Dear Colleagues,

Your players are invited to compete in Thailand Open 2018. This invitation contains important information that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager accompanying your players.

1. National Organization: The Badminton Association of Thailand Under Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King.
   Badminton Association of Thailand Building, Wittayu-Sarasin Road, Lumpinee Park, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand
   Ph: +662 2553391 Fax: +662 2553392
   Email: info@badmintonthai.or.th
   http://www.badmintonthai.or.th

2. Presented by: The Badminton Association of Thailand

3. Date: Tuesday July 10, – Sunday July 15, 2018

4. Venue: Nimibutr Stadium
   National Stadium, Rama I Rd., Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

5. Event Directors:
   - Honorary Chair Organizing Committee: KhunyingPatama Leesawadtrakul
     Email: khunyingpatama@badmintonthai.or.th
   - Tournament Director: Paisan Rangsikitpho
     Phone: +66 944498212 Email: paisanr@gmail.com
     thailandopen.bat@gmail.com
   - Deputy Tournament Director: Nahathai Sornprachum
     Phone: +66818243736 Email: nsornprachum@gmail.com

6. Referees:
   - Referee: Pentcho Stoynov
     Email: p_stoynov@abv.bg
   - Deputy Referee: Monique Bastien (SUI)
     Email: mobastien@hotmail.com

7. Draw Size
   Limitations to the number of entries for the main draw

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Main Draw Format
- 32 in all events.
- Mixed doubles start at 17.00 on Tuesday July 10, 2018.
- Other draws begin on Wednesday July 11, 2018.
- The finals will be played on Sunday July 15, 2018.
### Qualification Draws

- A maximum of 16 players will take part in men’s singles and 8 players or pairs will take part in each of the other four events, with the winners progressing to the relevant Main Draw events.
- The qualifiers will begin at 09:00 on Tuesday July 10, 2018.

**Notice:**
- All events will be run on a strict timetable system.
- Competitors must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled match time.
- Competitors who are not ready to play at their scheduled match time will be disqualified.
- Alterations to competition schedule due to television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee.

### 8. Schedule:

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**Remark:**
- 4 pairs from qualifying round of the mixed doubles will play their first round on Wednesday.

### 9. Registration:

- Registration for team manager, and collect Accreditation cards for players and team officials.
- Hotel: **Siam at Siam Design Hotel**
- Day & Date: Monday July 9, 2018
- Time: 17:00-19:00 hours

### 10. Official Shuttle:

- The YONEX Aerosena 50. Practice shuttlecocks two free per player.

### 11. Conditions of Play:

- This tournament is run following the BWF General Competition Regulations, including GCR 20-24 for player clothing and the BWF World Tour Regulations.
- And the service height experiment will be implemented at this tournament. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.
- Please familiarize yourself with these Regulations prior to your arrival in Bangkok.

### 12. Team Managers’ Meeting:

- The Team Managers’ Meeting will be held on Monday July 9, 2018 at 18:00 hours.
- The venue is **Siam at Siam Design Hotel**. It is compulsory for all team managers to attend the Team Managers’ Meeting. Failure to attend means you are liable to be fined as per BWF “Offences and Penalties”.
13. Technical Officials’ Meeting:
- Technical Officials’ Meeting will be held on Monday July 9, 2018 at 19:00 hours.
- The venue is Siam at Siam Design Hotel

14. Key Dates:
- Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday May 29, 2018
- World Ranking Date for M & Q Report: Thursday May 31, 2018
- Publish Date for M & Q Report: Friday June 1, 2018
- World Ranking Date for Seeding: Thursday June 14, 2018
- Seeding Released: Friday June 15, 2018
- Last Date of Withdrawal (without penalty): Monday June 18, 2018
- Draw Date: Tuesday June 19, 2018

15. Prize Money:
- The prize money for Thailand Open 2018 - US$350,000.
- This prize fund will be distributed in accordance with HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500.
- Income tax may be deducted according to the Local tax regulations.

