



OFFICIAL INVITATION

**BITBURGER BADMINTON OPEN
GRAND PRIX GOLD TOURNAMENT
PRIZE MONEY: US\$ 120.000
OCTOBER 30th – NOVEMBER 04th 2012
SAARLANDHALLE SAARBRÜCKEN**

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Part I – Essential topics

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Sanctioned by	BWF – Badminton World Federation	
Presented by	DBV – Deutscher Badminton Verband	
Organised by	1. BC Saarbrücken/Bischmisheim	
Venue	Saarlandhalle, Saarbrücken, Germany	
Tournament Director	Frank Liedke	
Referee	Mojmir Hnilica (CZE) mojmir.hnilica@seznam.cz , +420 603261981	
Referee	Gretha Prinsloo (RSA)	
Events	Event	Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw
	Men's Singles	Main: 56 + 8Q (16-Qualification Draw)
	Women's Singles	Main: 28 + 4Q (8-Qualification Draw)
	Men's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (8-Qualification Draw)
	Women's Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (8-Qualification Draw)
	Mixed Doubles	Main: 28 + 4Q (8-Qualification Draw)
	Exceeding entries (according to BWF ranking) will automatically go on a waiting list. You will be informed about the current status of your entries through our homepages: http://www.bitburger-open.de/ http://www.bwfbadminton.org	
Prize money	US\$ 120.000 (Distribution of prize moneys in accordance with BWF regulations. Income tax may be deducted according to German tax regulations.)	
Date	October 30 to November 04, 2012	

Entries closing date **October 02nd 2012 at 23:59 hrs BWF headquarters time (+08:00h GMT)**
All entries must be submitted **by online entries only!**

Online entries BWF is implementing the online entry system for this tournament and we seek your cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date. Member Associations are advise to log to BITBURGER BADMINTON OPEN 2012 at (please copy the link and put it into your browser address line):

<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=62A39725-96F3-48B3-B6D1-E679DE394C09>

and submit the entries online!

You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: please contact M. Venugopal, v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org

The online entry page will immediately close on **October 02 2012 at 23:59 hrs BWF headquarters time (+08:00h GMT)** and you are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not accepted.

German Players have to send the entry to german-entries@badminton.de. Entries closing date for german players will: 30th **September 2012**

After the closing date, the BWF Online 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.

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 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.

Part II – Regulations Registration

Key dates	<p>World Ranking Date for M&Q : Thursday 4 October 2012 Publish MQ: Friday 5 October 2012 Seeding Date : Thursday 11 October 2012 Draw Date : Tuesday 16 October 2012 Last Date of Withdrawal without penalty : 14 October 2012</p>
Shuttles 	<p>Wilson is the official shuttlecock (BWF approved) .</p>
Courts 	<p>The courts will be presented by Gerflor Mipolam.</p>
Withdrawals	<p>Please inform the Tournament Organisation (office@bitburger-open.de) and the BWF (Online System) about any withdrawals as soon as possible, prior to the event – any withdrawal must be accompanied by an appropriate certification. If withdrawal is notified by telephone it must be confirmed in writing. If withdraw takes place after the draw is made, any withdraw for illness on injury must be supported by a medical certificate. If withdraw arises after your players arrive in Saarbrücken, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager to the Referee and must be confirmed in writing.</p>
Entry	<p>You need to fill in (apart from the Online entry system) on registration form to enter the Bitburger Badminton Open tournament as a player of a team, as an accompanying person or as in individual player.</p>
Entry fees	<p>According 7.8 WGPR entry fees will only be imposed on players from the German Badminton Association (DBV).</p>

<p>Acceptance entries</p>	<p>Participation in the Bitburger Badminton Open is open to members of any National Association recognized by the BWF and any currently registered member of the German Badminton Association.</p> <p>To enter National Associations are to list players accordingly on the Online entry system.</p> <p>The following entries are not acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received after the closing date - Without authorized personnel from the national association required by online entry - Made on an individual basis
<p>Notification</p>	<p>Provisional status of your entries can be seen at the following websites: http://www.bitburger-open.de and http://www.bwfbadminton.org</p>
<p>Modification</p>	<p>Please consult the Online entry system</p>
<p>Ceremonies</p>	<p>Players are not allowed to wear hats or caps during the presentation ceremonies. Rackets may not be carried during the presentations. Tracksuit or clothing as worn during play, will be allowed. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This regulation will be strictly enforced by our stewards, prior to each ceremony.</p>
<p>Conditions of play</p>	<p>The Bitburger Badminton Open will be conducted under the conditions laid down by the BWF governing BWF Grand Prix Gold Events. (In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Referee will be final)</p>
<p>Readiness</p>	<p>All events will be run on a strict time scale basis. Competitors should be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled time. If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time they will be disqualified. Alterations due to TV-coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.</p>
<p>Warm-up</p>	<p>On the courts the warming up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.</p>
<p>Clothing & Advertising</p>	<p>According BWF General Competition Regulations published on BWF website updated 1 June 2012.</p>

**Indemnity/
Insurance**

Any participating association and is delegated competitors / officials should agree to indemnify and hold the organizing committee free and unaccountable for and against any claims for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in the said tournament. Please ensure that your players & team officials are covered with the necessary insurance policy to meet the current requirements.

