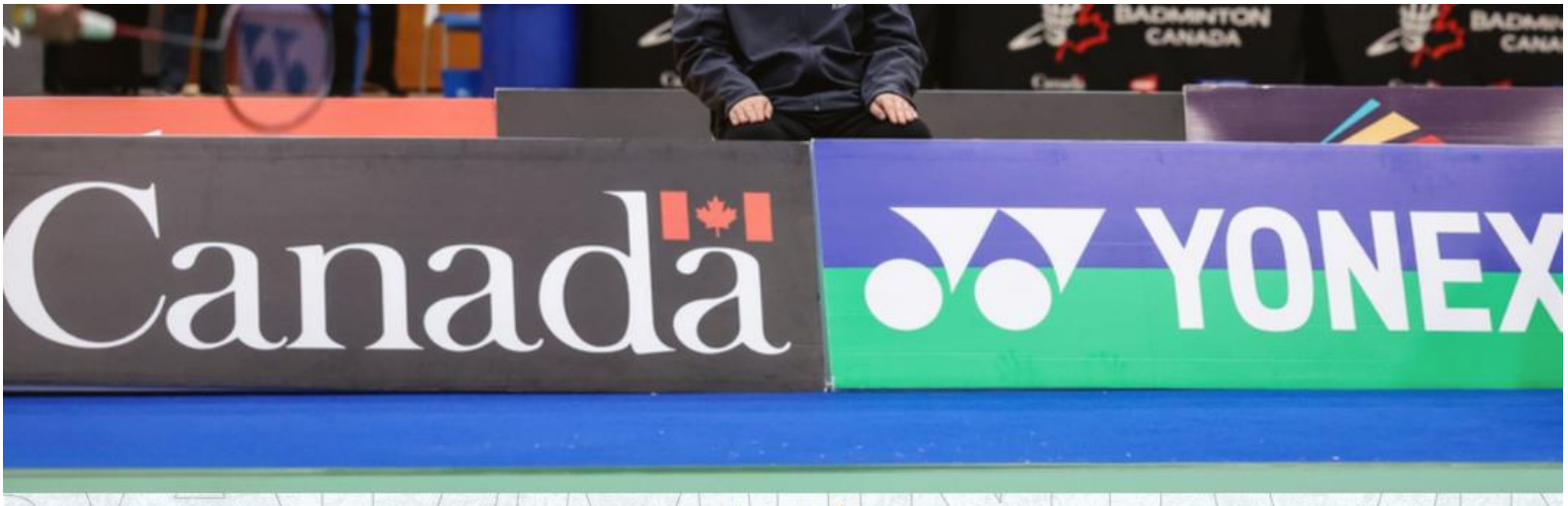


2026

YONEX CANADIAN International Challenge

December 1 - 6, 2026 | Markham, Ontario | Markham Pan Am Centre



Canada MARKHAM BADMINTON CANADA YONEX Badminton Pan America BWF

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

2026 YONEX Canadian International Challenge

BWF Grade 3 Tournament (Level – International Challenge)

1 - 6 December 2026

Markham Pan Am Centre, Markham, Ontario, Canada

Prize Money: **US$ 20,000**

Dear Member Associations,

On behalf of Badminton Canada, it is my honour and pleasure to invite players worldwide to join us at the 2026 YONEX Canadian International Challenge. Badminton Canada is thrilled to offer an International Challenge level competition in the heart of badminton in Canada, and at the host venue of the 2015 Pan Am Games and the 2026 Yonex Canada Open - the Markham Pan Am Centre!

Badminton Canada would like to thank the Markham badminton community for their support, YONEX Canada for their generous sponsorship; and the City of Markham, Destination Markham and the Markham Pan Am Centre for their hospitality and financial support.

In this prospectus, you will find important information for your planning and preparation ahead of entry submission and travelling to Canada. I urge all participating teams to take the time to read through all the necessary information to ensure a seamless experience when you arrive in Canada for the event. Canada is committed to providing the best possible experience, and our organizing team has continued to work hard to ensure the event will be carried out to the highest of safety standards, while creating a fun and exciting environment for all. We therefore look forward to welcoming you to an event that is both safe to play at and enjoyable to be a part of! See you in Markham this December!

Sincerely yours,

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Erik Nilsson
President, Badminton Canada

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1. General Details

Organizer	Badminton Canada 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1H 7X7 E: events@badminton.ca T: +1-613-518-1501 W: www.badminton.ca
Sanction	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Pan Am Confederation
Date	December 1st to 6th, 2026
Competition Venue	Markham Pan Am Centre 16 Main St Unionville, Markham, ON L3R 2E4 Venue website: http://www.markhampanamcentre.ca/
Media Links	Championships website: www.canadianinternationalchallenge.com @BadmintonCanada BadmintonCanada @CanadaBadminton @badmintoncanada
Referee Team	**Referee:** Ian Counter (USA) / Email: icounter@gmail.com **Deputy Referee:** Harti Dumatubun (NED) / Email:hartidumatubun@gmail.com **Local Deputy Referee:** Milaine Cloutier (CAN) / Email: milainecloutier@hotmail.com
Useful Contacts	Maxine Gauthier, Tournament Director E: maxinegauthier@badminton.ca Event Administration Office E: events@badminton.ca
Insurance Coverage & Indemnity	All participants are responsible for their own arrangements, including insurance coverage. Players and all members of the national delegation shall bear all costs relating to injuries, medical treatment, or hospitalization, and must ensure that their players and officials are medically fit and adequately insured. The Tournament Organizer accepts no liability for any claims, damages, or losses arising from participation in, or cancellation of, the tournament.

Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organizer full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.

2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)

Cloting Regulation

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), General Competition Regulations (GCR), Badminton Pan Am Regulation (BPAC) and CC Grade 3 Tournament Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

For all tournaments included in the Pan American Badminton Circuit, **the name of the player on the back of the jerseys and the name of the country are mandatory** and must be in accordance with the BWF GCR regulations. This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in BWF GCR 20–24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to the BWF

It is mandatory that for all tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour all opposing players wear different colours significant for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals (BWF GCR: 21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING, 21.6).

Scoring System

Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)

Key Dates

Entry Deadline	Tuesday, November 3rd ,2026 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)
World Ranking Date for M&Q Report	Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
Publication Date for M&Q Report	Friday, November 6th, 2026
Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	Monday, November 23rd, 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)
World Ranking Date of Seeding Report	Tuesday, November 24th, 2026
Publication Date for Seeding Report	Tuesday, November 24th, 2026
Draw Date	Tuesday, November 24th, 2026

Draws

Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
Men's Singles	48	16	32
Women's Singles	48	16	32
Men's Doubles	24	8	32
Women's Doubles	24	8	32
Mixed Doubles	24	8	32

Online Entry – International Entries	Online entry registration of players for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/4014191B-FC03-4405-A46C-20B021827CAA If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport Please see the key dates section for entry deadline. Late entries will not be accepted. For this tournament, the entry deadline is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00). Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by **Wednesday, one day after the entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time**. If no objection is received by BWF **Thursday, two days after entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time**, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.
Entry Fees – International Entries	Entry Fees for international players will be as follows: • $220 USD per player **All payments must be made prior to the start of competition.** Member associations can make payment via bank transfer upon request to bmerrett@badminton.ca, payable to Badminton Canada by December 1st, 2026. Badminton Canada must receive confirmation of payment prior to athletes receiving their accreditation.
Online Entry – Hosting Member Association Entries	Eligible players wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process for international entries. • Entry is open to any current member of Badminton Canada in good standing with a BWF # ID number. Please note that only Canadian players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database can be entered by Badminton Canada. Badminton Canada is implementing its Online Entry System for this tournament. • All Canadian Players must hold a valid National Level licence with their province of residence. • All Canadian players will be required to pay a Canadian Insurance and Anti-Doping (CIAD) fee as requested by Badminton Canada. Both a valid National level licence and the IAD fee must be paid the time of online registration. • Players who intend to register for this tournament must ensure that they have a working email to receive a payment and entry confirmation email via tournament software. • Canadian players must enter and provide payment here:

	• https://badmintoncanada.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/F4B2B95D-964C-4DB3-8ED3-C0D9677A1597 **Entry Deadline:** The entry deadline for Badminton Canada members is Sunday November 1st 2026 at 2359 hrs. PST. No late entries will be accepted. **Entry Fee:** • Flat entry fee of $165 CDN • Administrative fee of $15 CDN **Confirmation of Entry & Payment:** • Registering players will receive an email confirmation generated by the Badminton Canada Online Entry System and it will include: the events entered and for doubles, partners selected as well as the amount paid online. • Receipt of payment and entry confirmation email is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. **Refunds:** • No refunds will be made for withdrawals done after the deadline of **Monday, 2 November 2026** • Entry fees will only be refunded for non-placement in the draws. **Canadian Entries:** • Canadian entries will be entered into the draws in order based on: BWF ranking, Badminton Canada ranking and random draw by BWF. Placement in the draws, including qualifications, is not guaranteed due to the maximum entry limits.
Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14. Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty. Monday, November 23rd 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00). Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5). Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organizer are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal. If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Referee: Ian Counter (USA); Email: icounter@gmail.com

Host Organizer Contact: Badminton Canada Events; Email: events@badminton.ca

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD$20,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below. All prize money will be paid in USD cash following the medal presentations.

