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**BADMINTON
AUSTRIAN
2021 OPEN**



May 27th-30th 2021
Raiffeisen Sportpark, Graz

International Series Tournament
Part of the BWF World Ranking
Part of the BEC Elite Circuit



Bundes-Sport GmbH



We have partnered with the organizers of the Austrian Open (which were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic) to upgrade the Styrian International 2021 to an *International Series* tournament!

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

The number of players/pairs to be accepted for the main draws is 32 in all events. All events will be played K.O. system in accordance with the laws of badminton and General Competition Regulations of the BWF.

It is required that every event in a BEC Elite Circuit tournament has at least 8 actual competitors. If the required number is not met, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Schedule (Provisional)	Thursday, 27th of May	09:00 AM	Qualification Round 1, 2
	Friday, 28th of May	09:00 AM	Qualification Round 3
		01:00 PM	Main Draw Round 1
	Saturday, 29th of May	09:00 AM	Main Draw Round 2
		03:00 PM	Quarterfinals
Sunday, 30st of May	09:00 AM	Semi-Finals	
	02:00 PM	Finals (until 05:00 PM)	

The Final Schedule will be published on the website at least 20 days before the start of the tournament.

Team managers meeting Wednesday, 26th of May 2021 at 06:00 PM at the venue

Eligibility	Players of any national association recognized by the BWF are eligible.
Entries	<p>All Entries must be submitted using the BWF Online Entry System. bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/64b36c26-b59b-4cca-8bfc-8d0621dfae44</p> <p>Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday, 27th of April 2021 at 11:59 PM BWF HQ time (GMT + 08:00). No late entries will be accepted.</p> <p>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 yet, please register new players before the closing date of the tournament.</p> <p>Compliance with 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."</p>
Entry Fees	<p>Singles € 40 Doubles € 30 per Player</p> <p>Entry fees have to be paid via bank transfer or at the info-desk before the first scheduled match! Entry fees submitted by bank transfer have to be free-of-charge for the organizer!</p> <p>The member that enters a player into a 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. For all the players withdrawing in the time between the closing date and the beginning of the tournament the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant member. The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal.</p>
Withdrawals and No-shows	<p>When a player has to withdraw, please inform the organizer immediately, preferably together with the reason for withdrawal. Withdrawals without penalty are possible until Monday, 10th of May 2021 at 11:59 PM (CEST, GMT +02:00).</p> <p>According to BWF General Competition Regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal. ▶ Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused.
M&Q Report, Seeding and Draw	<p>The M&Q Report will be made using the world ranking from 27th of April 2021 and will be published on 30th of April 2021.</p> <p>The seeding and draw will be done by Badminton Europe on 11th May 2021 using the world ranking from 4th of May 2021.</p>
Shuttles	BABOLAT 1+
Courts	6 VICTOR PRO Courts

Prize Money

There will be a total of € 4.190 (US \$ 5.091 using the exchange rate of 1,251 from February 24th 2021) in prize money.

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	€ 420	€ 420	2x € 250	2x € 250	2x € 250
Runner up	€ 230	€ 230	2x € 145	2x € 145	2x € 145
Semi-finalist	€ 130	€ 130			

The prize money will be paid out in cash. No taxes will be deducted.

Visa

If you need a visa to travel to Austria you can ask us for an official letter of invitation using the [letter of invitation request form](#) on the website no later than **Wednesday, 5th of May 2021**.

Arrival

The only official point of arrival and departure is Graz Airport (GRZ).

Transport will be provided from the official point of arrival to the venue and official hotel. If you require transport, please fill out the [transport request form](#) on the website no later than **Wednesday, 12th of May 2021**.

If you arrive by train at *Graz Main Station*, you can take the train S3 to *Graz Ostbahnhof*, which is 200m from the official hotel and 900m from the venue.

Accommodation

Roomz Graz (<https://www.roomz-hotels.com/en/roomz-graz>)

Conrad-von-Hötzendorf-Straße 96, 8010 Graz

Single Room 89,00 € per night (incl. Breakfast)

Double Room 104,00 € per night (incl. Breakfast)

Bookings can be made by sending the [booking form](#) from the website to meetings@roomz-graz.com.

Reservations have to be made independently and directly at the hotel; payment has to be arranged with the hotel independently as well.

A large room contingent is available for booking until 26 April 2021. Reservations after this date are subject to availability.

You can find alternative accommodation options on styrian-international.at/accommodation or on visitgraz.at. Please note that no transport or shuttle service will be offered for non-official hotels!

Shuttle Service

Because of the short walking distance (approx. 700m), there will be no shuttle service between the venue and official hotel.

Departure

Transport will be provided from the venue and the official hotel to Graz Airport (GRZ). If you require transport, please fill out the [transport request form](#) on the website no later than **Wednesday, 12th of May 2021**.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she will be penalised by removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money. BADMINTON EUROPE shall propose

to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

Practice courts

Practice in the main hall will be possible on Wednesday between 03:00 PM and 08:00 PM on all 6 courts.

Update 30.04.2021: Due to COVID regulations, you will have to reserve a court in advance at styrian-international.at/participants/training.

There will be a warm-up court on Saturday and Sunday.

Additionally, practice courts are available at Attention Badmintoncenter (Koflgasse 10, 8010 Graz) 1.5km from the venue. You can check online for availability and call +43 316 473032 for costs and reservations.

Update 30.04.2021: The Badmintoncenter is currently closed due to COVID; it could reopen after May 19th, but that is uncertain.

Medical Services

A physiotherapist will be present at the venue during the tournament.

Insurance

The organizers and Badminton Europe decline responsibility for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to each participant to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

Doping Control

According to Austrian law, drug testing may be carried out on all players on a random basis at any time during the tournament.

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 at corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview.

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 BWF. In applying these regulations, the decision of the referee shall be final.

According to BEC Elite Circuit Regulations 18.2:

- It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main

draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

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 at corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview.

Cancellation

According to Elite Circuit regulations 3.4, the organizing Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure.

Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organizing the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). BADMINTON EUROPE is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

COVID-19

Please be aware that during the tournament, regulations will be in place to contain the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure participant safety!

You can find up-to-date information about the COVID situation in Austria and the applicable regulations online at styrian-international.at/covid.

Participants have to meet all requirements and conform to all applicable regulations by the local authorities, BADMINTON EUROPE and the organizers in order to participate in the tournament.

Should the event be cancelled on short notice due to reasons beyond the control of both Badminton Europe and the Austrian Badminton Association (e.g. a decision of the local authorities), neither of them will be liable for any costs already incurred. It is strongly recommended that all participants book flight tickets with cancellation insurance.

Further Information

All further information is available online at styrian-international.at.

Please direct your questions to office@styrian-international.at.

Update 30.04.2020: A tournament guide with further information for participants and technical officials will be sent out and made available online at styrian-international.at/guide.