

Part of the BWF World Ranking Part of the BEC Elite Circuit

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meeting			
Team managers	Wednesday, 17th June 06:00 PM at the venue		
	The Final Schedule will be published on the website at least 20 days before the start of the tournament.		
	Sunday, 21st June	09:00 AM 02:00 PM	Semifinals Finals (until 05:00 PM)
	Saturday, 20th June	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Main Draw 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Quarterfinals
	Friday, 19th June	09:00 AM 01:00 PM	Qualification 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Main Draw 1 <sup>st</sup> Round
(Provisional)	Thursday, 18th June	09:00 AM	Qualification 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
Schedule	Wednesday, 17th June	05:00 PM	Team Managers Meeting
	It is required that every event in a BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 actual competitors (not merely entries). If the required number is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.		
	All events will be played K.O. system in accordance with the laws of badminton and General Competition Regulations of the BWF.		
Events	There will be Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles events.  The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draws is 32 in all event		
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Referee	Jas Bedi (Scotland) E-Mail <u>badminton.jas@ntlworld.com</u>		
Tournament- Director	Rüdiger Rudolf E-Mail tournament@styrian-international.at		
	www.raiffeisen-sportpark.at		
Venue	Raiffeisen Sportpark Graz Hüttenbrennergasse 35, 8010 Graz		
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	Österreichischer Badminton Verband (Austrian Badminton Association) Steirischer Badminton Verband (Styrian Badminton Association)		

#### **Entries**

# All Entries must be submitted using the BWF Online Entry System.

https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=695F1D41-45CB-464A-933E-97F03FE45B8C

Entries must be submitted no later than **Tuesday**, **19th May at 11:59 PM BWF HQ time (GMT + 08:00)**. No late entries will be accepted.

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 yet, please register new players before the closing date of the tournament.

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."

# **Entry Fees**

# Singles € 40 | Doubles € 30 per Player

Entry fees have to be paid via bank transfer or at the info-desk before the first scheduled match! Entry fees submitted by bank transfer have to be free-of-charge for the organizer!

The member association that enters a player into a 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. For all the players withdrawing in the time between the closing date and the beginning of the tournament the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant member association. The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal.

# Withdrawals and No-shows

When a player has to withdraw, please inform the organizer immediately, preferably together with the reason for withdrawal. Withdrawals without penalty are possible until **Monday**, **1st June**, **2020 11:59 PM (CEST)**.

According to BWF General Competition Regulation:

- ► Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.
- ► Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member Association concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show".

# M&Q Report, Seeding and Draw

The M&Q Report will be made using the world ranking from 19th of May 2020 and will be published on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2020.

The draw will be made by Badminton Europe on 2nd of June 2020 using the world ranking from 26th of May 2020.

**Shuttles** 

BABOLAT 1+

**Courts** 

**6 VICTOR PRO Courts** 

# **Prize Money**

There is no prize money at this tournament.

# Visa

If you need a visa to travel to Austria please fill out the <u>visa application form</u> on the website no later than **Wednesday**, **27**<sup>th</sup> **of May 2020**.

#### Arrival

The only official point of arrival and departure is Graz Airport (GRZ).

Transport will be provided from the official point of arrival to the venue and official hotels. If you require transport, please fill out the <u>transport request form</u> on the website no later than **Wednesday**, **3rd of June 2020**.

If you arrive by train at Graz Main Station, you can take the train S3 to Graz Ostbahnhof, which is 500m from both hotels and approx. 1km from the venue.

#### Accommodation

# Roomz Graz (https://www.roomz-hotels.com/en/roomz-graz)

Conrad von Hötzendorfstraße 96, 8010 Graz

Single Room 85,00 € per night
Double Room 100,00 € per night

Bookings can be made by sending the respective <u>booking form (Roomz)</u> from the website to <u>meetings@roomz-graz.com</u>.

# Best Western Plaza Graz (https://plazahotels.de/en/hotel-graz/)

Conrad-von-Hötzendorfstraße 60, 8010 Graz

Single Room 95,00 € per night
Double Room 105,00 € per night

Bookings can be made by sending the respective <u>booking form (Best Western)</u> from the website to <u>graz@plazahotels.de</u>.

Reservations have to be made independently and directly at the hotels and payment has to be arranged with the hotels independently as well.

A large room contingent is available for booking until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Reservations after this date are subject to availability.

You can find additional (non-official) accommodation options on the <u>tournament</u> <u>website</u> or on <u>visitgraz.at</u>. Please note that no transport or shuttle service will be offered for non-official hotels!

#### **Shuttle Service**

Because of the short walking distance, there will be no shuttle service between the venue and official hotels.

### Departure

Transport will be provided from the venue and official hotels to official points of departure. If you require transport, please fill out the <u>transport request form</u> on the website no later than **Wednesday**, **3rd of June 2020**.

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 will be penalised by 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.

#### **Practice courts**

Practice in the main hall will be possible on Wednesday between 03:00 PM and 08:00 PM. All 6 courts will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

There will be a warm up court on Saturday and Sunday.

Additionally, practice courts are available at <u>Attention Badmintoncenter</u> (Koßgasse 10, 8010 Graz) 1.5km from the venue. You can check online for availability and call +43 316 473032 for costs and reservations.

#### **Medical Services**

A physiotherapist will be present at the venue during the tournament.

#### Insurance

The organizers and Badminton Europe decline responsibility for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

Member Association 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 Associations and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

# **Doping Control**

According to Austrian law, drug testing may be carried out on all players on a random basis at any time during 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 at <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview</a>.

# 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. In applying these regulations, the decision of the referee shall be final.

According to BEC Elite Circuit Regulations 18.2:

▶ 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.

# **Badminton Integrity**

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) 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, 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 matches.

For more information, please refer to BWF's website under https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview.

#### Cancelation

According to Elite Circuit regulations 3.4, the organizing Member Association 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 Association organizing 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.

#### **Further Information**

All further information is available online on <u>styrian-internation.at</u>.

Please direct your questions to <a href="mailto:office@styrian-international.at">office@styrian-international.at</a>.