



TOURNAMENT PROSPECTUS

Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada

MARCH 31 – APRIL 5, 2020

2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge

December 18, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Invitation – 2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge

It is with pleasure that we invite your players to participate in the **2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge**, to be held on March 31st to April 5th, 2020 at the Suncor Community Leisure Centre, MacDonald Island Park, Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.

The official hotel is the Clearwater Suite Hotel (3*), located within a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk of the venue.

All qualifying matches and first round of men's singles matches will be played on March 31. Entries will close on **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020** at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT).

Please find below the entry details and event information. Should you require any additional information or assistance, please contact Badminton Canada or the **2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge** tournament director.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada in March 2020.

Sincerely,



Joe Morissette
Executive Director
Badminton Canada

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Sanction:	Pan Am Badminton and the BWF – Badminton World Federation
Date:	March 31 st to April 5, 2020
Competition Venue:	Suncor Community Leisure Centre (CNOOC Nexen Field House) MacDonald Island Park 1 CA Knight Way, Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 5C5
Practice Venue:	Suncor Community Leisure Centre (badminton training hall) MacDonald Island Park 1 CA Knight Way, Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 5C5 Available March 30, 2020 at 0800hrs MST
Referee Team: (appointed or approved by Pan Am Badminton)	Referee: Juan Jose Valencia Diaz (MEX) Email: juanjvalencia@gmail.com Deputy Referee: Chris Lawrence (USA) Email: ccclawrence@aol.com
Tournament Director:	Mike Luck Phone: +00 1.613.748.5674 ext. 223 / Email: mikeluck@badminton.ca Mobile: +1-514-581-4954
On-site Registration:	Venue: Suncor Community Leisure Centre. MacDonald Island Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Office, M2 Lower Level Day & Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 0900 – 1500 hrs.
Official Shuttle:	The YONEX Aerosena 50 is the official shuttle of the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge. Additional practice shuttlecocks will be available for a minimal cost from the supplier at the competition venue.
Entry fees:	According to BWF Regulations entry fees will be \$100 US per player
Conditions of Play:	The 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge will be conducted in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) including those concerning clothing, Players' Code of Conduct, Coaches and Officials' Code of Conduct, Match Integrity and Betting. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final. Conventional rally point consisting of three games to 21 points will be used throughout the tournament. The fixed height service rule (Law 9.1.6.) will be in effect at this tournament Please familiarize yourself with these Regulations prior to your arrival in Fort McMurray
Practice Facilities:	Practice times in the main hall must be requested from the organizer on or before March 3rd by completing the Practice Court Request Form and emailing mikeluck@badminton.ca by Tuesday, March 3, 2020 , however, we cannot guarantee to meet all requests.

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Air Travel:	<p>Badminton Canada has been able to secure between a 5% to 10% discount on airfare for all participants attending the 2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge with WestJet.</p> <p>WestJet primarily services Canada, USA and the Caribbean with limited service to Europe.</p> <p>WestJet – www.westjet.com - Z60SO16</p>																												
Ground Transport:	<p>Airport transportation between the official tournament hotel and the Fort McMurray International Airport will only be provided for players staying at the official tournament hotel.</p> <p>For airport pick-up requests – please complete the Transportation Request Form. Transport Request Forms must be emailed to mikeluck@badminton.ca by Tuesday March 3, 2020.</p> <p>Venue transportation will be provided only between the official tournament hotel (Clearwater Suites) and MacDonald Island Park.</p>																												
Team Managers' Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on Monday March 30, 2020 at 20h00 (Mountain Standard Time – MST) • The venue is the Clearwater Suite Hotel • It is compulsory for all team managers to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Failure to attend means you are liable to be fined as per BWF "Offences and Penalties". • Member Associations may make a request for an alternative to the Team Manager to represent them at the meeting, provided the Referee is notified in advance. 																												
Technical Officials Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Officials' Briefing will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 21h00. (Mountain Standard Time) in the Clearwater Suite Hotel 																												
Key Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Date for Entries Tuesday, March 3, 2020 • World Ranking Date for M & Q Report Tuesday, March 3, 2020 • Publish Date for M & Q Report Friday, March 6, 2020 • World Ranking Date for Seeding Tuesday, March 10, 2020 • Seeding Published Friday, March 13, 2020 • Withdraw Deadline Monday, March 16, 2020 • Draw Date Tuesday, March 17, 2020 																												
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Order of Play:	Date	Play	Play Times	Courts
	Tuesday, March 31	Qualification Qualifying Rounds	0900 – 17:00	4
	Wednesday, April 1	Round of 32	0900 – 2100	4
	Thursday, April 2	Round of 16	1300 – 2100	4
	Friday, April 3	Quarter-Finals	1500 – 2100	3
	Saturday, April 4	Semi-Finals	Start at 1300	2
	Sunday, April 5	Finals	Start at 1300	1

