



— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to

Guatemala International Challenge 2026

SEP 30 - OCT 4, 2026

GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA CITY

Prize Money: US\$ 20,000

Dear Member Associations,

With deep joy and pride, we welcome you to the Guatemala International Challenge 2026, a prestigious badminton tournament that brings together top young talent from around the world. Guatemala is proud to host this celebration of sport, friendship, and cultural exchange. We firmly believe that badminton is more than just a competition; it is a bridge that unites nations, inspires youth, and promotes the values of respect and fair play. Over the next few days, you will experience not only thrilling matches but also the warmth and hospitality of our people. We invite you to immerse yourselves in the vibrant spirit of Guatemala, its rich traditions, and its passion for sport. This tournament offers a unique opportunity to showcase your skills, forge lifelong friendships, and strengthen the global badminton community. We extend our scientific thanks to all the associations, coaches, athletes, and supporters who make this event possible. Together, let us celebrate excellence, teamwork, and the future of badminton. Welcome to Guatemala.

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Guatemala City National Badminton Federation
Guatemala City



1. General Details

Organizer	Federación Deportiva Nacional de Bádminton Coliseo Deportivo, Ciudad de los Deportes, Zona 5, Guatemala Event Manager: Lic. José Arturo Asturias García T: +502 3575- 4741 Mr. Asly Yaneth Garcia Linares T: +502 5123-6228 e-mail: gerencia@badminton.com.gt
Sanction	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Pan Am Confederation
Date	Sep 30 – 4 Oct, 2026
Competition Venue	Gimnasio "Teodoro Palacios Flores, 12 Avenida y 25 calle A, Zona 5, Ciudad de Guatemala. Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/T6vevYfuEcAr9S129 Postal Code: +502 Guatemala, Guatemala City
Media Links	 @Federación Deportiva Nacional de Bádminton  @fedebadgt  @fedebadgt
Referee Team	Referee: Luis Alejandro Lopez Carreon Tel: + 52 4491253310 email: badalexmx@gmail.com
Useful Contacts	Event Manager: Lic. José Arturo Asturias García T: +502 3575- 4741 Events Coordinator: Mr. Asly Yaneth Garcia Linares T: +502 5123-6228 Transport manager: Veronica Flores T: +502 3614-3912 QR code for the event's WhatsApp information group. 
Insurance Coverage & Indemnity	All participants are responsible for their own arrangements, including insurance coverage. Players and all members of the national delegation shall bear all costs relating to injuries, medical treatment, or hospitalization, and must ensure that their players and officials are medically fit and adequately insured. The Tournament Organizer accepts no liability for any claims, damages, or losses arising from participation in, or cancellation of, 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 Organizer 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

Regulations (Conditions of Play)

Clothing Regulation

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), General Competition Regulations (GCR), Badminton Pan Am Regulation (BPAC) and CC Grade 3 Tournament Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

For all tournaments included in the Pan American Badminton Circuit, **the name of the player on the back of the jerseys and the name of the country are mandatory** and must be in accordance with the following specific literals of the This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

It is mandatory that for all tournaments that are part of the Continental Tour all opposing players wear different colours significant for the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals (BWF GCR: 21. COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING, 21.6).

Scoring System

Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)

Key Dates

Entry Deadline	Tuesday, September 1 st , 2026 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)
World Ranking Date for M&Q Report	Tuesday, September 1 st , 2026
Publication Date for M&Q Report	Friday, September 4 th , 2026
World Ranking Date of Seeding Report	Tuesday, September 22 nd , 2026
Publication Date for Seeding Report	Tuesday, September 22 nd , 2026
Last Date to Withdraw without Penalty	Monday, September 21 st , 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00)
Draw Date	Tuesday, September 22 nd , 2026

Draws

Event	Direct Main Draw Entries	Qualifying Positions for Main Draw	Maximum Entries in Qualifying Draw
Men's Singles	24	8	32
Women's Singles	24	8	32
Men's Doubles	24	8	32
Women's Doubles	24	8	32
Mixed Doubles	24	8	32



Online Entry – International Entries

Online 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:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/3C597252-DB9E-4473-8F74-152B86C79A2B>

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 entry deadline. Late entries will not be accepted. For this tournament, the entry deadline is Tuesday, September 1st, 2026 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00).

