



# INVITATION

## Austrian OPEN 2018

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**Vienna, February 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

part of the

**BEC Elite Circuit**

**International Challenge Tournament**

and a

**World Ranking Tournament**

**PRIZE MONEY: € 21.089,- (US\$ 25.000)**

Official exchange rate (USD 1,00 = EUR 0,84) of 13.10.2017 (date of issue of this invitation)!

**CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**INFORMATION: Österreichischer Badminton Verband**

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**Organiser:** Österreichischer Badminton Verband  
e-mail: office@badminton.at  
website: www.badminton.at

**Official Tournament phone:** +43-677 619 43 7 43

**Venue:** Wiener Stadthalle – Halle B,  
1150 Wien, Vogelweidplatz 14

**Referee:** Mr. Diraj Gooneadry e-mail: [diraj.gooneadry@intnet.mu](mailto:diraj.gooneadry@intnet.mu)

**Tournament-Director:** Ms. Tina Riedl e-mail: [tournament@autopen.at](mailto:tournament@autopen.at)

**Date:** February 21st- 24th, 2018

**Provisional Schedule:**

February 20th (Tuesday):	8.00 p.m. Team Manager – Meeting 9.00 p.m. Umpires Meeting
February 21st (Wednesday):	9.00 a.m. Qualification - 1st and 2nd round
February 22nd (Thursday):	9.00 a.m. Qualification - 3rd round Not before 11.00 a.m. Main draw - 1st round
February 23rd (Friday):	10.00 a.m. Main draw – 2nd round 5.00 p.m. Quarterfinals
February 24th (Saturday):	10.00 a.m. Semifinals 5.00 p.m. Finals

**Entry fees:** **Singles: € 50.- per player Doubles: € 45.- per player/event**

Entry fees must be paid at the tournament before the first scheduled match. If entry fees are not paid according to the regulations, the players concerned are not allowed to play.

If entry fees will be submitted by bank transfer it has to be „free of charge” for the organiser!

The member association that enters a player into a circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player.

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 The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

**Entries:** All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System.  
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=A6532B8A-063A-4FCE-8EFF-DB0834BC053B>

Entries must be submitted **not later than Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08:00).**

16:59 Local time for tournament organiser (GMT +01.00)

16:59 Central European time (GMT +01.00)

Players can not 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, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can get a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.

**No late entries will be accepted.**

Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees of a previous year.

**Events:** Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draw is 32 in all events.

**System of the Competition:** K.O. system according to the laws of badminton and competition regulations of the BWF.

**Eligibility:** Participation is open to players of any national association recognised by the BWF.

**Shuttles:** BABOLAT 1+

**Courts:** 6 „VICTOR PRO“ courts (+ 4 wooden warm up courts)

**Prize money:** € 21.089,- (US \$ 25.000,-)

amount in €	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
<b>Winner</b>	<b>1.687</b>	<b>1.687</b>	<b>1.898</b>	<b>1.898</b>	<b>1.898</b>
<b>Runner up</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1.265</b>	<b>1.265</b>	<b>1.265</b>
<b>Semi-finalist</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>527</b>
<b>Quarter-finalist</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>169</b>			

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16:59 Local time for tournament organizer (GMT +01.00)  
16:59 Central European time (GMT +01.00)

**World Ranking used for M&Q Report:** January 25th, 2018

**M&Q release date:** January 26th, 2018

**World Ranking used for seeding and draw:** February 1st, 2018

#### **Withdrawals and**

**No shows:** Please ensure that the organizer will be informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, together with the reason.

