

All Africa
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Benin 2021



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Cotonou, Benin

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**BADMINTON
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Events

1. **All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021** (22 – 26 Aug)

Mixed Team Championships – 22 to 24 Aug

Individual Championships – 25 to 26 Aug

2. **All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021** (26 Aug – 1 Sep)

Mixed Team Championships – 27 to 29 Aug

Individual Championships – 30 Aug to 1 Sep

All five events (MS, WS, MD, WD & XD) shall be played for the individuals' championships of both Under 15 and Under 19 Championships.

The Individual Championships of the U19 Championships shall count for the BWF World Junior Ranking.

Referees

1. **All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021**

Referee: Harriet SEMUGABI – BCA Certificated Referee
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Deputy Referee: F. Honorine VITOHOU – Benin National Referee
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2. **All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021**

Referee: Emmanuel KGABOETSILE – BCA Certificated Referee
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Deputy Referee: C. Salomon NONVIGNON – Benin National Referee
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Venue



Palais des Sports du stade General Mathieu KEREKOU (6 Courts)
Cotonou

Practice sessions can be arranged upon request and will be subject to court availability.

The venue will be closed to the public – only accredited personnel will be allowed in.

Tournament Director

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Shuttlecock

RSL Tourney No 1 or Yang Yang 300B (BWF Approved)

Age Limit

1. All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021

Only players born in **2007 and after (14 years old or less)** will be eligible to participate in the tournament.

2. All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021

Only players born in **2003 and after (18 years old or less)** will be eligible to participate in the tournament.

Team Managers will be requested to submit passports of their players to the Referee before the start of the Championship.

The Referee may, at his discretion, order a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan for any player (male or female) entered in both championships.

Airport

International Airport Cardinal Bernadin Gantin of Cotonou
Airport Code: COO

Complete the Airport Transfer Form before **Sunday 15 August 2021**. Log in on the BCA Website (Members Portal) www.badmintonafrika.com and complete the form online – see attached document for explanation.

Visa

Benin Visa is **free to all African Nationals and delivered on arrival**. If you have any non-African personnel in your delegation, you can apply for visa online: <https://evisa.gouv.bj/fr/>

In case you need an invitation letter, please send the passport copies of your delegation to the tournament organisers.

Tournament Schedule

1. **All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021**

Tuesday 17 August	Deadline to arrive in Cotonou	
Tue 17 & Wed 18 Aug	Quarantine in Hotel Room	
Thu 19 to Sat 21 Aug	Training Camp	For all players in the tournament
Sunday 22 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Team Managers' Meeting
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Opening Ceremony
	<i>Evening</i>	Team Event Group Stage
Monday 23 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Team Event Group Stage
	<i>Afternoon</i>	
	<i>Evening</i>	
Tuesday 24 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Team Event Knock-out Stage
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Team Event - Final
Wednesday 25 Aug	Whole Day	Individual Event
Thursday 26 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Semi-Finals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Finals

2. **All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021**

Tuesday 24 August	Deadline to arrive in Cotonou	
Tue 24 & Wed 25 Aug	Quarantine in Hotel Room	
Thursday 26 Aug	<i>Evening</i>	Team Managers' Meeting
Friday 27 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Team Event Group Stage
	<i>Afternoon</i>	
	<i>Evening</i>	
Friday 28 Aug	<i>Morning</i>	Team Event Group Stage
	<i>Afternoon</i>	
	<i>Evening</i>	
Saturday 29 Aug	<i>Afternoon</i>	Team Event Knock-out Stage
	<i>Evening</i>	Team Event - Final
Sunday 30 Aug	Whole Day	Individual Event
Monday 1 Sep	<i>Morning</i>	Semi-Finals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Finals

Training Camp (Under 15)

BCA, in close collaboration with the Francophone Badminton Association (AFB) and the Federation Béninoise de Badminton, will organise a **training camp for the U15 players prior to the start of their championships** (see schedule above). The camp will include both theory and practical sessions and will be led by BCA experts.

Note: The BCA and AFB will provide accommodation and travelling support to all participating teams. Contact the BCA secretariat for further information.

Accommodation



(1) Hôtel Paradisia

Cotonou

Price (Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch and Diner)

- Single Room: **\$110/night (per person)**
- Twin Room: **\$80/night (per person)** – two beds in the room for 2 people
- Double Room: **\$75/night (per person)** - one large bed that can accommodate 2 people in the room



(2) Hôtel Jeanne d'Arc

Cotonou

Price (Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch and Diner)

- Single Room: **\$100/night (per person)**
- Double Room: **\$70/night (per person)** - one large bed that can accommodate 2 people in the room



Reservations have to be made with the Organizers. Check in/out at the hotel is at 12h00. The accommodation and meal charges must be paid immediately upon arrival.

For creating and maintaining a 'safe bubble', all participants and officials will have to stay at the official hotels. Any player or official staying at a non-official hotel will NOT be allowed to enter the competition venue.

The hotels have been certified COVID-19 compliant by the Beninois authorities.

Shuttle Service

Local transportation will be provided free of charge to all accredited players and officials. The Hotel Paradisia and Residence Jeanne D'Arc Hotel are respectively 15 minutes drive and 5 minutes' walk to the Badminton Hall.

Strict sanitary regulations will be applied in the buses and other transportations used by the organisers.

Temperature

In August, the temperature varies around 28°C during the day and at night it's around 23°C.

Medical

A physiotherapist will be present at the venue for the duration of the Championships (Under 15 and Under 19).

