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LITHUANIA

INVITATION

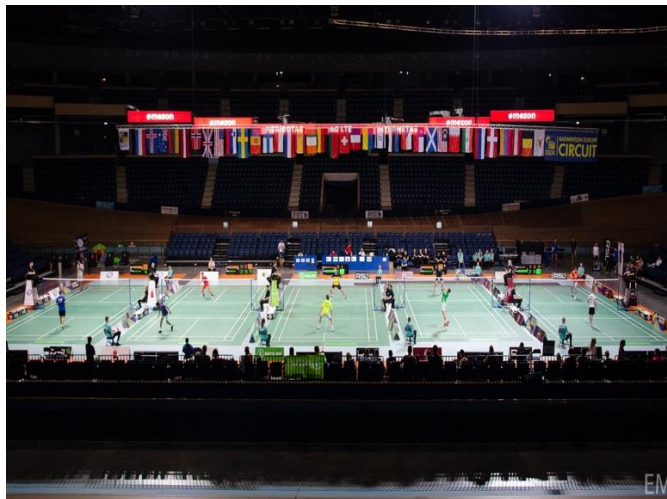


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**Events:**

Men's Singles (32 in main draw)
Women's Singles (32 in main draw)
Men's Doubles (32 in main draw)
Women's Doubles (32 in main draw)
Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)

Key dates and draw:

- Entries Close – Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:59 PM (GMT +03:00)
- World Ranking date used for M&Q Report – May 9, 2023
- Date for publication of M&Q Report – May 12, 2023
- World Ranking Date used for seeding/draw – May 16, 2023
- Withdrawal without penalty – May 22, 2023
- Date for the draw – May 23, 2023.

Wednesday, June 7, 19:30 (at the Hotel) - Team Managers Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 20:30 (at the Hotel) - Umpires Briefing

Play schedule:

All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered.
The provisional Order of Play is as follows:

Thursday, June 08:

Qualifying Rounds, not before 09:00.

Friday, June 09

Last round of Men's singles qualification at 09:00.

Main draw 1st round in all events – 11:00.

Saturday, June 10:

Main draw 2nd round 09:00 and quarterfinals not before 17:00

Sunday, June 11:

All semi – finals 10:00 and all final matches 14:00

The final frame schedule (with the exact planned conclusion of all matches) shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the organizer's website.

Entry fees:

Singles: 40 EUR per player

Doubles and mixed doubles: 35 EUR per player



Payments:

All payments (entry fee, accommodation, etc.) must be paid via the Panevezio badmintono klubas electronic commerce system on <https://www.pbk.lt/products/>

Alternatively, in exceptional cases, via wire transfer to:
Panevezio badmintono klubas
IBAN account No: LT80 7290 0000 0170 0351
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Prize money:

There is no prize money for this tournament.

Shuttlecock:

RSL Classic Tourney

Courts:

4 or 5 courts, depends on number of entries

Entries:

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Using this link of Tournament software:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/02707AB6-773E-4BC0-BBF2-C788F33C531C>

Compliance with GCR 7.9: "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."

The Member 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.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal.

For all the withdrawn players the organizers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

The invoice for entry fees must have a deadline for the payment and the information that if no payment has been received after the deadline has passed, the organizers will forward the invoice with the registration of deliverance and the copy of the original entry together with the original invoice to Badminton Europe. All this must be done within 2 (two) months after the end of the tournament.

If a player/pair is listed on a "Reserve List", no entry fee is to be paid before being promoted to the Main Draw or Qualification draw. Before the withdrawal deadline has passed, a promotion from the "Reserve List" to the Main Draw or Qualification draw is obligated and will be done automatically, unless the respective player/pair has withdrawn from the "Reserve List" beforehand.

After the withdrawal deadline has passed, the organizers must have such a promotion confirmed in writing by the Member/Members of



the respective player/pair before it takes place. Only when this confirmation has been given, the player/pair is considered as an entry. The respective Member(s) need(s) to confirm the promotion 48h after the message has been sent by the organizers or latest at the start of the Team Managers Meeting if it takes place less than 48h after the message has been sent. If no confirmation is given within this time frame, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

Withdrawals:

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 (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations). 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 by the "no show" (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Eligible Players:

All players of clubs affiliated through their National Association to the BWF.

Clothing/Advertising:

Color, 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. It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same color 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.

Condition of play:

The tournament will be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of the Badminton Europe's Elite Circuit.

The tournament draw sizes are limited to:

100 matches per day;

A maximum of 2 (two) rounds per event, per day is allowed in the main draw;

A maximum of 3 (three) rounds per event per day is allowed in the qualification;

If more players/pairs enter the competition than the Organizers can accept even in the qualifying rounds, the World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted



into the qualifying draw and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered.

Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.

Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she shall be penalized by Forfeiture of rewards (removal of Elite Circuit ranking and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed. (Regulation 9.5 in Badminton Europe's Circuit regulations).

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking. Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings. The seeding and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe.

