

### — OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

#### **Invitation to**

# 1ST ABIA PARA BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BWF Para Badminton World Circuit (Grade 2 – Level 3)

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPT - SUNDAY, 5TH OCT. 2025

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, UMUAHIA, ABIA STATE NIGERIA

On behalf of the Government of Abia State, under the leadership of Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, Abia State Badminton Association, and the good people of Abia State, I heartily welcome World Badminton Federation (BWF), Badminton Confederation of Africa (BCA), our co-host, Badminton Federation of Nigeria (BFN), participants, officials, and spectators to this prestigious competitions: 1ST ABIA PARA-BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

We are thrilled to host this event in Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria: a vibrant hub of hospitality, known for its rich cultural heritage and a passion for sports. We consider this championships a historic achievement for our State, for Nigeria and West Africa.

We applaud our dear Governor, Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, for providing an unparalleled leadership that has placed Abia State on the global Sporting map, attracting this event to Nigeria and West Africa for the first time in the history of the Game.

Approving the bid for hosting this prestigious championship in Umuahia, Abia State echoes the BWF's core mission: to foster the growth and development of Badminton worldwide, promote excellence, fair play, and the spirit of sportsmanship.

Joy is in the air as we welcome participants and officials from across the world to Abia State, 'God's Own State' – a land of hospitality, unique culture and rich history.

For us, Badminton is more than just a game; it's a global Sport that breeds inclusivity and equal opportunity for all, uniting people through shared passion and athleticism. In that context, we are also hosting the African Para Badminton Championship on the heels of the 1st Abia Para Badminton International, and we invite you to stay back after this event and watch the best of Para Badminton on the African continent.

Let this tournament be a celebration of talent, dedication, unity and the enduring spirit of sportsmanship.

I wish all participants a wonderful, successful and memorable experience.

Let the fun and the games begin!



Hon. Nwaobilor Nwadinma Ananaba

Hon. Commissioner, Abia State Ministry of Sports & Social Development





# 1. General Details

Organiser	BADMINTON FEDERATION OF NIGERIA  Mko Abiola National Stadium Package "B' Indoor Sports Hall Abuja, Nigeria  T: +2348037126427, +2348035889132,+2348033283558 E: info@badmintonnigeria.org W: www.badmintonnigeria.org
Sanction	Badminton World Federation
Competition Dates	Tuesday,30 Sept to Sunday, 5 Oct 2025
Competition Venue	International Conference Center, Umuahia, Abia State Government Station layout , Umuahia Abia State Nigeria. 440233 Nigeria
Media Links	Championships website: www.https://badmintonnigeria.org  {facebookHandle}  @BFNBadminton  (instagramHandle)
Referee Team	Referee: Karin Bester (RSA) / Email: karinbester79@gmail.com  Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong (HKG) / Email: s.chau0123@gmail.com  Technical Delegate: Carmen Martinez (ESP) / Email: cmvillanueva@hotmail.es  Local Deputy Referee: Ilorin George Adebayo (NGR) / Email: bayilori@yahoo.com





Chief Classifier	Email: classification@bwf.sport
Useful Information	FINANCE: Mrs. Ijeoma Kalu - Email: <a href="mailto:blessingkanuijeoma@gmail.com">blessingkanuijeoma@gmail.com</a> , Phone: +2348035425755  TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Ekeoma Samuel - Email: onwukweekeoma@yahoo.com, Phone: +2348035889132.  TRANSPORT OFFICER: Mrs. Chibuzor Basil Ude: Email: basilvictorylaugh@gmail.com. Phone: +2348057760628  MEDIA ACCREDITATION: CHIKA OJIEGBE- Email: findchika@outlook.com, Phone: +2348035752719
Insurance Coverage	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.
Indemnity	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.



# 2. Entry Details

per player Accompanying person: USD50 per person		
Entry fees are non-refundable if the person is classified as NE. Fees are refunded if there are not enough Entries to have a competition. Payment of entry fee is required before an athlete or team officials can participate in the tournament.		
The amount of entry fee stated above is payable whether or not athletes/team uses the official transportation provided as it also covers the operations of the tournament.		
Please email the host in order to get an invoice and to make payments. Participants will pay the costs of bank transfer.		
Email: info@badmintonnigeria.org, onwukweekeoma@yahoo.com		
y fee should be made by the deadline in the key dates section.		
This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), Para Badminton General Competition Regulations (PBGCR) and BWF Para Badminton World Circuit Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.		
This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF PBGCR. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per PBGCR 22.6.		
Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)		
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hdrawal Without Penalty Monday, September 15, 2025		
Seeding Tuesday, September 23, 2025		
Monday, September 29, 2025		
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Key Dates f	or
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Entry Fee Payment Deadline	Monday, September 29, 2025
Visa Support Application Deadline	Thursday, August 14, 2025
Accommodation Reservation Deadline	Monday, September 15, 2025
Accommodation Payment Deadline	Monday, September 29, 2025
Accreditation Application Deadline	Friday, September 19, 2025
Media Accreditation Application Deadline	Monday, May 19, 2025
Transport Request Deadline	Friday, September 19, 2025
Player Medical Information Form/ Player Evaluation Consent Form Deadline	Sunday, August 10, 2025
Classification meeting	Sunday, September 28, 2025
Arrival of Player requiring classification	Sunday, September 28, 2025
Classification	Monday, September 29, 2025
Umpires' Briefing	Monday, September 29, 2025
Team Managers' Meeting I	Monday, September 29, 2025
Team Managers' Meeting II	Monday, September 29, 2025
Start of Competition	Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Events	Wheelchair classes		Standing classes			Short Stature
	WH 1	WH 2	SL 3	SL 4	SU 5	SH 6
Men's Singles	×	×	×	×	×	×
Women's Singles	×	×	×	×	×	
Men's Doubles	⊕ €	<b>♂→</b> ①	② ← ∑	3→2	3 🛛 3	
Women's Doubles	⊕ €	<b>♂→</b> ①	(	⊕ ← 🛛 →	4	
Mixed Doubles	⊕ €	<b>♂→</b> ①	(	⊕ ← 🛛 →	4	