Insurance

Participants must arrange their **own insurance** for health, travel and property. The organisers and the BCA **shall not be responsible** for any medical cost incurred by any accredited official, including COVID-19 related expenses.

Regulations (Team Event)

For both Under 15 and Under 19 Championships

Member Associations can enter a Mixed Team composed of at least **2 boys and 2 girls**; that is, minimum **four players**. If your team has less than 2 boys and 2 girls, you will be NOT be allowed to partake in the Team Event Competitions. However if any team has less than 2 boys and 2 girls, the Referee may allow them to play the group stage only on a participatory basis; that is, their matches won't count for the group standing results and they won't qualify for the knock-out round.

The format of the Team Event Competitions will be a group phase followed by a knock-out round. BWF General Competition Regulations will apply to the Championships.

Each tie will be composed of five matches; one men's singles, one women's singles, one men's doubles, one women's doubles and one mixed doubles. Teams winning three or more matches in any tie will be

declared as the winner. A player is not allowed to play more than 2 matches per tie. In the group stage, all five matches will be played.

Depending on the number of players entered in your team, BCA will give a maximum of 8 medals per winning team including gold, silver and bronze medallists.

The order of play for each match will be decided by the Referee and his decision will be final.

Team Manager's Meetings and Draw

1. All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021

The Team Managers Meeting will be held on **Sunday 22 August @ 09h00** in the meeting room of the official Hotel or the venue. The **DRAW of the Team Event Competition** will be held during the Team Managers Meeting.

The seeding of the Team Event will be based on the previous results of the All Africa Under 15 Championships. For the Individual Championships, the seeding will be based on the results of the Team Event Competition or as may be decided by the Referee. In any case, the Referee's decision will be final.

2. All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021

The Team Managers Meeting will be held on **Thursday 26 August @ 20h00** in the meeting room of the official Hotel or the venue. The DRAW of the Team Event Competition will be held during the Team Managers Meeting.

The seeding of the Team Event will be based on the previous results of the All Africa Under 19 Championships. For the Individual Championships, the BWF World Junior Ranking shall be used as per the BWF General Competition Regulations.

Doping Control

Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, could be 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 and athlete takes any medications, they could 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/>

Clothing and Advertising

Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forward to BWF.

In applying these regulations, the decision of the referee shall be final.

Delegations are requested to bring along with them 2 national flags and the national anthem of their country on CD.

Badminton Integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants in this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournament, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course of result of a game or a match.

Every person has an obligation to report to BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of matches. For more information please visit the website:
<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Entries

1. **All Africa Under 15 Championships 2021**

Entry Deadline **Tuesday 27 July 2021**. Complete the entry form on the BCA Website (Members Portal) – www.badmintonafrica.com

2. **All Africa Under 19 Championships 2021**

Entry Deadline **Tuesday 3 August 2021**. Complete the entry form on the BCA Website (Members Portal) – www.badmintonafrica.com

The Individual event of the All Africa Under 19 Championships has been sanctioned by the BWF and thus the championships is eligible for BWF World Junior Ranking Point.

You will therefore have to enter your individual players online on the BWF Tournament Software not later than **Tuesday 3 August 2021** (midnight KL Time) – see tournament link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/9C62A033-5D9C-45A4-ABA4-0F2E69D5F40E>

Accreditation

Access to the tournament venue, transport, hotel and other services shall be restricted to accredited players, officials and other personnel only.

The accreditation shall be delivered by the organisers to official delegation members as per entry forms submitted.

COVID-19 Protocol

Before your travel

Visitors are permitted to enter the country, by land or air (Cotonou International airport) with a **negative PCR COVID-19** test taken no more than **72 hours before** boarding aircraft in-bound to Benin.

All visitors will have to complete an online arrival form on the following website: <https://centresurveillancesanitaire.com/arrival>. You will then receive a QR Code to be presented (print or from phone) to the authorities for a PCR Test on arrival in Benin.

On Arrival in Benin

All incoming visitors (by air) in Benin will be subject to a mandatory PCR Test on arrival at the airport. The test is payable by the visitor and will cost **50,000 CFA (Approx. \$100)**. After the test, all visitors will be allowed to leave the airport to their respective hotel, but the immigration authorities will keep the passport of all visitors for a maximum of 48 hours until the tests results are available.

On arrival at the official hotels, all players and officials will be quarantined in their hotel rooms until the results are available (online). The organisers will then assist to collect the passports from the immigration authorities.

In case a player or official is tested positive, the player will be isolated in a room and a second test will be carried out. The cost of the second test shall be borne by the BCA. If the second test confirms the positive results, the player or official will be withdrawn from the Championships.

All subsequent medical expenses, including quarantine cost, shall be borne by the player's/official's Member Association. BCA strongly recommends all MAs to secure an appropriate medical (including COVID-19) insurance.

Delegations arriving **by land** will be tested on their arrival in the official hotels on Tuesday 22 August (Under 15) and Sunday 26 August (Under 19).

During the Championships

In competition PCR Tests may be carried out during the championships by the BCA (cost to be borne by the BCA). A strict sanitary protocol will be put in place at the venue, hotel and transportation. BCA will provide more details prior to the start of the tournament.

Departure from Benin

All outgoing players and officials, leaving the country by Air, will be tested before their departure (72 hours before flight). BCA and the organisers will facilitate the process.

Visit the Benin authorities websites for further and up to date information on the COVID-19: <https://centresurveillancesanitaire.com/>
<https://diplomatie.gouv.bj/voyager-sans-visa/>.

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