# BADMINTON ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

(Graded as BWF World Super Series Level)



# **PROSPECTUS**

#### 1.0 ORGANISER

#### **Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC)**

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# 2.0 HOST ORGANISER

Badminton Association of People's Republic of China (CBA)

No. 4, Tiyuguan Road, Beijing 100061 People's Republic of China Tel : ++86-1087 183487/83 Fax : ++86-1067 143494 Email : bdchnoffice@vip.163.com

# 3.0 LOCAL HOST ORGANISER

#### **Wuhan Sports Center**

Wuhan Economic and Technological Development District Wuhan People's Republic of China

Tel	: ++86-27-6884 0009
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Email	: badminton2015@126.com

# 4.0 DATES

21st (Tuesday) to 26th (Sunday) April 2015

# 5.0 VENUE

**Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium** Wuhan Economic and Technological Development District Wuhan People's Republic of China

# 6.0 **PRACTICE VENUE**

**Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium** Wuhan Economic and Technological Development District Wuhan People's Republic of China

#### Note: Practice Hall just next to Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium

# 7.0 EVENTS & DRAWS

- 7.1 The Championships events are:
  - 7.1.1 Men's Singles
  - 7.1.2 Women's Singles
  - 7.1.3 Men's Doubles
  - 7.1.4 Women's Doubles
  - 7.1.5 Mixed Doubles

#### 8.0 WINNERS

The winning player/ pair of each event shall be entitled to call themselves "Badminton Asia Champion" or "Asian Badminton Champion" as per the appropriate event (e.g. Badminton Asia Men's Singles Champion)

#### 9.0 PRIZE MONEY:

Total of US\$ 200,000.00

The distribution of prize money is in accordance with BWF regulations.

Events	Winners	Runners	Semi-	Quarter	Last 16
		Up	finalist	finalists	
MS	15,000	7,600	2,900	1,200	700
WS	15,000	7,600	2,900	1,200	700
MD (Pair)	15,800	7,600	2,800	1,450	750
WD (Pair)	15,800	7,600	2,800	1,450	750
XD (Pair)	15,800	7,600	2,800	1,450	750

(All Figures in US\$)

Note: The prize money is subject local host organiser's country withholding tax

#### 10.0 MEDALS

Medals will be awarded to all winners, runners-up and 2 losing Semi-Finalists.

# 11.0 NUMBER OF PLACES IN EACH EVENT

EVENT	MAIN DRAW (MAXIMUM)
Men's Singles	64 (players)
Women's Singles	64 (players)
Men's Doubles	64 (pairs)
Women's Doubles	64 (pairs)
Mixed Doubles	64 (pairs)

# 12.0 ELIGIBILITY

12.1 Players and pairs ranked in the BWF Asia world ranking list for each event will be considered and eligible to enter as stated in the table below:

Players/ pairs ranked on the eligibility date	Total number of players/ pairs from any one Member Association in that event shall not exceed	Remark
1-16	4	
17-32	2	
33 and above	1	Consideration for those
		countries who are not listed
		in ranking 1-32

- 12.2 Shall any country who had player(s)/ pair(s) ranked 1-32 but withdrew, the particular entry (place) will be given to the players ranking from 33 and above, in turn. If the entry from the country who withdrawn and still have entry(s) within the 1-32 rankings and confirmed their participation, no players of the same country that are ranked 33 and above to be considered.
- 12.3 The eligibility process will be considered in turned based on 12.1 and 12.2 to a maximum of 64 entries or until the dateline of entries/ confirmation, whichever comes first.
- 12.4 Only players playing as pair and ranked in the list would be eligible for the consideration. Notional ranking of two players paired off for the first time for each of the event would not be considered.
- 12.5 In each event the host member shall be entitled to nominate a wild card entry in case they do not have any player in any of the events.

