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# MALTA INTERNATIONAL 2026

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<https://badmintonmalta.org/maltainternational2026>

**Bank Details:**

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Account Holder Name	Badminton Malta
Account Number	186 0210 6019
IBAN Number	MT50VALL22013000000018602106019
Swift Code	VALLMTMT

**Key dates:**

- Entry deadline** – Tuesday, 17th March 2026, 4:59 PM (GMT +01:00)
- World Ranking date for M&Q-report** – Tuesday, 17 March 2026
- Date for publication of M&Q-report** - Friday, 20th March 2026
- World Ranking date for seeding/draw** - Tuesday, 7th of April 2026
- Withdrawal deadline** - Monday, 6th April 2026, 11:59 PM (GMT +02:00)
- Draws** - will be made by Badminton Europe on Tuesday, 7th April 2026
- Umpires briefing** - to be held on Wednesday, 15th April 2026 at 6:30 PM
- Briefing will take place at Sand Dune Hotel**
- Team Manager's meeting** - to be held on Wednesday, 15th April 2026 at 7:30 PM
- Meeting will take place at Sand Dune Hotel**

**Final Schedule:**

Wednesday 15th April	from 15:00 onwards <b>Practice sessions</b>
Thursday 16th April	from 09:00 onwards <b>All Qualification Matches</b>
Friday 17th April	from 09:00 onwards <b>Main Draw R1 (all) + R2 (MD &amp; WD)</b>
Saturday 18th April	from 10:00 onwards <b>Main Draw R2 (MS, WS &amp; XD) + All QFs</b>
Sunday 19th April	from 10:00 onwards <b>Semifinals</b>
	from 15:00 onwards <b>Finals</b>

(DEPENDENT ON  
NUMBER OF ENTRIES)

Practice sessions of 1hr each, will be available in the same tournament hall on Wednesday 15th April from 15:00. The schedule will be published on the tournament website. For booking courts, please fill in the Google form on the website mentioned above. **Bookings need to be sent by the 10th April 2026.** Requests sent by Associations/Federations will be given priority.

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on Badminton Europe's website.

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 shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (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.

**Referee:** Mr Ilkka Vainio  
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**Deputy Referee:** Mr Ewal Cejnek  
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**Deputy Referee:** Ms Aurore Lequatre  
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**Venue:** Cottonera Sports Complex  
Cottoner Avenue, Cospicua BML 9020, Malta.  
Minimum of 4 Victor court mats

**Events:** Men's & Women's Singles  
Men's & Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles



**Eligible players:** Players who are member with a Federation/Association affiliated with BWF are eligible to take part in this tournament. The BE Elite Circuit Regulations apply throughout this tournament.

**System:** Singles - draws with knock-out system  
Doubles - draws with knock-out system  
Mixed Doubles - draws with knock-out system

**Tournament shuttle:** Official tournament shuttle is Victor MasterAce

**Shuttles for practice session can be bought at the venue**

**Maximum number of entries in main draw: MS/WS: 32 – MD/XD: 24 – WD: 24**

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

**Entries: All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System using this link of Tournament Software:** <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/A6C91D48-75C3-4025-9229-F67CA63C6BDB>

The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite 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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from previous years.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw.

Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organisers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion within 48h after the message has been sent by the organisers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

**Please ensure that the tournament referee and host organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.**

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

#### **Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9**

GCR 7.9: "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."

**Clothing/Advertising:** Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

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.

**Entry fees:** Singles - €60.00 per player  
Doubles - €50.00 per player  
Mixed - €50.00 per player

**Visas:** After entering one or more players in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Members must make sure that visa applications are made early enough. The tournament organisers will have to do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

If you require any assistance from the organiser with Visa paperwork, this needs to be done no later than 15th March 2026.

The following information regarding the foreigner being invited shall be given:

- name (-s) and surname;
- citizenship (nationality);
- date and place of birth;
- the address of the place of residence;
- the location (office) where the visa application will likely be submitted
- valid passport details

Information should be sent to [tournaments@badmintonmalta.org](mailto:tournaments@badmintonmalta.org)

**Responsibility:** Member 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 and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

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**Prize money:** There is no prize money for this tournament.

**Badminton Shop:** A VICTOR badminton shop will be setup at the venue throughout the tournament days.

**Restringing:** Will be available at the venue.

(PAYMENT BY CASH  
OR REVOLUT)

- VICTOR strings at €19.00 per racket (including strings) or €14.00 per racket (excluding strings)
- YONEX strings at €22.00 per racket (including strings)
- All other (non-VICTOR) strings at €16.00 per racket (excluding strings)

**Catering:** Food and drinks can be purchased at the venue throughout the tournament days.

**Accommodation:** Please send the accommodation requests before the 2nd April 2026 using the official Google form found on <https://badmintonmalta.org/maltainternational2026>.

