



INVITATION

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT WHITE NIGHTS 2018

Part of the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit and a World Ranking Tournament



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international badminton tournament

04-08 July 2018

Closing date: 05th June, 2018

Prize money: 25000 USD

VENUE:

St-Petersburg region, Gatchina, Generala Knysha Street 14A, Sports Hall "Arena" (Matches on-line: YouTube channel – "Gatchinskii sport")

PRIZE MONEY:

USD 25 000

PRESENTED BY:

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Official Web-site:

<http://www.russkikh.com/whitenights-2018/participation/index.pdf>

KEY DATES:

- Visa support deadline: 05 June 2018
- Hotel reservation deadline: 05 June 2018
- Entry deadline: 05 June 2018
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report: 7 June 2018
- M&Q Report Release Date: 8 June 2018
- World Ranking date used for Draw: 14 June 2018
- Last day of withdrawal without penalty: 18 June 2018
- Draw Date: 19 June 2018

REFEREE: Christos Evangelidis (GRE) - chrisev@sch.gr

TIME SCHEDULE (EXPECTED):

3rd July: arrivals

4th July: qualifications 09.00

5th July (Thursday): 09.00 1st round XD, 11.40 1st round MS/WS, 17.00 1st round MD/WD

6th July (Friday): 09.00 2nd round XD, 11.30 2nd round MS/WS, 16.00 2nd round MD/WD, 19.00 3^d round MS/WS

7th July (Saturday): 10.00 quarter finals, 16.00 semi finals

8th July – the finals 10.00

The exact timetable will be presented after the draw. The finals will start at 10:00 on 8th July. Please refer to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 9.5 regarding players' departure.

PARTICIPANTS:

Players from National Associations, accepted by the BWF are allowed to attend the event.

ENTRIES: until 05 June 2018

Link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/onlineentry/onlineentry.aspx?id=3EA0F01D-DA92-4032-8067-5628EF8D2206>

No late entries will be accepted.

Players cannot 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.

EVENTS:

Men's singles, Women's singles, Men's doubles, Women's doubles and Mixed doubles. It is required that every event in a particular BEC Elite 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 SIZE:

Men's singles 48, Women's singles 48, Men's doubles 32 (PAIRS), Women's doubles 32 (PAIRS), Mixed doubles 32 (PAIRS)

The above indicates the maximum numbers of players/pairs in the respective events.

ENTRY FEES:

Regarding EF you have to follow Badminton Europe Elite Circuit regulations 17.1: The Member Association that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes.

Euro/player in single 50 euro

Euro/player in double 45 euro

All entrees should be paid by cash to organizers. Bank transfers are impossible.

Prize money division: All prize money is paid in US-Dollars (\$)

| | MS | WS | MD | WD | XD |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Winner | 2000 | 2000 | 2250 | 2250 | 2250 |
| Runner up | 1200 | 1200 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 |
| SF | 500 | 500 | 625 | 625 | 625 |
| QF | 200 | 200 | | | |

NUMBER OF COURTS: 4 courts. Brand - TechnoBad

WITHDRAWALS:

Any withdrawal after the Monday 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).

After entering a player(s) in the tournaments it is the Member Nation's responsibility to secure visas for their players - if this is needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough.

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).

VISA SUPPORT:

Contact the organizers about visa support if needed. Important: to get invitation you need to fill "Visa form" and sent it to fokarena@gmail.com **until 05 June**. For most of countries it is much simpler to get "tourist visa" kind than "sport visa" kind [VISA FORM](#).

OFFICIAL POINTS OF ARRIVAL:

- Pulkovo airport (St. Petersburg). We provide free transportation from airport to official hotels for participants, coaches and officials. For others the price is 20 euro

CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING:

Please refer to the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations 18 and BWF GCR 19-24 regarding Clothing and Advertising. In applying these regulations the decision of the Referee shall be final.

SHUTTLES:

RSL Classic Tourney

BETTING:

Betting by players or officials on events in which they are involved is not permitted. Any breach of betting regulations will be investigated by Badminton Europe and the appropriate sanction will be administered by Badminton Europe.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel request should be made **until 05 June 2018**. Please send it to Konstantin: fokarena@gmail.com. All payment for accommodation should be made to organizers by cash. Bank transfer is impossible.

Hotel Gatchina (Stars 4) (Centre of city. 10 minutes by official transport from sport hall) web: <http://hotel-gatchina.ru>, address: Gatchina, Gorkogo str. 21, tel. +7 (921) 931-2012

| Name | Price (RUR) | Breakfast/Wi-Fi |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Standart twin (2 beds) | 6000 | + / + |
| Standart (single) | 4200 | |

Hotel Alexandria (Stars 3), (Centre of city. 10 minutes by official transport from sport hall), address: Gatchina, Dostoevskogo str. 21, tel. +7(81371) 9-49-85

| Name | Price (RUR) | Breakfast/Wi-Fi |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Standart twin (2 beds) | 2400 | +/+ |
| Standart (3 beds) | 3600 | |
| Standart (4 beds) | 4800 | |

Hotel Boutique Stolica (Stars 4) (Centre of city. 12 minutes by official transport from sport hall) <http://boutiquestolica.com/en/> Address: Gatchina, Chkalova street, 21a, tel. +7 (965) 059-09-09

| Name | Price (RUR) | Breakfast/Wi-Fi |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Single economy | 2250 | +/+ |
| Single | 2750 | |
| Standart twin (2 beds) | 2900 | |
| Superior (1 big bed) | 3800 | |

Aksioma Hotel (15 minutes by official transport from sport hall) web: <http://aksiomahotel.ru/>, Address: Gatchina, Izotova str. 20. Tel. +7-962-717-38-13

| Name | Price (RUR) | Breakfast/Wi-Fi |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Single | 2800 | +/+ |
| Double (2 beds) | 2400 | |
| Triple room | 3600 | |
| Room for 4 persons | 4800 | |

COURT PRACTICING

To take free court for practice you should reserve it by e-mail: fokarena@gmail.com

It is a penalty for booked but not used court – 15 euro.

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Team managers meeting will be held on 4th July at 20:00 at sporthall Arena. It will be transport provided from official hotels and back (check information at the hotel reception)

PHOTOS FROM TOURNAMENT

You can check photos by this link:

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipP2rnEJb1b6XuU8j7zIP9qD1WZydIsb2WSJZbdI-eWRGkH13KRP2xV4e_fiQZeiQ?hl=ru&key=UG1MREtEdIk1YVdmLW1ISGTJSjE4ejJBaFpOSFR3

AWARDING:

Winners, runners up and semi finalists will be awarded with diplomas and special prizes of National Badminton Federation of Russia

We are looking forward to see you in Russia!

Mr. Andrey Antropov

Chairman of Council

National Badminton federation of Russia