- 12.6 Such nominations must be communicated to Badminton Asia Confederation no later than four (4) days after the release of eligibility (Phase 1); as indicated in the "**Timeline**" below.
- 12.7 The host member is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all the events.
- 12.8 In each event, Badminton Asia Confederation shall be entitled to nominate one (1) wild card entry.
- 12.9 Badminton Asia Confederation is not required to exercise its right to nominate a wild card entry in any or all events.
- 12.10 Any wild card entry must not cause the maximum of four (4) entries in each event for a given member association to be exceeded, and the wild card entries must have the approval of the member association of the player/pair concerned.
- 12.11 If the host member or Badminton Asia Confederation does not exercise their wild cards, the next highest ranking player in the Asian Ranking would be eligible to enter unless the total exceeds the "Eligibility"stated above.

Week	Day/ Date	Days from Start of the Tournament	Action
0		0	
Week 2		14	
Week 3	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	21	Draw
Week 4	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	26	World Ranking for Seeding
Week 5	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	32	Final dateline confirmation by Countries on Entries from Eligibility (Phase 2)
Week 5	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	36	Release of Eligibility List (Phase 2)

# **13.0 TIMELINE:**

Week 6	Friday	39	Dateline
	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015		confirmation by
			Countries on Entries
			from Eligibility
			(Phase 1)
Week 6	Friday	39	BAC to Publish
	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015		Wild Cards; if
			applicable.
Week 6	Tuesday	42	Host Member to
	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2015		Inform the Wild
			Card(s)
Week 6	Monday	43	BAC to Decide
	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015		Whether to Use
			BAC Wild Card(s)
Week 7	Friday	46	Host Member to
	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2015		Decide Whether to
			Use Wild Card(s)
Week 7	Monday	50	Release of
	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015		Eligibility List
			(Phase 1)
Week 8	Thursday	54	Rankings for
	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2015		Eligibility
Week 14	Wednesday	97	Release Invitation
	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2015		and Prospectus

# 14.0 WITHDRAWALS

- 14.1 If any top ten (10) Asian ranking player/ pair eligible to play in the tournament (in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles) but withdraws from the tournament for any reason whatsoever, the player/ pair Member Association shall be penalized by an administrative fine of US\$2,000.
- 14.2 Exemption from the administrative fine (in 14.1 above) will be considered by BAC on receipt of an official Medical Certificate. The said player/ pair will be required to attend the tournament for a minimum of two (2) days, and must take part in any media, activity and/ or function arrangements by BAC and/ or the host organiser during that time. BAC hold the right to waive this obligation if medical conditions prevent travel.

# **15.0 SUBSTITUTION**

- 15.1 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Badminton Asia Championships only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date/ confirmation of entries as announced by the BAC, as stated in the **"Timeline"**.
- 15.2 After the Final dateline confirmation by Countries on Entries from Eligibility (Phase 2) until the Sunday prior to the draw date, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause, that player's place in singles and / or doubles will be taken by the next eligible player / pair as per Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for Badminton Asia Championships.
- 15.3 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also to the draw after it has been made except corrections as in BWF Regulation 15.3.1 of General Competition Regulations.

# 16.0 TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

- 16.1 As per BWF Regulations, the Team/ member association must be represented in the Managers' Meeting.
- 16.2 Member Associations must appoint ONE (1) team manager to facilitate communication.

It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers meeting .Failing to attend the meeting they are liable to be fined as per regulation Part III Section 1B, Appendix 11 "Offences and Penalties".Member Associations can make a request someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee knows in advance that is acceptable.

16.3 Meeting and Briefing

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Team Managers' Meeting		1600hrs	Press Room at the
	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2014		Venue
Umpires' Briefing	(Monday)	1700hrs	Press Room at the
			Venue

# **17.0 DOPING TEST**

- 17.1 Dope testing will be conducted as per WADA regulations.
- 17.2 Please note that Competition Regulation Appendix 3 "Anti Doping Regulations" in the BWF Handbook II.

# 18.0 PLAYER'S OBLIGATIONS AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

18.1 Media Obligation	<ul> <li>s - The players will be required to fulfil the media obligations as per BWF norms.</li> <li>- Player(s) must attend any media press conference and/ or interview before and/ or after matches and/ or whenever they are required to do so.</li> </ul>
18.2 Functions	- Players will be required to attend any activities and/ or functions whenever they are requested by the host organiser or Badminton Asia Confederation, so long as the player(s) is not scheduled to play in any matches at the same period of time.