### Draws

### The following rule will apply for doubles and mixed:

Sign	Event	Sport Class	Points	Combination Permitted	NOT Allowed
1	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles	WH 1 & WH 2	A <b>maximum</b> of 3 points	WH 1 + WH 2 (WH1 + WH1)	WH 2 + WH 2
2	Men's Doubles	SL 3 & SL 4	A <b>maximum</b> of 7 points	SL 3 + SL 4 (SL 3 + SL 3)	SL 4 + SL 4 SL 3 + SU 5 SL 4 + SU 5
3	Men's Doubles	SU 5	No limitation	SU 5 + SU 5 (or all other combinations)	
4	Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles	SL 3 to SU 5	A <b>maximum</b> of 8 points	SL 3 + SU 5 SL 4 + SL 4 (SL 3 + SL 4 SL 3 + SL 3)	SL 4 + SU 5 SU 5 + SU 5



Minimum entries	If there are less than four (4) entries or less than two (2) represented countries in a particular event, then events may be combined – Sport Classes and or men & women – in accordance with Para-Badminton General Competition Regulation 12.
Online Entry	Entry registration of players for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link: Tournament Entry Link  If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: technicalevents@bwf.sport  Please see the key dates section for the entry deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.  After each submission of entries, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to participating Member Associations confirming receipt of entries.  Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.  Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, one day after the entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time.  If no objection is received by BWF Thursday, two days after entry deadline at 23:59 hrs. BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.



Any new player wishing to participate in this tournament will need to be classified according to the BWF Para-Badminton Classification Regulations. Players with a Sport Class Status New (N), Review (R), or FRD (Fixed Review Date) must take part in Classification / Player Evaluation at the tournament. The medical forms for players with Sport Class Status N, R, or FRD must be submitted together with the entries and should be emailed to <a href="mailto:classification@bwf.sport">classification@bwf.sport</a> by the submission deadline.

Player Medical Information Form (Form 1) and Player Evaluation Consent Form (Form 2) can be downloaded from the BWF website (<u>link</u>).

A non-refundable fee of **USD 50** applies for new players who will undergo classification. Payment must be received by the BWF six (6) weeks before the classification date. Please contact <a href="mailto:s.sabron@bwf.sport">s.sabron@bwf.sport</a> for classification fee invoice.

Players may be removed from the registration/entry list if the classification forms are not submitted or if payment is not received by the deadline given. You must confirm with the Chief Classifier that your document submission is accepted. It is the responsibility of the participants to submit relevant medical documents (e.g. X-ray, MRI, Medical Report) along with the classification form.

All teams with players requiring classification must have representative attending the meeting. Players must adhere to the classification time slot that is allocated during the classification meeting. If a player does not show up at the allocated time slot, the player may not be classified.

See PBGCR Section 5.5.5 – Para-Badminton Classification Regulations - (http://bwfcorporate.com/statutes/)

#### Classification



The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF PBGCR 13 and 14.

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (Refer to Key Dates Section for the date).

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.6).

**Withdrawals** 

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Referee: Karin Bester (RSA) / Email: karinbester79@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Chau Yat Kwong (HKG) / Email: <a href="mailto:s.chau0123@gmail.com">s.chau0123@gmail.com</a>
Technical Delegate: Carmen Martinez (ESP) / Email: <a href="mailto:smvillanueva@hotmail.es">cmvillanueva@hotmail.es</a>
Host Organiser Contact: Ekeoma Samuel / Email: <a href="mailto:info@badmintonnigeria.org">info@badmintonnigeria.org</a>,

onwukweekeoma@yahoo.com,



# 3. Tournament Details

	Day	Event	Start	End
	Tuesday, 30 Sept	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	09:00	21:00
	Wednesday, 1 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	09:00	21:00
Competition	Thursday, 2 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	09:00	21:00
Schedule	Friday, 3 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	09:00	21:00
	Saturday, 4 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	09:00	21:00
	Sunday, 5 Oct	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	est 10:00	est 14:00
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Official Shuttle brand	Yonex AS30			
Number of Courts	1 WH and 2 ST			
Wheelchair floor type	Plastic interlocking floor			
Practice Facilities	Practice Facility Information:  • Location: International Conference Center  • Number of Courts: 3  • Schedule: TBC  • Booking/Reservation information: TBC  Competition Courts Information:  • Schedule: TBC  • Booking/Reservation Information: TBC  • Court Mat Color: Green  Warmup Courts Information: TBC  Practice Shuttles Information: TBC			