Badminton Integrity:

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) 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, shall 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 match (es).



For more information, please refer to BWF's website: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Doping control:

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-dopingoverview/>

Insurance:

The Organizers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organizer 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 Member and/or Organizers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

Imaging permissions:

When a player is entered in a BWF-sanctioned event, television/broadcasting and still photography of that event is permitted at all associated venues (including training/ practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Member concerned. Television signals can be shown in any and all territories on live or recorded television, Internet, web casting, audio, film and other media of similar nature.

Stringing:

Stringing service will be available during the tournament.

Medical:

A first aid nurse will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.

Cancelation of the tournament:

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.

Visas:

After entering player(s) in the tournament it is the Member's responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. The Tournament Organizers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

For assistance to the organizers of the visa paperwork, no later than **May 10 information should be sent by e-mail:** rslint2023@badminton.lt

The following information on the foreigner being invited shall be given:

- name (-s) and surname;
- citizenship (nationality);
- date and place of birth;
- the address of the place of residence;
- the location (office) where the visa application will likely be submitted.

Covid-19:

Note that the tournament takes place during the turbulent Covid-19 period. Some national or global epidemiological restrictions are possible in a Sport hall, transport, hotel, café etc. Info on epidemiological restrictions will be updated on the tournament website <https://www.pbk.lt/rslint2023/>

Arrival:

Official point of arrival is Kaunas international airport, www.kaunas-airport.lt

Transport will be provided from/to Kaunas airport to those using the official tournament hotel Romantic on receipt of arrival and departure information. Available from June 7 to June 12, 2023. Transfer from and to the airport will be offered with the Skybus to the players and coaches who do not live in the official hotel: 25 € per 1 person in one direction.

KUN – Kaunas International airport (100 km) – 25€ for 1 person with Skybus

VNO – Vilnius International Airport (140 km) – 25€ for 1 person with Skybus

RIX – Riga International Airport (156 km) – 25 € for 1 person with Skybus

<https://www.pbk.lt/rslint2023/>



Transport offer:

The tournament's organizers will offer a special car rental at Kaunas Airport, as well as for the car rental in Panevezys. More information will be published on official website.

Transport from Venue to hotel:

Transport will be provided between all tournament Hotels and Competition venue only. Available for the duration of the event. More information will be published on official website.

Official tournament hotel:

Hotel Romantic****

Kranto street 24
LT-35173 Panevezys
<https://www.romantic.lt>

Economy Class

Single room – 70.00 EUR
Double room – 80.00 EUR
Triple room – 95.00 EUR

Business Class

Single room – 80.00 EUR
Double/Twin room – 95.00 EUR
Triple room – 115.00 EUR
Deluxe room – 130.00 EUR
Junior suite – 160.00 EUR

Breakfast is included in the room rate.

Pool, jacuzzi, saunas are included in the room rate.

All accommodation payments must be paid to the organizer (see **Payments** section).

All bookings must be made via <https://www.pbk.lt/products/> by **May 19, 2023** at the latest, or else reservations will be canceled and players will be responsible for booking their own accommodation at a higher rate and arranging transport. Rooms at this rate are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Hotel cancellations after the draw date are non-refundable.

Other hotels:

Hotel Green Smiltyne***

Smiltynes vs, Nr.7
LT-38365 Panevėžys

Single room – 60.00 EUR (Breakfast not included)
Double room – 70.00 EUR (Breakfast not included)
Triple room – 90.00 EUR (Breakfast not included)



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Hostel of Panevezys sports center (budget option)

Liepy al. 4
LT-35141 Panevezys

Single rooms, shower and WC on floor - 20.00 EUR
Double rooms, shower and WC on floor – 15.00 EUR per person
Double rooms with shower and WC – 34.00 EUR
Triple rooms, shower and WC on floor – 15.00 EUR per person

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Practice courts before the tournament:

Possibility to rent training courts (not competition courts in tournament venue):
on Monday (June 5) from 8:00 to 21:00
on Tuesday (June 6) from 8:00 to 21:00
on Wednesday (June 7) from 8:00 to 21:00.
for 10 € per hour per court. There will be at least 9 courts available.
All bookings must be made by via <https://www.pbk.lt/products/> in at least 1 day in advance.

Address for the practice courts:

Panevezys Sports Center

Durpyno g. 3A
LT- 36233 Panevezys

Practice courts during the tournament:

1 or 2 practice courts will be available in the venue during all the tournament.

During the event, the tournament courts at the venue will be available for practice one hour before the first matches of the day start, as well as one hour after the last match of the day is played.



Practice on courts will be available on the first come first served basis.

Meals:

Food will be available at the sports complex. More detailed information will be published on <https://www.pbk.lt/rslint2023/>

Other activities during the tournament:

More detailed information on other events held during the tournament, including sightseeing options, will be published on <https://www.pbk.lt/rslint2023/>

Changes:

The Tournament committee reserves the right to add to or alter these conditions. Its decision in all matters will be final.