Doping control

In accordance with the current regulations random dope testing may be carried out at any time during the course of the competition. All testing will be done in accordance with the current BWF Regulations.

**Registration
Team and
Coaches**

Entry to the arena for players and coaches will be controlled at the entrance to the hall. Please send your names of the team to our office. Download the form from www.bitburger-open.de

Part III – Calendar and Schedules

Order of Play	Date	Play	Start
	Tue Oct 30	Qualification Main Draw: 1st Round MS	09:00 16:00
	Wed Oct 31	Main Draw: 1st Round WS, MD, WD; 2nd Round MS	09:00
	Thu Nov 01	Main Draw: 1st Round MX; 2nd Round WS, WD, MD, XD; 3rd Round MS	09:00
	Fri Nov 02	Main Draw: Quarterfinals MS, WS, XD, MD, WD	12:00
	Sat Nov 03	Main Draw: Semifinals MS, WS, XD, MD, WS	14:00
	Sun Nov 04	Main Draw: Finals MS, WS, XD, MD, WD	14:00
Team Manager's Meeting	Monday, October 29 at 19:00 hrs , Saarlandhalle Saarbrücken		
Umpire's meeting	Monday, October 29 at 20:00 hrs , Saarlandhalle Saarbrücken		

Part IV – Services

<p>Transportation</p>	<p>You arrive by plane or train: Your destination is Saarbrücken: No matter if you arrive at the airport or the train-station we offer to you our cost-free shuttle-service. Your destination is Luxemburg: Therefore we charge you an amount of 30 €. Your destination is Frankfurt/Hahn: Therefore we charge you an amount of 50 €. Your destination is Frankfurt/Main: If you arrive in Frankfurt, we will offer to you our shuttle service as well. Therefore we charge you an amount of € 65,- per trip an shuttle (trip to 6 persons). You will have to pay the amount before starting. In comparison to this a train ticket from Frankfurt to Saarbrücken costs approx. € 45,- per person and trip.</p>
<p>Direct transport from French Open</p>	<p>Journey by train from Paris to Saarbrücken If you travel by train (TGV) from Paris to Saarbrücken, you can follow the link to book your ticket: www.tgv-europe.com</p>
<p>Shuttle Service</p>	<p>A shuttle-bus drive the players and coaches to the hall and the official hotels (only the official tournament hotels).</p>
<p>Practice Facilities</p>	<p>In general, it will not be possible to practice in the tournament hall. Therefore we provide external practice courts in other halls between 9 am and 5 pm. To arrange bookings, please contact Thomas Becker or Clemens Feistenauer at our Info Counter and give them early notice. As a matter of course, there will be shuttle service to the practice hall (but only for those players who stay in one of our official tournament hotels).</p>
<p>Physiotherapist</p>	<p>There will be a physiotherapist throughout the tournament during hours of play, free of charge.</p>

Media	On request players must be available (not to exceed 1 hour in total) on the day prior to their first scheduled singles or doubles match of the tournament. At Grand Prix Gold tournament, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after a match whether the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.		
Photo material	Organizer has the right to make photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events.		
Video recording	Written authorisation for the use of any video equipment must be obtained in advance from the Bitburger Open Office, which must be clearly displayed on the cameras. Security will confiscate cameras set up in incorrect positions or without a pass.		
Contacts	Kristina Grütters	Tournament office	office@bitburger-open.de
	Frank Liedke	Organisation	office@bitburger-open.de
	Janine Göbbel	Organisation, Players' Night	janine@bitburger-open.de
	Thomas Becker Clemens Feistenauer	Shuttle-Service + Practice	shuttleservice@bitburger-open.de
	Janine Göbbel	Hotel	hotel@bitburger-open.de

Part VI – Accommodation and Visa

Hotels



HOTEL AM TRILLER
Designhotel im Grünen



We offer 4 official tournament hotels:

- Victor's Hotel Deutsch-Französischer Garten (DFG)
- Victor's Hotel Rodenhof
- Hotel am Triller
- Mercure Hotel Süd

More information: www.bitburger-open.de

Victors' DFG	SR: 68,-€ per night	DR: 92,- € per night
Victors' Rodenhof	SR: 68,- € per night	DR: 92,- € per night
Hotel am Triller	SR: 74,- € per night	DR: 90,- € per night
Mercure Süd	SR: 67,- € per night	DR: 77,- € per night

Bookings

Reservations must be sent to the office. (Form on www.bitburger-open.de) Our tournament hotels will not grant the special tournament prices if you contact them directly. Please note, we act only as a mediator. We don't pay cancellation fees. They will be charged to your association. Hotel reservations are possible until 17th October 2011. hotel@bitburger-open.de. Hotel reservations, after **15th October 2012** cannot be considered.

Visa

If you or your team and officials require visas to enter Germany. Our office will be happy to assist you in writing an official invitation. Please send all data (Full name, Passport no., Date of Issue + Date of Expiry, Birthday, Nationality etc.) (Visa Form) to office@bitburger-open.de