Event / Position	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
MS	$1,800 – 9%	$800 – 4%	$400 – 2%	$400 – 2%
WS	$1,800 – 9%	$800 – 4%	$400 – 2%	$400 – 2%
MD	$2,400* - 12%	$1,040*- 5.2%	$480*- 2.4%	$480*- 2.4%
WD	$2,400* - 12%	$1,040*- 5.2%	$480*- 2.4%	$480*- 2.4%
XD	$2,400* - 12%	$1,040*- 5.2%	$480*- 2.4%	$480*- 2.4%
* – per pair				

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start	End
Tuesday, 1 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualifications	5	16:30	17:00	20:00
Wednesday, 2 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw	5	12:30	13:00	21:00
Thursday, 3 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draw	5	14:30	15:00	21:00
Friday, 4 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter Finals	3	14:30	15:00	21:00
Saturday, 5 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi Finals	2	14:30	15:00	21:00
Sunday, 6 December	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	10:30	11:00	16:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.

Official Shuttle

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Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Markham Pan Am Centre
- Number of Courts: 3 sprung hardwood courts
- Schedule: Monday, November 30 from 14:00 to 22:00
- Booking/Reservation information: Tournament organizer will prepare overall equitable acclimatization schedule, taking into consideration the size and arrival time of each team.

Competition Courts Information:

- Location: Markham Pan Am Centre

	• Number of Courts: 5 portable Yonex court mats • Schedule: Monday, December 1 from 14:00 to 22:00 & Tuesday, December 1 from 9:00 to 14:00 (for non-qualifiers) • Booking/Reservation information: Tournament organizer will prepare overall equitable acclimatization schedule, taking into considerations the size and arrival time of each team. • Court Mat Color: Green **Warmup Courts Information:** • Location: Markham Pan Am Centre • Number of Courts: 3 sprung hardwood courts • Schedule: Open 1 hour prior to the start of each competition day and 30mins after the end of each competition day **Practice Shuttles Information:** • No tournament practice shuttles will be provided.
Player Facilities	**Player Lounge Information:** • Location: Adjacent to warm up courts • Schedule: Open 1 hour prior to the start of each competition day and 30mins after the end of each competition day • Facilities Description: Water & Snacks, tables & chairs, rest/cool down area **Stringing Services:** • Location: Main entrance of competition venue • Schedule: Open 1 hour prior to the start of each competition day • Cost: $25 USD cash, free for Yonex athletes
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday, 1 December • Time: 9:00am Local Time • Location: Markham Pan Am Center – Room 3 All participating Member Associations must be represented by their designated Team Manager at the Team Managers' Meeting. Non-attendance may result in penalties being imposed on the Member Association. Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

- Date: Tuesday, 1 December
- Time: 14:00pm Local Time
- Location: Markham Pan Am Center – Room 3

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday (last day of the tournament), 6 December 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists and semi-finalists during the medal presentations on Sunday.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organizers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.

Accreditation

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized and photographic accreditation.

Please submit your Accreditation Forms to events@badminton.ca by Tuesday November 17, 2026

ACCREDITATION FORM - DOWNLOAD

The number of complimentary accreditations available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member Association:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditations for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD$150, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD$100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.

	The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied. Individuals staying at the Tournament Hotel will receive a special pass for tournament transportation.
Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. Schedule: Open 1 hour prior to the start of each competition day and 15 mins after the end of the competition day
Anti-Doping	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/
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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	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."*

4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport	Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs: • Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by Tuesday 17 November 2026.
Visas	If a visa is required to enter CANADA, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Tuesday 17 November 2026. The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested. The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge. Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into CANADA; the final decision is made the Government of CANADA.

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Center & Spa	1 King Bed 1 Bedroom Suite with Pull Out	$194.00 single/double per night	Based on 2 adults & 2 kids
	Two Double Bed 1 Bedroom Suite with Pull Out	$204.00 single/double per night	Based on 2 adults & 2 kids
	Two Double Beds 1 Bedroom Kitchen Suite with Pull Out	$234.00 single/double per night	Based on 2 adults & 2 kids
Above rates are based on 2 Adults and 2 kids. $20.00 additional charge for each additional adult over double occupancy - Max 4 adults per room Taxes and Fees: 13% HST + 6.78% MAT + 3% Common Facility Fee – subject to change without notice			

Booking Link: BADMINTON CANADA DELEGATES

OR

Book by Phone: 1-800-593-9223---press 1----speak to central reservation associate---Arrival date: Nov 28, Departure date: December 6--- GROUP CODE: 1BCD----make the reservation. A valid credit card is required to make and guarantee individual reservations online. Call hotel directly should your dates of arrival or departure fall outside of the group dates.

- Complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary Parking
- Discounted Breakfast for $18.00 ++ per person (QR Code breakfast code given at arrival)
- Group rate available 3 days pre and post event - will need to call the hotel to access
- Numerous restaurants within 10 minutes

Early Departure Fee: Must notify Front Desk before 11am on departure date and have all belongings removed prior to 11am to avoid a one night + tax charge on your credit card.

Individual Cancellation: Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to the day of arrival without penalty. Cancellations received after this cut off period, is subject to charge equivalent to 1-night room and tax to the individual credit card. No shows will be billed to the credit card on file. This cancellation clause supersedes brand cancellation clause.

Check-In Time/Check-Out Time: 3pm / 11am

Group Rate Booking Cut Off: November 10, 2026