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.

Entry Fees

Entry Fees for international players will be as follows:

- US\$ 200.00 per player (not event)

All payments must be made prior to the start of competition.

All payments must be made before the start of the competition, in cash only, using banknotes in good condition.

The event registration fee is payable in cash only before the start of the tournament. Failure to pay the registration fee according to the regulations will result in the affected players being ineligible to participate. The member association that registers a player for a tournament on the circuit is responsible for paying that player's registration fee.

The registration fee must be paid at the technical conference or before your match. Failure to pay the registration fee will result in ineligibility to participate.



Withdrawals

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

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty. Monday, September 21st, 2026 at 11:59 PM (GMT +08:00).

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organizer 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: Luis Alejandro Lopez Carreon T: +52 4491253310 / Email: badalexmx@gmail.com

Event Manager: Lic. José Arturo Asturias García / Email: gerencia@badminton.com.gt,
T: +502 3575-4741

Events Coordinator: Mr. Asly Yaneth Garcia Linares / Email: gerencia@badminton.com.gt;
T: +502 5123-6228

3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of USD\$ 20,000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below. (Prize deductible under Guatemalan law)

The prize will be awarded in cash.

Event/position	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	3 rd place
Men's Singles	\$1,800 – 9%	\$800 – 4%	\$400 – 2%	\$400 – 2%
Women's Singles	\$1,800 – 9%	\$800 – 4%	\$400 – 2%	\$400 – 2%
Men's Doubles	\$2,400* – 12%	\$1,040* – 5.2%	\$480 – 2.4%	\$480 – 2.4%
Women's Doubles	\$2,400* – 12%	\$1,040* – 5.2%	\$480 – 2.4%	\$480 – 2.4%
Mixed Doubles	\$2,400* – 12%	\$1,040* – 5.2%	\$480 – 2.4%	\$480 – 2.4%

* – per pair



Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start	End
Wednesday 30/09/2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualifying	4	08:00	09:00	16:00
Thursday 01/10/2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draws	4	08:00	09:00	20:00
Friday 02/10/2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Main Draws	4	08:00	09:00	17:00
Saturday 03/10/2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi finals	2	08:00	10:00	13:00
Sunday 04/10/2026	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	08:00	10:00	13:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate.

Official Shuttle

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Practice Facilities

Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Gimnasio "Teodoro Palacios Flores, 12 Avenida y 25 calle A, Zona 5, Ciudad de Guatemala.
- Number of Courts: 4 competition courts and 2 warm-up courts.
- Schedule: It is sent before the event, taking into account the registrations.
- Booking/Reservation information: According to the schedule.

Competition Courts Information:

- Schedule: It is sent before the event, taking into account the registrations.
- Booking/Reservation Information: According to the schedule.
- Court Mat Color: Green

Warmup Courts Information: They are assigned for practice and for play.

Practice Shuttles Information: They are assigned for practice and for play.

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

- Location: Gimnasio "Teodoro Palacios Flores, 12 Avenida y 25 calle A, Zona 5, Ciudad de Guatemala.
- Schedule: 7:00 - 20:00
- Description of the facilities: The sports arena includes the following areas:
- Playing fields.
- Bleachers.
- Restrooms.
- Showers.
- Parking.