Prize Money:

- All prize money is in USD.
- Total Prize Purse 25 000 USD.
- Medals for all winners and runner-up.
- No withholding taxes.
- *Per player / ** Per pair

Player/Pair	Event	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist
*	MS	\$2250	\$1000	\$500
*	WS	\$2250	\$1000	\$500
**	MD	\$1500	\$650	\$300
**	WD	\$1500	\$650	\$300
**	XD	\$1500	\$650	\$300

International Entries

- All international players must enter through their respective Member Associations.
 - BWF is implementing the Online Entry System for this tournament and we seek Member Associations' cooperation to ensure all entries are submitted before the closing date Tuesday March 3rd, 1010 at 23h59 BWF Headquarters time.
- Group Entry URL:**
<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=5B8109F3-6ADD-41BE-B46F-E438F13439DA>
- Member Associations will require a username and password to submit your entries and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact R. Shanmugan at: s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.
 - The online entry page will close immediately on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time.**
 - You are required to submit the entries on time. Late entries will not be accepted.

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	<p>Close of Online Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.
<p>Canadian Entries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry is open to any current member of Badminton Canada in good standing with a BWF # ID number. Please note that only Canadian players with a BWF # ID registered in the BWF Active Player Database can be entered by Badminton Canada. Badminton Canada is implementing its Online Entry System for this tournament.• Players who intend to register for this tournament must ensure that they have a working email to receive a payment and entry confirmation email.• All Canadian players will be required to pay a Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) fee as requested by Badminton Canada at the time of on-line registration.• Canadian players must enter and provide payment here: https://www.badminton.ca/sport/tournament?id=29EEC606-AC05-4542-8D02-33E1E06A381E <p>Entry Deadline: The entry deadline for Badminton Canada members is Tuesday, February 25, 2020 2359 hrs. MST. No late entries will be accepted</p> <p>Entry Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For players staying at the event hotel the entry fee for one or two events is \$100.00 US per player; for three events is \$150.00 US per player.• For players NOT staying at the event hotel the entry fee for one or two events is \$250.00 US per player; for three events is \$300.00 US per player.• Full entry fee <u>must be paid online</u> at the time of registration.• No other forms of payment will be accepted. <p>Confirmation of Entry & Payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registering players will receive an email confirmation generated by the Badminton Canada Online Entry System and it will include: the events entered and for doubles, partners selected as well as the amount paid online.• Receipt of payment and entry confirmation email is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. <p>Refunds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For withdrawals done after the deadline of March 16, 2020, no refunds will be made.• Entry fees will only be refunded for non-placement in the draws. <p>Canadian Entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian entries will be entered into the draws in order based on: BWF ranking, Badminton Canada ranking and random draw by BWF.• Placement in the draws, including qualifications, is not guaranteed due to the maximum entries' limits.
<p>Withdrawal:</p>	<p>For International Entries The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 to 14.</p> <p>Member Associations can withdraw their players/pairs through the online entry system until the last date of withdrawal (without penalty) – see Key Dates above. Withdrawals</p>