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16. International Entries:
- All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations.
- BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations’ cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.
- No entry forms are required by Member Association. All entries must be submitted online only.
- Member Associations are advised to log on: Thailand Open 2018 at: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=9161B0EB-03DF-4AF5-BE6A-F5C20ABDB5A9
- Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact R. Shanmugan at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.
### Thailand Open 2018

**The online entry page will close immediately on Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.**

You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

**Close of Online Entry:**

- 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 **Wednesday May 30, 2018, 12:00 noon BWF Headquarters time** following close of entries.
- If no objection is received by BWF by **Thursday May 31, 2018, 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time** following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed correct. No complaints / objections shall be entertained after this point.

For International partnerships, the THAI player **MUST REGISTER** for the requested event by the **THAI DEADLINE Tuesday May 22, 2018 at 20.00 hours Bangkok time.**

### For International partnerships

**สำหรับนักกีฬาไทย**

- สมาชิกจะเป็นผู้ดำเนินการสมัครผ่านระบบออนไลน์
- โดยให้สโมสรต้นสังกัดส่งรายชื่อทางe-mail: phornwalai@badmintonthai.or.th ภายในวันที่ 21 พฤษภาคม 2560 เวลา 20.00 น.
- **BWF** จะเป็นผู้ว้างอันดับมือและจัดการแข่งขันให้นักกีฬาตรวจสอบรายชื่อจากM&Qได้ในวันที่ 1 มิถุนายน 2560
- นักกีฬาคนใดอยู่ในรายชื่อเป็นตัวสำรองให้ยืนยันการพร้อมลงแข่งขันที่มีการกองตัวในวันประชุมผู้จัดการทีมโดยให้ยืนยันภายในวันที่ 2 กรกฎาคม 2561 เวลา 20.00 น.
- สมาชิกจะแจ้งให้นักกีฬาที่ได้รับการเลื่อนอันดับให้เข้าแข่งขันหรือบังคับจากเสริมสิทธิการประชุมผู้จัดการทีม(ถ้านักกีฬาคนใดไม่แจ้งยืนยันยืนยันไม่สมาชิกมาส่งหมายจะส่งผู้จัดการทีมของวงสวรรณ์ในการเลื่อนนักกีฬาที่อยู่ในตัวสำรวจคนถัดไปแทน)

17. **Withdrawal:**

- For International Entries
  - Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations.
Withdrawals can only be made through the Member Association before the deadline. A Member Association can withdraw through the BWF online entry system.

Withdrawals after the deadline must be done by email immediately to the Tournament Director and the Referee. The following persons listed below should be copied in the email.

The withdrawal notification must include the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, it must be supported by a medical certificate.

Withdrawal Contact Persons
Referee: Pentcho Stoynov
Email: p.stoynov@abv.bg

Tournament Director: Paisan Rangsikitpho
Email: paisanr@gmail.com

- If the withdrawal arises after your players arrive in Bangkok, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputy, and must be confirmed in writing.
- Withdrawals after Monday June 18, 2018 (withdrawal without penalty date) shall automatically incur withdrawal fees as per BWF Regulations.
- Should a penalty be applied, it shall be imposed as per BWF General Competition Regulations by the BWF.

Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on the BWF Regulations and BAT International Tournament Entry Procedures.

18. Accreditation: International Entries
- Please note that there will be photographic accreditation for Thailand Open 2018. Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers’ Meeting.
Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please find the attached Accreditation Request Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation.

In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.

No of players from Association / No of accompanying Officials:
- For up to 4: 2 badges
- For 5-10: 3 badges
- For 11-16: 4 badges
- For 16 or more: 5 badges

Note: If more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. A limited number of additional official accreditation passes may be purchased at the special rate of $100.00 USD each.

Accreditation should be made by completing the attached Accreditation Form and must be send to e-mail: thailandopen.bat@gmail.com by Tuesday June 5, 2018

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It is also a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request. In order to assist with the promotion of the tournament and game in general, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than 1 hour (such as autograph signing, participating in ‘meet the public’ question and answer sessions, etc.).