	Stringing Services: • Location: Gimnasio "Teodoro Palacios Flores, 12 Avenida y 25 calle A, Zona 5, Ciudad de Guatemala. • Schedule: During the event. • Cost: \$20.00.
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: • Date: Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 • Time: 10:00 hrs • Location: Clarion Suites Hotel, Zone 10, Guatemala City. All participating Member Associations must be represented by their designated Team Manager at the Team Managers' Meeting. Non-attendance may result in penalties being imposed on the Member Association. 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: Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 • Time: 11:00 hrs • Location: Clarion Suites Hotel, Zone 10, Guatemala City.
Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday (last day of the tournament), Sunday, Oct 4, 2026, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists. 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 organizers regarding ceremony protocol. No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.
Accreditation	Access to tournament venues and other services is granted through official, personalized photo accreditation. Upload your accreditation forms by Monday, Ago 10, 2026, via the following Google Drive link. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N24CFATNu6ZSWQh-cmop3FPBI4VvhsoF?usp=drive_link



	Note: The photo submitted for accreditation must have a white background and clearly show the participant without a hat. It must be a close-up portrait in JPG format. (If the document is not uploaded by the deadline, only your name and country will be included.)
Medical Services	Free first aid and physiotherapy services will be available for players during 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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/
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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9	GCR 7.9: <i>"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."</i>

4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Free transportation will be provided only to those who book accommodation at the official hotel assigned for the event; transportation will be provided from the airport to the hotel, hotel to the airport; from the hotel to the practice and competition venue and back during the event.

NOTE:

Complimentary transportation is offered only to guests who book through the hotel's official email addresses: reservas@clarionguatemala.com and dcortave@clarionsguatemala.com.

Bookings through other websites or platforms are not accepted.

- La Aurora International Airport, Guatemala City.



- Clarion Suites Hotel.



- Gimnasio "Teodoro Palacios Flores, 12 Avenida y 25 calle A, Zona 5, Ciudad de Guatemala.



To request transportation, please complete and return the transportation request form by Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Visas

If a visa is required to enter Guatemala, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application.

Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Monday, Ago 10, 2026.

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 Guatemala;



the final decision is made the Government of Guatemala.

5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Hotel Clarion Suites	50	Single Suites (1 Pax) \$ 110.00	+ 22% taxes
Hotel Clarion Suites	50	Double Suites (2 Pax) \$ 140.00	+ 22% taxes
Hotel Clarion Suites	50	Tripe Suites (3 Pax) \$ 160.00	+ 22% taxes

OFFICIAL HOTEL INFORMATION

Receive a cordial greeting from Hotel Clarion Suites Guatemala. We take this opportunity to thank you for your preference and allow us to serve you as your hosts.

All our suites include: single room with 1 King bed, double room with two queen beds, triple room with 2 queen beds AND 01 sofa bed, 2 televisions, ironing board, radio alarm clock, hair dryer, air conditioning with individual temperature control, laminated floor.

We are located 15 minutes from the international airport, around shopping centers and restaurants.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding reservations at official hotels, please contact the event organizers.

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BENEFITS

- Buffet breakfast served in our La Poza Restaurant
- Internet courtesy.
- Each participant will be making their reservation directly to the hotel, sent to the email reservas@clarionguatemala.com with a copy to dcortave@clarionguatemala.com A credit card will be requested at the time of booking, in order to guarantee the reservation in case of no show will be charge the first night.

Other services:

- La Poza Restaurant with an attractive setting. International cuisine, service from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Banquet halls to carry out your meetings with all the facilities of audiovisual equipment and support material.
- Room service: Food and beverage service to the room 24 hours (service hours may vary, additional cost).
- Laundry and dry cleaning service (Additional cost).
- Gym with cardiovascular equipment and weights from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- One parking per room (restrictions apply).



- Clarion-EON Club: Exclusive access to the Clarion-EON Club with swimming pool, jacuzzi and snack bar. (Restrictions apply)

CHECK IN / OUT

Check in: Different schedules

Check out: Different schedules

1. Any check in before the stipulated time will have a surcharge. Subject to availability
2. Any late check out after the stipulated time will have a surcharge. Subject to availability.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTION

Reservations will be paid directly by each guest at check in or prepaid before arrival. Guests must guarantee the rooms with a credit card and at the time of check-in they will make the payment for the entire stay.

NOTE:

Hotel reservations will only be made by email: reservas@clarionguatemala.com y dcortave@clarionsguatemala.com Reservations are not accepted through other websites or other platforms.

Official Hotel Link, Clarion Suites. In the following Link you can see photos and other information about the Official Hotel. <https://clarionguatemala.com/suites/>