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited. After that date, we may not be able to guarantee accommodation in the official hotel, but we will do our best to assist accordingly.



**Sand Dune Hotel \*\*\***

**Address: 14, Triq il-Bajja s-Sabiha, Birzebbuga, Malta**

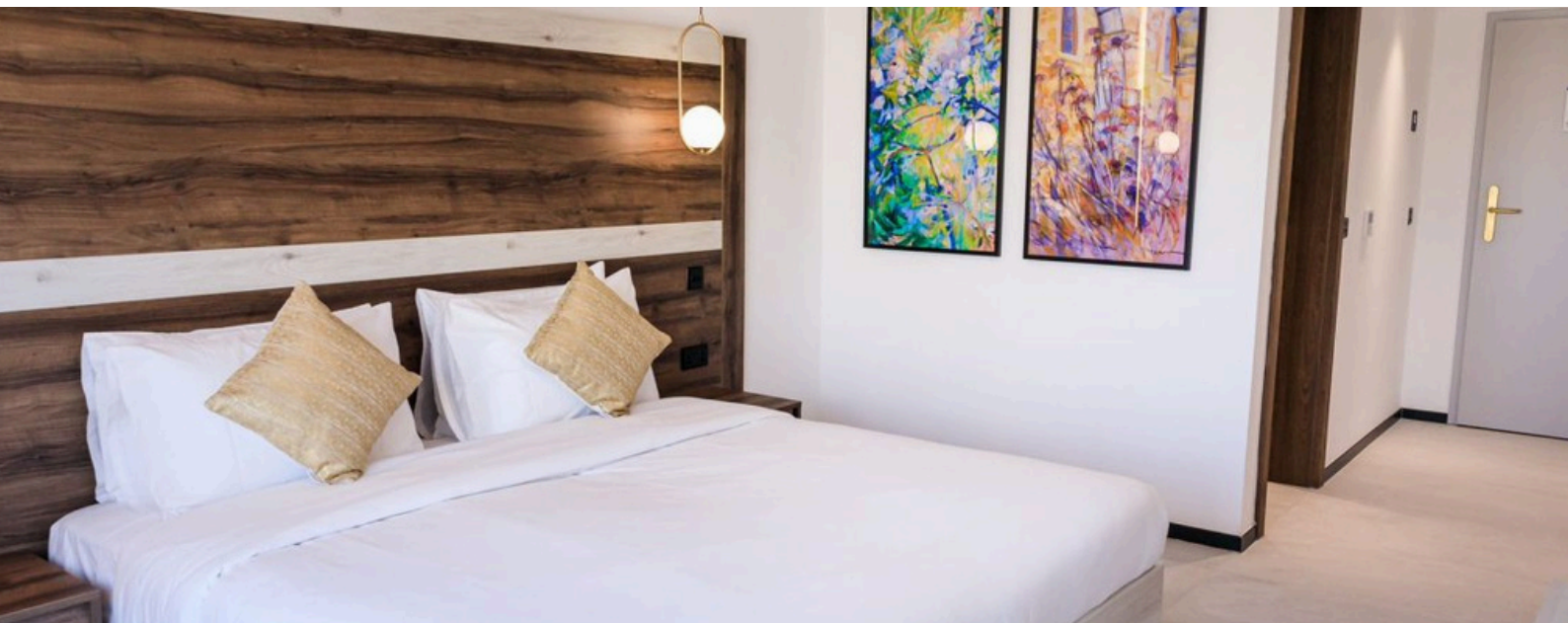
**Price per room / night – Bed & Breakfast:**

Single room - € 120.00

Twin/Double room - € 130.00

Triple room - € 160.00

Accommodation fees are to be settled directly with Badminton Malta. In addition to the above, **ECO tax** is to be paid at the rate of **€0.50 per person**, per night, up to a maximum of €5.00 applicable to persons aged 18+



**Transport:** The official point of arrival is Malta International Airport. Airport transfers and transport between the official hotel and the venue, for the duration of the event, will be provided for free for those booking an official hotel through Badminton Malta, and upon receipt of arrival and departure details.

Please send Transport requests by 2nd April using the Google form on the website mentioned on page 2.

### **Badminton Integrity**

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.

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.

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(es).

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

### **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 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/>

### **Force Majeure**

The organising Member 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 organising 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.

# WELCOME TO MALTA!



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