

2024 YONEX CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

MARKHAM - ONTARIO - CANADA

DECEMBER 3-8, 2024

GRADE 3 - INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

MARKHAM PAN AM CENTRE





— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

2024 YONEX Canadian International Challenge

BWF Grade 3 Tournament

3 – 8 December 2024
Markham Pan Am Centre, Markham, Ontario, Canada
Prize Money: **USD \$15,000**

Dear Member Associations,

On behalf of Badminton Canada, it is my honour and pleasure to invite players worldwide to join us at the YONEX Canadian International Challenge 2024. Badminton Canada is thrilled to offer an International Challenge level competition in the heart of badminton in Canada, and host venue of the 2015 Pan Am Games - the Markham Pan Am Centre!

Badminton Canada would like to thank our hosting partners in Badminton Ontario and their incredible support in the operations of the tournament, YONEX Canada for their generous sponsorship; and the City of Markham and the Markham Pan AM Centre for their hospitality.

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 fall!

Sincerely yours,





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Erik Nilsson
President, Badminton Canada





1. General Details

Organiser	Badminton Canada 2451 Riverside Drive Ottawa, Ontario Canada, K1N 7X7 E: badminton@badminton.ca Event website: www.badminton.ca
Sanction	Badminton World Federation & Badminton Pan Am
Date	3 – 8 December, 2024
Competition Venue	Markham Pan Am Centre 16 Main St Unionville, Markham, ON L3R 2E4 Venue website: http://www.markhampanamcentre.ca/
Media Links	 @BadmintonCanada  @CanadaBadminton  BadmintonCanada  @badmintoncanada
Referee Team	Referee: Referee: Juan Jose Valencia (MEX) juanjvalencia@gmail.com Deputy Referees: Deputy Referee: Mark Briscoombe (CAN) mark_briscombe@yahoo.com Local Deputy Referee: Yves Côté (CAN) yves38.bdmntn@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Maxine Gauthier, Tournament Director E: maxinegauthier@badminton.ca Event Office E: events@badminton.ca
Insurance coverage	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalization expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to their country of residence.





Indemnity	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to 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 Organiser 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)	<p>This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colors for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>																								
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Online Entry – International Entries	<p>Entries 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/6D54CDF5-251C-49AB-B61E-D2DEE7BA8A51</p> <p>If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: s.ramachandran@bwf.sport or hj.yee@bwf.sport</p> <p>The entry deadline is Tuesday, November 5 2024 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.</p>																								





After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 7 November 2024 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 for international players will be as follows:

- \$200USD 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 2nd, 2024. 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/9C52FE52-9D73-41C1-91FA-4DDB4B10A77C>

Entry Deadline:

The entry deadline for Badminton Canada members is **Sunday November 3rd 2024 at 2359 hrs. PST.** No late entries will be accepted.

Entry Fee:

- Flat entry fee of \$150 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, 3 November 2024
- 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 (see Key Dates Section).

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: Juan Jose Valencia (MEX)

Email: juanjvalencia@gmail.com

Host Organizer Contact: events@badminton.ca



3. Tournament Details

Prize Money	<p>A prize fund of USD\$15,000.00 will be distributed in accordance with BPAC Statute 11.2.1,</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white;"></th> <th style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white;">1st Place</th> <th style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white;">2nd Place</th> <th style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white;">3rd Place</th> <th style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white;">3rd Place</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e6e6e6;">Men's Singles</td> <td>\$1,200</td> <td>\$650</td> <td>\$350</td> <td>\$350</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e6e6e6;">Women's Singles</td> <td>\$1,200</td> <td>\$650</td> <td>\$350</td> <td>\$350</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e6e6e6;">Men's Doubles</td> <td>\$1,500*</td> <td>\$880*</td> <td>\$460*</td> <td>\$460*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e6e6e6;">Women's Doubles</td> <td>\$1,500*</td> <td>\$880*</td> <td>\$460*</td> <td>\$460*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e6e6e6;">Mixed Doubles</td> <td>\$1,500*</td> <td>\$880*</td> <td>\$460*</td> <td>\$460*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* – per pair</p>		1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	3 rd Place	Men's Singles	\$1,200	\$650	\$350	\$350	Women's Singles	\$1,200	\$650	\$350	\$350	Men's Doubles	\$1,500*	\$880*	\$460*	\$460*	Women's Doubles	\$1,500*	\$880*	\$460*	\$460*	Mixed Doubles	\$1,500*	\$880*	\$460*	\$460*																							
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	<p>Competition Courts Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Markham Pan Am Centre• Number of courts: 5 portable mats• Practice Schedule: Monday, December 2, 2024 (14:00 – 22:00)
<p>Player Facilities</p>	<p>Player Lounge Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Within the venue – Room 4• Schedule: 08:00 to 20:00 hrs.• Facilities Description: Water & Snacks, tables & chairs, rest area <p>Stringing Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Within the venue main entrance• Schedule: As per competition schedule• Special rates for YONEX athletes
<p>Team Managers’ Meeting</p>	<p>The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date: Monday, 2 December 2024• Time: 17:30 hrs.• Location: Markham Pan Am Centre – Room TBD <p>It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers’ Meeting. Member Associations will be penalized for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p>
<p>Umpire Briefing</p>	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date: Monday, 2 December 2024• Time: 16:00 hrs• Location: Markham Pan Am Centre – Room TBD
<p>Presentation Ceremonies</p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 8 December 2024, immediately after the conclusion of the finals. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 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.</p> <p>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.</p>





Accreditation

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

Please complete and submit the [Accreditation Form](#) with passport size photograph to events@badminton.ca no later than Tuesday 19 November 2024.

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

Any request for Covid-19 PCR or blood tests for pre-departure will be charged to the individual requesting the test. Fee: \$100 USD

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping will be conducted in accordance with the BWF and WADA regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited list. Please note that the athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List – before they take medication.

Doping Control, doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out of competition and in- competition with the collection of urine an/or blood samples. Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before and athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption





	<p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/ant-doping-overview/</p>
Badminton Integrity	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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(s).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	<p>GCR 7.9:</p> <p><i>"In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."</i></p>





4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toronto Pearson International Airport <p>To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by Tuesday 19 November 2024.</p>
Visas	<p>If a visa is required to enter CANADA, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.</p> <p>Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Tuesday 19 November 2024.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into CANADA; the final decision is made by the Government of CANADA.</p>
COVID-19 Protocols	<p>BWF or the host is not responsible for any tournament cost incurred by any participants should the tournament be canceled or postponed by the local authorities in Canada due but not limited to COVID-19 reasons.</p> <p>Information published on this tournament invitation may be updated from time to time until the tournament.</p> <p>Participants are required to follow the instructions of the local authority, local organizing committee and BWF in regard to COVID-19 protocols.</p>





5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa	Standard King with Pull out Sofa Bed	\$ 185 CDN	All rates subject to applicable taxes (13% Goods & Services tax, 4% Room tax)
	Two Double Beds with Pull out Sofa Bed	\$ 195 CDN + \$20/person after 2	

Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa (4-star property)

The Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa (8500 Warden Ave, Markham, ON, L6G 1A5) has been selected as the official headquarters and host hotel for the YONEX Canadian International Challenge 2024. This property is a five-minute drive or 15-minute walk from the venue at the Markham Pan Am Centre. A shuttle bus will be provided between the host hotel and tournament venue.

Hotel reservations must be made **before Friday November 12 2023** to ensure the special rate. We have provided several options for you to make your reservation.

- Option 1: Book directly online via the hotel link provided.
- Option 2: Book by Phone: 1-800-593-9223---press 1---speak to central reservation associate

Hotel Reservation Link: [BADMINTON CANADA INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2024](#)
GROUP CODE: **1BD**

When making a reservation identify yourself as a member of the group “2024 YONEX Canadian International Challenge.

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.

Individuals who are staying at the Host Hotel but do not use the booking code, will be subject to a \$75 USD transportation fee in order to receive venue and airport transportation throughout the tournament. Those that are staying outside of the official hotel are responsible for their own transport and accommodations throughout the duration of the event.

Daily breakfast will be offered at an additional cost of \$18+\$/person/day

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.

For more information, individuals should consult the Hotel Information & Reservation Form

All reservations must be made directly with the hotel and not the Organizing Committee.



6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizer, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>																					
Media Accreditation	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must email events@badminton.ca by December 1st, 2024</p>																					
TV Broadcast Schedule	<p>Courts 1 – 3 will be livestreamed.</p> <p>Matches are available at Badminton Canada YouTube TV</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Date</th><th>Number of matches</th><th>Time</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Tuesday, December 4 2024</td><td>TBD</td><td>9:00</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday, December 5 2024</td><td>TBD</td><td>9:00</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday, December 6 2024</td><td>40+</td><td>15:00</td></tr><tr><td>Friday, December 7 2024</td><td>20</td><td>15:00</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday, December 8 2024</td><td>10</td><td>13:00</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday, December 9 2024</td><td>5</td><td>11:00</td></tr></tbody></table>	Date	Number of matches	Time	Tuesday, December 4 2024	TBD	9:00	Wednesday, December 5 2024	TBD	9:00	Thursday, December 6 2024	40+	15:00	Friday, December 7 2024	20	15:00	Saturday, December 8 2024	10	13:00	Sunday, December 9 2024	5	11:00
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Video Recording and Photography	<p>Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and authorization must be obtained in advance from the tournament at the venue secretariat. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.</p> <p>Media accreditations will be available for pick-up at the Team Managers Meeting.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>																					