Player Facilities	Player Lounge Information:  Location: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER Schedule: TBC Facilities description: TBC  Stringing Services: Location: IINTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER Schedule: daily starting from a day before the start of the tournament. Cost: USD20 Other: TBC  Wheelchair & Prosthetic Repair Services: Location: N/A Schedule: N/A Cost: N/A Other: N/A
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: Date: Monday, September 29, 2025 Time: 04:00 PM Location: Sun Heaven Hotel  It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (Para Badminton) (BWF Statute 2.6).  Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:  • Date: Monday, September 29, 2025 • Time: 05:00 PM • Location: Sun Heaven Hotel



### Classification Meeting

The Classification meeting will be held at the following:

• Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025

• Time: 06:00 PM

Location: Sun Heaven Hotel

### Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on the final day of the tournament immediately after the conclusion of final matches. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions, finalists, and semifinalists.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, is allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR. Wheelchair players are required to attend the ceremony in their wheelchairs.

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to seven	3
Eight to 15	4
16 or more	5

#### **Accreditation**

Any additional team officials that teams would like to bring will require the approval of the BWF. Please contact <a href="mailto:s.sabron@bwf.sport">s.sabron@bwf.sport</a>

The price of entry fee is chargeable to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.



Medical Services	Medical Doctors, physiotherapist and nurses will be available in the main hall all through the tournament.
Anti-Doping	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.  Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).  For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a>
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 at this tournament.  To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, 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 or result of a game or match.  Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.  For more information, please refer to BWF's website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a>
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 and Disciplinary processes."





# 4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport	Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:  • Murtala Mohammed Intl airport Lagos. On arrival at Lagos airport, kindly contact Mr. Akapo Samson on +2348035798661 for your connecting flight to Owerri for final pick up at Sam Mbakwe airport Owerri to the official hotel  • All Participants coming into Umuahia by bus shall be picked up from any Bus Station of their Choice on arrival in Umuahia, Abia State. Contact Person:  Mrs. Chibuzor Basil Ude on + 2347062848291  Please complete and return the Transportation Request Form for airport pickup by Friday, September 19, 2025 to onwukweekwe@yahoo.com.  Coordinator's name: Mrs. Chibuzor Basil Ude Phone number: +234 706 2848 291, +2348035889132
Visas	If a visa is required to enter the country, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.  Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by <b>Thursday, August 14, 2025</b> .  The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.  The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.  It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.  Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into the country; the final decision is made by the Government.





### 5. Accomodation Details

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Hotel Name	Sun Heaven Hotel
Address	Umuagu Ibeku Road, Umuahia,440236, Abia State
Rooms available	50
Wheelchair Adapted rooms	10 Rooms
Single Room Rates (per night)	USD100
Double Room Rates (per night)	USD75
Triple Room Rates (per night)	N/A

	Information
Hotel Name	murphys Mansion Resort
Address	War Museum Road, Ebite, Amafor Isingwu, Umuahia 440236, abia State, Nigeria
Rooms available	60 rooms
Wheelchair Adapted rooms	20 rooms
Single Room Rates (per night)	USD 95
Double Room Rates (per night)	USD 70
Triple Room Rates (per night)	N/A

#### Accommodation

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form by **Monday, September 15, 2025**.

Any reservation for the official hotels above MUST be made through host organiser in order to access the tournament.

Reservation must be made using the Accommodation Form.

The deadline for submission is 15 September 2025.

Accommodation includes breakfast; Check in/out at the hotel is at 12pm.

Accommodation charges must be paid by bank transfer. The Badminton Federation of Nigeria will issue an invoice upon request.

Deadline for accommodation payment is 29 September 2025.

If bank transfer is not made by 29 September 2025: Only cash in USD is accepted upon arrival. In case of reservation cancellation, the Hotel can only refund 20% of your payment.

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Breakfast and dinner will be at the official hotels while lunch will be served at venue daily.

Contact: Ekeoma Samuel / Email: info@badmintonnigeria.org onwukweekeoma@yahoo.com





# 6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations	It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).  Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.
Media Accreditation	Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form before the deadline. Kindly refer to the Key dates section for deadline.  Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form before the deadline. Kindly refer to the Key dates section for deadline.  Any media personnel can fill in the accreditation form and submit before the deadline.
Video Recording and Photography	Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.  Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations, from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There is a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation must be obtained in advance from the tournament. Accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras.  The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.  Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.