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	<p>made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Tournament Secretary – see contact details below - are immediately notified in writing of any withdrawal after this date, clearly stating the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, a medical certificate should also be provided.</p> <p>If withdrawal arises once your players arrive in Fort McMurray, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputies, and must also be confirmed in writing to: Withdrawal regulations and penalties will be based on BWF Regulations.</p> <p>Withdrawal Contact Persons Tournament Director: Mike Luck Email: mikeluck@badminton.ca</p> <p>Referee: Juan Jose Valencia Diaz (MEX) Email: juanjvalencia@gmail.com</p> <p>Deputy Referee: Chris Lawrence (USA) Email: cclawrence@aol.com</p>
Accreditation	<p>International Entries</p> <p>Please note that there will be photographic accreditation for the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge. Entry into the venue will be controlled by accreditation / badges which will be available for collection at the Team Managers' Meeting.</p> <p>Accreditation will be issued to all qualifying players and officially nominated officials through the respective Member Association. Please find the attached Accreditation Request Form to apply for Team Officials Accreditation. A color passport size photo must be emailed to mikeluck@badminton.ca for each member of the delegation, no later than Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Please label each photo with family name and BWF #.</p> <p>In accordance with agreement with the BWF, the number of accompanying officials for whom there will be accreditation depends on the size of your playing team.</p> <p>Number of players from Association / No of accompanying Officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For up to 4: 2 badges• For 5-10: 3 badges• For 11-16: 4 badges• For 16 or more: 5 badges <p>Note: If more officials accompany your team you must purchase additional accreditations. A limited number of additional official accreditation passes may be purchased at the special rate of \$200.00 USD each.</p> <p>For Canadian Coaches Coaches who meet the following criteria may qualify for accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a current NCCP Certified Competition Development or higher• Hold a current Badminton Canada Coaching License• Have a current background check on file• Have complete your Respect in Sport Activity Leaders education• Application deadline: Application must be received by Badminton Canada on or before Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 2359 hrs. EST using Badminton Canada

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	online coach registration system.
Media Obligation:	<p>Note that all players are required to participate in media engagements should they be requested in Pre-Tournament Media. They will not exceed one hour in total on the day prior to their first scheduled match of the tournament.</p> <p>It is also a condition of entry that each player must be willing to give on-court interviews for television immediately after the match has been won or lost, and to attend a post-match press conference on request.</p> <p>In order to assist with the promotion of the tournament and game in general, it is a condition of entry that each player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one hour (such as autograph signing, participating in 'meet the public' question and answer sessions, etc.).</p>
Video Recording & Photography:	<p>Badminton Canada and the Tournament Organizers reserve the right to take photos, film material or any other image of players taken during events.</p> <p>No unauthorized persons may enter the playing arena to video record or take photos without the prior approval of Badminton Canada or the Tournament Organizers.</p> <p>Flash photography is not permitted within the arena at any time. Video recording is permitted for analytical purposes only, and only by competing Member Associations. The Tournament Director and/or Referee shall designate positions. Cameras operating outside of these areas or without the correct accreditation may be removed. Camera accreditation must be obtained in advance.</p> <p>Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>
Visa:	<p>Badminton Canada will provide letters of invitation to all countries competing at the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge requiring entry VISAs. Please visit http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp to see if your participants require an entry VISA.</p> <p>Please note that if you DO NOT require a VISA to enter into Canada that you will likely require an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). These are issued by travel agents or by airline prior to boarding a flight bound for Canada.</p> <p>Badminton Canada will only communicate with a Member Association's National Office.</p> <p>Badminton Canada will not be able to provide visa support letters if the Visa Support Request Form is incomplete and are not accompanied by the requested documents.</p> <p>Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into Canada and the final decision is made by the Canadian Embassy at your own countries. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly to the respective Canadian Embassy who is dealing with your application. We accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you require a VISA, please complete the attached VISA Request Form. Please submit the completed form to events@badminton.ca