# 19.0 FORMAT & SCORING SYSTEM

19.1 All Events will be played as knock-out format.

19.2 Rally point system of 3 games x 21 points will be used as the scoring system.

# 20.0 SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Date	Time	Round
21 <sup>st</sup> April (Tuesday)	1000hrs	Preliminaries
22 <sup>nd</sup> April (Wednesday)	1000hrs	Preliminaries
23 <sup>rd</sup> April (Thursday)	1000hrs	Preliminaries
24 <sup>th</sup> April (Friday)	1000hrs	Quarter Finals
25 <sup>th</sup> April (Saturday)	1400hrs	Semi Finals
26 <sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)	1400hrs	Finals

- 20.1 Alteration due to TV coverage and/ or any other reasons are possible and will be announced by the Referee. The above schedule may be changed at the discretion of the Referee.
- 20.2 All events will be strict on timetable system. Player(s) or pair(s) who are not ready to play at their scheduled time or arriving late for a match will be considered as no-show.

# 21.0 REFEREE

Referee	: Mr. Anthony C. Linggian (MAS)
<b>Deputy Referees</b>	: Ms. Liu Qian (CHN)

# 22.0 OFFICIAL SHUTTLECOCK

The official shuttlecock for this event is VICTOR

#### 23.0 ON-COURT DOCTOR

There will be at least one on-court doctor on duty during the event at the tournament venue.

#### 24.0 OFFICIAL HOTEL

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel 220 Pearl Hill Lake Avenue Wuhan Economic and Technological Development District Wuhan, Hubei People's Republic of China

#### **Room Rates:**

a) Single Room	- US\$ 150.00 per room per night
b) Twin-Sharing Room	- US\$ 150.00 per room per night

All rooms are inclusive of breakfast according to the sharing number as above.

#### 25.0 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The Organiser will prepare an overall equitable practice schedule, taking into consideration of the size and arrival details of each team from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The Organising Committee will publish the overall schedule after obtaining the approval from the referee.

# 25.0 SUBSIDIES

Every member association taking part in this event/ Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players, officials and any of their personnel including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.

#### 26.0 VISA

26.1 Please send the scan passport copy by email (badminton2015@126.com) to the Local Organising Committee (LOC) by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Tuesday), thirty-five (35) days before the commencement of the Championships. The passport shall have more than six (6) months validity from the date of the Championships.

- 26.2 Please kindly indicate if the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in your country needs the original visa invitation letter. If not, the LOC will only send the visa invitation letter by email.
- 26.3 If the nationality is different from the place you want to issue your visa, please kindly provide proof of employment or residence permit from the place of issue.

#### **Procedures and Processes**

1) Passport scan copy (electronic version)  $\rightarrow$  2) Fill in the Visa Application Form  $\rightarrow$  3) Submit all application materials to LOC  $\rightarrow$  4) Foreign Affairs Office to process online  $\rightarrow$ 5) Foreign Affairs Office acceptance  $\rightarrow$ 6) Foreign Affairs Office issues confirmation letter of invitation with the name list of the invited person(s).

Visa Invitation letter will be issued in fifteen (15) days after the submission of the applications.

#### 27.0 TRANSPORTATION

- 27.1 All teams should arrive at **Wuhan Tianhe International Airport**, Wuhan, Hubei, People's Republic of China.
- 27.2 Airport Transportation will be provided for arrival and departure between the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport and the official hotel.
- 27.3 All teams should complete and submit the **Transportation Form** by **20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (friday)** to badmintonreception@163.com
- 27.4 No transportation will be provided if the form is submitted after the dateline.

# 28.0 INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

- 28.1 By sending the entry for this event clearly signify acceptance of participating member associations and its delegated players/ officials to indemnity and not hold the Organising Committee accountable for and/ or to have any recourse against any costs, claims or damages for personal illness, injury, death, financial loss, death or property damage, in any form at any location arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the event.
- 28.2 The Organiser will NOT be responsible for any illness, injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his/ her participation in the event/ Championships. Any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical treatment (including any form of surgical procedure) and/ or hospitalisation shall be borne by the member association of the player/ official concerned.

28.3 Please kindly ensure that your players/ officials/ team possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirement.