawals after that date must be informed by an e-mail to indiais@badmintonindia.org as soon as possible.
- Withdrawals prior to the tournament, must be accompanied by an appropriate certification.
- Withdrawals after the draw due to illness or injury must be supported by a medical certificate.
- Withdrawals after players arrive in venue city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee in writing.

Draw : Draw will be made and published on **Tuesday, 7th November, 2017**.

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Administration

Local Host : **Badminton Association of Telangana (BAT)**

Chairman : Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Tournament : President, Badminton Association of India
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Tournament : Senior Vice-President, BAI
Committee : Mobile: +91 (98888) 81678

Secretary : Dr. O. D. Sharma
Tournament : Chair, Tournament Committee, BAI
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Tournament : Mr. Anup Narang
Committee : General Secretary, BAI
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Tournament : Mr. K. C. Punnaiah Choudary
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Chairman : Mr. K.T. Rama Rao
Organising : President, Badminton Association Telangana
Committee :

Vice Chairman : Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS
Organising :
Committee :

Organising : Mr. Pullela Gopichand
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Referee : Ashley George (BRN)
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Deputy Referee : Uday Sane (IND)
E-mail : uday9823063110@yahoo.co.in

Calendar and Schedules

Order of play :

Day	Date	Play
Thursday	23.11.2017	Qualification Rounds
Friday	24.11.2017	Main Draws
Saturday	25.11.2017	Main Draws
Sunday	26.11.2017	All Finals (MS/WS/MD/WD/XD)

- Alterations due to TV-coverage or any other reason are possible and will be announced by the **Referee**. The above order of play may be changed at the discretion of the **Referee**.
- All events will be on a strict timetable system. Competitors who are not ready to play at the time for which their match is scheduled will be scratched.

Team Manager's Briefings :

Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017 at 1600 hours (local time)

- Briefing will be held at the Conference Hall of the Venue
- As per BWF Regulations, the Team must be represented in the Managers' Briefing. Failing to attend will attract fine / penalty in accordance with GCR Part III Section 1A, Appendix 11 "Offences and Penalties".
- Each Member Association must appoint ONE team manager to facilitate communication.
- It is acceptable that Member Association makes a request someone to represent it at the meeting as long as the Referee knows it in advance.

Technical officials' Briefing : **Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017 at 1700 hours** (local time) at the venue.

Practice Schedule

: Practice courts at the tournament venue will be arranged by the Organiser. Court allocation will be based on the number of players in the team and done on an equitable basis for **Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017**. The Referee will approve the practice schedule. For other days, requests should be sent in the prescribed format before the date specified in the form to indiais@badmintonindia.org. Practice Courts are available at the venue as from **Tuesday, 21st November, 2017**.

Accommodation

Booking : Please fill in the attached registration form giving details of team members as well as individuals and forward to us before the date specified in the form to indiais@badmintonindia.org.

Sr No	Hotel Name	Type of Room	Tarriff (INR) Per Room	Contact Details	
1	Ellaah Hotels	Single	INR 6500	Website	www.ellaahotels.com
		Double	INR 6500	Email	asm@ellaahotels.com
		Triple	INR 7500	Phone No	+91-8008402550

Kindly note the following:

- There are limited rooms available in each hotel. The allotment will be made on first come first serve basis.
- Hotel reservations in the official hotel are to be made ONLY through the Organizer.
- We will be able to provide accommodation only to those persons registered with us on the requisite form. No guarantee can be given with respect to late booking.
- THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL.

• **Cancellation Fees:**

- Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation of any hotel booking, part or full, made 30 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees at the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire amount payable as per the original booking for the cancelled rooms.

Time limit	Cancellation fees (%)
Up to 30 days before the date of arrival	NIL
From 30 days up to 10 days before the date of arrival	50%
From 10 days before the date of arrival or no show	100%

- Cancellations of the rooms cannot be made at the time of check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness, etc. are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.
- Any damage to property of hotels or other venues resulting from the stay of team from any Member Association shall be charged to the National Federation and the same must be paid in full.
- An early departure / amendment of dates after check-in shall be subjected to 100% cancellation fees.
- **Check-in / Check-outs, Deposits:**
 - The check-in and check-out time will be as specified in the above table respectively.
 - Early Check-in / late check-out will be charged as per the Hotel Rules.
 - The security deposit at the time of check-in to cover extras during stay shall be paid directly to the hotel as per the Hotel Rules.
- It is forbidden to cook in all hotel rooms. Any misconduct will lead automatically into penalty which we will be billed / charged the concerned National Federation.
- If the organizers are required to pay for cleaning of rooms, in which your team was accommodated, we will charge INR 10,000 per room to your team / National Association towards the cleaning costs.
- All extra costs, charges, penalties as described above MUST be paid before check-out.

Services

Transport : Airport transfers from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad will be provided to the players / officials attending the tournament and who are booked through the organisers in the official hotels. You are required to kindly let us have the travel details in the enclosed format, which should reach us at the e-mail ID indiais@badmintonindia.org, at least 7 days before the event, to enable us make the necessary arrangements.

**No Transport from Ella Hotel to the Venue.
Ella Hotel is just right opposite to Main Hall and with a walking distance.**

Teams who choose not to stay in the hotel (as listed above) or are unable to get rooms at the official hotel due to late submission of hotel requisition, have to arrange for their own transportation for transfers from airport to hotel and back and to and from the venue (practice and tournament).

Physio : The Physio services will be available with prior appointment and payment of fees directly to the physio.

Visa : Contingents requiring visa for entry into India, are required to furnish their personal details in the enclosed format to enable us send an official invitation letter for processing of the visa. The forms must be sent to indiais@badmintonindia.org so as to reach us before the date specified in the form.

- You must apply for your visa at least 21 working days before it is needed, to allow time for your application to be processed.
- Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee issue of visa or an entry into India. The final decision is made by the Indian Embassy / High Commission in your country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa sufficiently in advance. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt directly with the Consular Officer who is dealing with your application.
- We do not accept any responsibility nor are we liable under any circumstances for the costs and / or hardship because of non-granting of visa for any reason whatsoever.
- Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your association.

Other matters:

Presentation Ceremonies:

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but headgear, rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced by our stewards prior to each presentation ceremony.

Doping control : Dope testing will be conducted as per BWF norms.

Media Obligations: The players will be required to fulfil the media obligations as per BWF norms.

Video Recording:

- Written authorization in the form of a sticker for the use of any video equipment, only by coaches of the participating national associations must be obtained in advance from the Tournament Office. It must be clearly displayed on the registered cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a valid authorization pass.
- The recording can be done for such approved cameras from a limited number of pre-designated positions.
- Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if the video footage so captured is used for any other purpose.

General Information

Contacts : For any further clarification / assistance, please contact the Organising Secretary at indiais@badmintonindia.org

Indemnity & Insurance

: By sending the entry for the tournament clearly signify acceptance of participating association and its nominated competitors / officials to the indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for and / or to have any recourse against any costs, penalties, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament or for non-granting of visa to India.

The organizer will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his / her participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical tests and / or treatment (including but not limited to any form of surgical procedure) and / or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned.

Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the appropriate and adequate insurance coverage to meet their current requirements.

**Welcome & All the best for
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