**Attention: Any withdrawal after the Sunday 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 (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).**

**Any player not showing up 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” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).**

**Last date for withdrawals without penalty:** **Monday, February 5th, 2018**

#### **Minimum number**

**of entries:** It is required that every event in a particular BEC Circuit tournament has at least 8 competitors. If the required number of competitors is

not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

**Draw:** Will be made by Badminton Europe on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Team Managers Meeting:** February 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 8.00 p.m.,  
Wiener Stadthalle - Halle B, 1150 Wien, Vogelweidplatz 14

**Visa:** If you need Visa for Austria please ask the Austrian Badminton Association for the official invitation letter. It is advised to arrange the Visa in time. You can find the visa application form on <http://www.autopen.at/downloads/>

**Conditions of play:** The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of badminton and the competition regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the circuit instructions.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the time determined for the events for which they have entered. Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she may be penalised by removal of ranking points and return of awarded prizes. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit Instructions)

**Betting:** There will be betting on offer from this event. Betting is however not allowed to be made by players or officials connected to the event either in person or through a third party. Participants may therefore not make bets on the Event or procure through third parties the making of bets with a betting agency. Participants who, in violation of this prohibition, nevertheless make or procure through third parties the making of bets with betting agencies shall be immediately disqualified from participation in the Event and are liable for legal prosecution. Similarly manipulation of games will be met with disqualification and possible legal prosecution. Any violation mentioned above is also a breach of Player's Code of Conduct (Art. 5.2.) and will be sanctioned by BWF.

**Airport:** Vienna International Airport - VIE  
All players arriving at Vienna International Airport will be welcomed and provided public transport from/to airport to/from to railway and shuttle bus station "Westbahnhof" which is close to both official tournament hotels.

**Accommodation:** **1) Mercure Wien Westbahnhof \*\*\*\***  
Felberstrasse 4  
1150 Vienna - AUSTRIA  
Phone: +43-1-981110  
E-Mail: [h5358@accor.com](mailto:h5358@accor.com)  
Web: <http://www.mercure.com/de/hotel-5358-mercure-wien-westbahnhof/index.shtml>

#### **Room Rates**

single room: 79 EURO/night (breakfast included)

double room or twin room: 93 EURO/night (breakfast included)

**The hotel reservation has to be made directly at Mercure Wien Westbahnhof \*\*\*\***

**Walking distance**

to sports hall: 800m

to metro, tram and bus station: 200m

to railway station and shuttle bus to Vienna International Airport: 200m

**2) arte Hotel Wien \*\*\*\***

Wurzbachgasse 17

1150 Vienna - AUSTRIA

Phone: +43-1-789-8899

E-Mail: [hotel@artewien.at](mailto:hotel@artewien.at)

Web: <http://www.artewien.at>

**Room Rates**

Classic Double Room for single use: 70 EURO/night (breakfast included)

POP Double Room for single use: 77 EURO/night (breakfast included)

ROCK Double Room for single use: 83 EURO/night (breakfast included)

ROCK Double Room for single use: 93 EURO/night (breakfast and parking included)

Classic Double/Twin Room: 84 EURO/night (breakfast included)

POP Double/Twin Room: 91 EURO/night (breakfast included)

ROCK Double Room: 97 EURO/night (breakfast included)

ROCK Double Room: 107 EURO/night (breakfast and parking included)

Classic Triple Room for 3 people: 108 EURO/night (breakfast included)

Classic Family Room for 4 people: 128 EURO/night (breakfast included)

**The hotel reservation has to be made directly [HERE](#)**

**Walking distance**

to sports hall: 250m

to metro, tram and bus station: 250m

to railway station and shuttle bus to Vienna International Airport: 800m

**Important remark to**

**Accommodation: A room contingent has been blocked until January 15th, 2018**

Because of the short walking distance there will be no transfer from accommodation to the hall during the tournament.

**Medical service:** A physician will be present in the sports hall during the tournament.

**Drug testing:** According to Austrian law drug testing may be carried out on a random basis at any time.

**Clothing and Advertising:**

In accordance with BWF competition regulations 19-23. In applying these regulations the decision of the referee shall be final.

According to the BE ELITE CIRCUIT Regulations 18.2 and 18.3.:

**- The name on the back of the shirts is mandatory for all matches at all times during play in both the qualification and the main draw.**

**- 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.**

**Practice facilities:** Main hall: please use the link on our webpage for court reservation.  
<http://www.autopen.at/entries-draw/>

Practice hall (4 courts): no reservation necessary

**Insurance:** The organizer and Badminton Europe declines responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure himself.

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