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<th>20. Media services</th>
<th>• Any Media wishing to attend the Championships should apply through the following, no later than 30 June, 2018</th>
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| 21. Video Recording & Photography: | • BAT and the Tournament Organizers reserve the right take photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events.  
• No unauthorized persons may enter the playing arena to video record or take photos without the prior approval of BAT or the Tournament Organizers.  
• Flash photography is not permitted within the arena at any time.  
• Video recording is permitted for analytical purposes only, and only by competing Member Associations. The Tournament Director and/or Referee shall designate positions. Cameras operating outside of these areas or without the correct accreditation may be removed. Camera accreditation must be obtained in advance.  
• Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose. |
| 22. Practice Facilities: | Practice times at the venue on Sunday onwards may be requested from the organizer before the event starts, or by completing the practice request form and emailing to thailandopen.bat@gmail.com by Tuesday June 12, 2018, however, we cannot guarantee to meet all requests |
| 23. Transport: | • Airport transportation between the hotel and the Suvarnabhumi airport /Donmueng airport will only be provided for players staying at the official hotel.  
• For airport pick up requests complete Transport Request Form. Transport Request Forms must be emailed to: thailandopen.bat@gmail.com by Tuesday June 12, 2018. |
| 24. Accommodation: | **Siam at Siam Design Hotel**  
865 Rama 1 Road, Opposite National Stadium, Wang Mai, Patumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand  
Tel: +66 (0) 2217 3000  
• Standard Room for Single or Double or Twin is 150 USD/room/night (include Breakfast buffet for up to 2 persons per room).  
• Reservation should be made by completing the attached Hotel Reservation Form and must be send to e-mail: thailandopen.bat@gmail.com by Tuesday June 5, 2018. |

Remark:
Check-in time is at 14:00 hours on the day of arrival. We are unable to guarantee any early check-in arrivals unless arrangements have been made to pre-block for one night earlier.

**Guaranteed Early Check In**

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Check-out time is at 12:00 hours on the day of departure. Any request for check-out later than 12:00 hrs on the day of departure is subject to room availability.

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<td>After 18:00 hrs</td>
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**Cancellation Fees:**

- Cancellation fees shall be charged for any cancellation, part or full, made 15 days prior to the date of arrival. The cancellation fees as per the percentages shown below shall be charged as a percentage of the entire tariff charged by the hotel for the rooms cancelled.

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<td>From 15 days up to 7 days before the date of arrival</td>
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<td>From 7 days before the date of arrival or no show</td>
<td>100%</td>
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- Cancellations of the rooms cannot be made at the check-in. Injuries, visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.
- All damages to property of hotels or venues resulting from the stay of a national (regional) delegation shall be charged to the National federation and paid in full.
- An early departure / Amendment of dates after check-in shall be subjected to the 100% cancellation fees.

25. **Visa:**

- If your players and officials require visa to enter Thailand, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist. Provide us the necessary information by returning the Visa Support Request Form by Tuesday May 29, 2018 to the BAT Office, attention Jang at thailandopen.bat@gmail.com
- BAT will only communicate with a Member Federation.
• BAT will not be able to provide visa support letters if the Visa Support Request Form is incomplete and are not accompanied by the requested documents.

• Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into Thailand and the final decision is made by the Thai Embassy at your own country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly to the respective Thai Embassy who is dealing with your application. BAT accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Federation.

26. Anti-Doping:

• Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List.

• Please note that athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List - before they take medication.

27. Medical services:

• On courts Doctors and Physiotherapist will be available during the tournament and further information will be provided at the team managers meeting

• Physiotherapy services will be provided during the competition hours, no charge.

28. Medical Insurance:

• All non-BAT participants are NOT covered by BAT’s insurance.

• BAT encourages non-BAT participants and the accompanying team members to organize medical insurance before arriving in Thailand.

• BAT is not responsible for medical expenses incurred during the competition.

29. Indemnity:

By submitting an on-line entry to Thailand Open 2018 participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in Thailand Open 2018 and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge The Badminton Association of Thailand, Inc., their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and any and all participants in this event as follows:

Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suits, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other
occurrence during or in connection with this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.
Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and The Badminton Association of Thailand; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.
For the same consideration Entrant hereby gives The Badminton Association of Thailand, and each and every licensee or contractee of either or all of them including photographers, television and or motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any or all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.