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please note that VISA issuing timelines at Canadian Consulates can vary significantly. Please contact your local consulate to confirm timelines as soon as possible.• Please note that if you DO NOT require a VISA to enter into Canada that you will likely require an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). These are issued through your travel agent or by your airline prior to boarding a flight bound for Canada.
Accommodation: Accommodation continued:	<p>In preparation for 2020 we have one hotel to serve participants of 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge. The official host hotel is conveniently located to the competition venue.</p> <p>All reservations must be done directly with the hotel. Badminton Canada and the Organizing Committee will <u>NOT BE RESPONSIBLE</u> for securing accommodation for any team or individual player.</p> <p>Hotel reservations must be made before March 3rd 2020 to ensure the special rate. We have provided several options for you to make your reservation.</p> <p>Option 1: Return the hotel booking sheet directly to the hotel by either fax or email jmguillamot@clearwaterfortmcmurray.com</p> <p>Option 2: Book directly on-line via the hotel link provided. Access Code: 2020CAN https://reservations.traveldick.com/17739?RatePlanId=4316992#/guestsandrooms</p> <p>Option 3: Call the hotel of your choice directly and provide personal details and method of payment (credit card). Phone: 1-866-650-3678 Group Block Name: 2020 Canadian International Challenge Block Code: 2003282020</p> <p>When making a reservation identify yourself as a member of the group “2020 YONEX Canadian International Challenge”. Please be prepared to give a credit card number, and expiration date and the three-digit code to secure your reservation.</p> <p>GROUP BOOKINGS – If you need special billing arrangements, such as bank transfer or need to book more than 5 rooms for your team, please contact the hotel directly under (1-866-650-3678) for us to assist you with your booking.</p> <p>All reservations must be made directly with the hotel and not the Organizing Committee.</p> <p>Clearwater Suite Hotel: (3 Star property) The Clearwater Suite Hotel (4 Haineault St, Fort McMurray AB T9H 1R6) has been selected as the official headquarters and host hotel for the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge. This property is located 8-minute drive or 20-minute walk from the venue. Shuttle bus will be provided between both host hotels and tournament venue.</p> <p>The special room rates range from \$139 CAD for traditional Queen or King plus 9% tax (5% GST, 4% local tax) per room for Single (King), Doubles (Queen).</p>

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	<p>Max individuals per room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• King – Maximum of 2 people• Queen – Maximum of 4 people <p>Rates include, breakfast, kitchenette & washer/dryer in each room, complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms, meeting spaces and Lobby, and complimentary outdoor parking.</p> <p>2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge Hotel Reservation Contact: Clearwater Suite Hotel 4 Haineault St, Fort McMurray AB T9H 1R6</p> <p>Use this link to book online: https://reservations.travelclick.com/17739?RatePlanId=4316992#/guestsandrooms Access Code: 2020CAN</p> <p>Phone 1-866-650-3678 Group Block Name: 2020 Canadian International Challenge Block Code: 2003282020</p>
Anti-Doping:	<p>Anti-doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List.</p> <p>Please note that athletes must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorization to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List – before they take medication.</p> <p>Canadian players concerned with current information on banned substances and medication, go to http://www.cces.ca/en/antidoping/cadp or contact the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport Phone: 1.613.521-3340</p>
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 medication, they should 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>
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 at this tournament.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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	For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	GCR 7.9: <i>"In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."</i>
Uniform regulations:	All players must comply with BWF Uniform & Clothing regulations as outline in sections (20, 21, 22, 23, and 24) in the BWF General Competition Regulations: https://system.bwfbadminton.com/documents/folder_1_81/folder_1_82/New-Regulations-2018/5.1%20General%20Competitions%20Regulations.pdf
Indemnity:	<p>By submitting an on-line entry to the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge (Grade 3), participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is of minority age) affirms having read this document and agrees to be bound by its terms.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2020 Yonex Canadian International Challenge and for good and valuable consideration any participant named below, hereinafter called ENTRANT, do hereby agree and covenant with, and release and discharge Badminton Canada, Yonex Canada Corporation, Badminton Alberta, their employees, agents, officers, members, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators and all participants in this event as follows:</p> <p>Entrant does hereby promise, agree and covenant that he/she will never, at any future time, sue or bring action against the forenamed or any of them, reason of any claim for damages, whether such damage arises from the conduct of the tournament or condition of the premises or from any cause whatsoever. Entrant does hereby release, remise and discharge the forenamed, or any of them from all claims, actions, suits, causes of actions and demands of nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or alleged to arise from any accident or other occurrence during or about this tournament or condition of the premises on which this event takes place.</p> <p>Entrant warrants and represents that he/she will be bound by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation and Badminton Canada; is an eligible player as defined by the rules of the organization; understands that the forenamed makes no warranties or guarantees of any nature with respect to the condition of the premises, the operation of the tournament and that no agent or employee is authorized to vary the terms of this agreement, either orally or in writing.</p> <p>For the same consideration Entrant hereby gives Badminton Canada, and each and every licensee or contractee of either or all of them including photographers, television and or motion picture companies or concerns, their affiliates and subsidiaries, full television and motion picture rights, including full power, permission and authority to film or video tape me during all matches, narrations, personal interviews, or comment thereon for any or all commercial, news or other purposes together with the right to transfer to grant their rights to offers, without compensation to me whatsoever.</p>