



**BADMINTON
CONFEDERATION
AFRICA**

BENIN

INTERNATIONAL

2021

18th – 21th August
Palais des Sports du
stade General Mathieu
KEREKOU
Cotonou, Benin

Future Series Tournament
Part of the BWF World Ranking
Part of BCA Circuit



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Organiser

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**Covid-19
Restrictions****(Important)****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 organizers 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 player/official as well. If the second test confirms the positive results, the player or official will be withdrawn from the tournament.

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.

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. The organisers 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 (own cost) 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/>.

Venue



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

Cotonou

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

Practice sessions can be arranged, in the same hall, on arrival upon request and will be subject to court availability.

Referee

Referee: Harriet SEMUGABI (UGA) – BCA Certificated Referee
Email: harrietsmgb@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: C. Salomon NONVIGNON (BEN) – National Referee
Email: nonvignonsalom@gmail.com

Events

There will be Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles events.

Shuttlecock

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

Entry Fee

\$ 40 per Player per event (Non-African Players only)

Team Managers Meeting

Tuesday 17th August @ 16:00hrs in the meeting room in the official hotel.
These schedules are subject to change, please contact the organisers for more details.

Tournament Schedule

Day / Date	Time	Play
Wednesday 18 Aug	As from 9hrs	Qualifying rounds/ Round 32 Main draw
Thursday 19 Aug	As from 9hrs	Round 32 and round 16 (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD)
Friday 20 Aug	09h00 14h30	All Quarter-Finals (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) All Semi-Finals (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD)
Saturday 21 Aug	As from 11hrs	Finals (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD)

(All times are subject to change, detailed schedule will be published after the draw)

Entries

All Entries must be submitted using the BWF Online Entry System no later than Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 23h59 BWF HQ (Kuala Lumpur) time (GMT+8 :00).

Member Association must log on to the Benin International 2021 at:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/CB7EBF24-5695-479E-87D0-38AF09716850>

If you require a username and password to submit your entries online, please contact Mr. Ramachandran, BWF Senior Events Officer, s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org

- All Entries must be confirmed by the National Association. Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players are on the current BWF banned list.
- No late entries are accepted.

Key Dates

Closing date of entries	Tuesday 20 Jul 2021
Main and Qualifying Report World Ranking date	Tuesday 20 Jul 2021
Main and Qualifying Report publish on BCA webpage	Friday 23 Jul 2021
Seeding Report World Ranking date	Tuesday 27 Jul 2021
Seeding Report publish on BWF webpage	Friday 30 Jul 2021
Last day of withdrawal without penalty	Monday 2 Aug 2021
DRAW	Tuesday 3 Aug 2021

Withdrawal and No - Shows

Withdrawals of players without penalty are possible until **Monday 02 August 2021**

According to BWF General Competition Regulations:
Any withdrawal after the Monday 02 August 2021 immediately preceding the draw, for any reason, or No-

Show renders the Member Association Concerned liable to an amount US\$ 150 and US\$ 500 respectively.

BWF ID

Players cannot be entered unless they already have a BWF ID number. In case you wish to enter players, who don't have a BWF ID - number, you can now generate new BWF IDs for your players via Tournament Software.

If you need help to generate new BWF IDs, please contact BWF or BCA (for African Countries) well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can be assigned BWF ID numbers before the closing date of the tournament.

Draw Sizes

Event	Entries – Main Draw		No. of Entries – Qualifying draw
	Direct	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	24	8	64
Women's Singles	24	8	32
Men's Doubles	32	-	-
Women's Doubles	32	-	-
Mixed Doubles	24	8	16

Visa

Benin Visa is **free to all African Nationals and delivered on arrival.**

If you need a visa to enter Benin, you can apply online here: <https://evisa.gouv.bj/fr/>

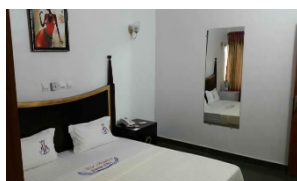
In case you need an invitation letter, please send the passport copies of your delegation to the tournament organisers.

Airport

International Airport Cardinal Bernadin Gantin

Airport Code: COO

Accommodation



(1) Hotel Paradisia – Cotonou

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

(2) Hôtel Jeanne d'Arc

- **Single Room: USD 100/ night (per person)**
- **Double Room: USD 70 / night (per person)** – one large bed that can accommodate 2 people.

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.

Transportation

Local transportation will be provided free of charge to accredited participants and Officials. The Hotel paradisias and Residence Jeanne D'Arc Hotel are respectively 15 minutes' drive and 5 minutes' walk to the Badminton Hall Please note that no transport or shuttle service will be offered for non- official hotels. All transfer information shall be sent at least 7 days before arrival.

Strict COVID-19 protocols will be respected for Airport transfers and daily shuttles to and from the venue.

Temperature	In August, the temperature varies around 28°C during the day and at night it's around 23°C.
Medical Services	The organisers will provide medical personnel at all times in the hall for the duration of the tournament.
Insurance	Participants must arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The organisers will not responsible for any medical cost, including COVID-19 related costs.
Doping Control	<p>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.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medications, they could check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about Anti-Doping, please visit the BWF Website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
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 forwarded to the BWF. In applying these regulations, the decision of the Referee shall be final.
Badminton Integrity	<p>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.</p> <p>To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on</p>

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/>

Condition

The tournament will be played on knock-out system and in full accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the BWF and the instructions of Badminton Confederation Africa.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered. All prizes (including prize money) will be distributed during the official prize giving ceremony after the finals.

Players shall not plan their departure before the prize giving ceremony; the organisers will not award medals or prize money before the finals.

According to the BWF General Competition Regulations, there is no world ranking points for an international tournament with less than 8 entries in (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD).

In such a case, the tournament maybe cancelled, and the organisers will not take any responsibility for any arrangements that may have been already made.

Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9

GCR 7.9: "In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance

by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations Disciplinary processes."

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