



BWF World Senior Championships 2025
07th to 14th September 2025
Eastern National Sports Training Centre, Pattaya,
Chonburi Province, Thailand
Organised on behalf of the Badminton World Federation by
The Badminton Association of Thailand

21 March 2025

To: Members
Continental Confederations
BWF Council Members (copy for information)
BWF Referees Team

Subject: BWF World Senior Championships 2025

The 12th edition of the BWF World Senior Championships 2025 will now be held at: Eastern National Sports Training Centre, Pattaya, Chonburi Province, Thailand from Sunday , 07th September to Sunday, 14th September 2025.

Please note all areas highlighted in yellow carefully.

For further details and clarifications, please contact BWF personnel – Tournament Manager, Venugopal MAHALINGAM at v.mahalingam@bwf.sport and/or Head of Major Championships, KOH Wa Cheng at w.koh@bwf.sport.

The host contact person is Mr. Boonsak Ponsana (boonsak_ponsana@hotmail.com) and Mr. Rungsun Tipsotikul (rungsun.be@gmail.com) can be contacted at pattayawsc2025@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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1. General Details	
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Sanction	<p>BWF World Senior Championships 2025 Badminton World Federation (BWF): Grade 1 Tournament</p>
Date of Championship	07 th to 14 th September 2025.
Tournament Website	www.wsc2025pattaya.com
Competition Venue	Eastern National Sports Training Centre, Pattaya, Chonburi Province
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Julie Carrel (NZL) / Email: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com</p> <p>Deputy Referees: Julien Nys (BEL) / Email: julien@badmintonvlaanderen.be Karin Bester (RSA) / Email: karinbester79@gmail.com Liu Qian (CHN) / Email: kejun63@163.com</p>
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Insurance Coverage	<p>Players and team officials shall hold valid travel insurance with emergency medical benefits. The insurance shall cover bodily injury that includes medical, dental emergencies, hospitalisation, medical transportation benefits - including Covid-19 treatment hospitalisation – and expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to his/her country of residence.</p> <p>Participants are advised to bring enough cash for any hospitalisation and medical care cost as payment must be done upon check-out and treatment.</p>
Indemnity	<p>To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation in the Tournament.</p>
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser 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.</p>

2. Entry Details	
Regulations (Conditions of Play)	<p>The BWF World Senior Championships 2025 will be run in accordance with but not limited to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes ▪ Section 5.1 - General Competition Regulations (GCR) ▪ Section 5.2.1 - BWF Major Events Tournament Regulations Table ▪ Section 5.3.2 – Timelines for Tournaments
Eligibility to Compete	<p>The International Representation applies for a player to be eligible to compete – please look over to Section 5.1 General Competitions Regulations, Clause 6.</p>

2. Entry Details

Players' Eligibility

Age Groups	Year Born or earlier
35+	1989
40+	1984
45+	1979
50+	1974
55+	1969
60+	1964
65+	1959
70+	1954
75+	1949
80+	1944

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, and 70+ and 75+, 80+ with other age groups to be added at the discretion of BWF on a case-by-case basis.

Players should have reached the relevant age by **01 January of the year** in which the tournament is held. Therefore, for a player to play in an age category, 35+ to 80+, they need to have been born in or before the year shown in the chart above.

Number of Players from Each Member

Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to 4 men and 4 women in singles events, 8 men and 8 women in doubles events, and 4 men and 4 women in mixed doubles event.

Sr. No.	Category	Members	
		Male	Female
1.	Singles Events	4	4
2.	Doubles Events	8	8
3.	Mixed Doubles	4	4

A player cannot compete in more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age group. E.g., a male player eligible in 45+ age category, can enter in 45+ Men's Singles, then he will not be eligible to play in Men's Singles event in any other age group.

Online Entries

All entries must be submitted by the Members in the online entry system. Closing Date: **Tuesday, 15 July 2025** BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (UTC +08.00)

Members are advised to log onto the online entry system link for BWF World Senior Championships 2025 and submit the entries online;

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/472E06FD-4200-403E-A93F-A21BFB6F8942>



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	<p>You require a username and password to submit the entries and this can be obtained from BWF: Please contact R. Shanmugam s.ramachandran@bwf.sport</p> <p>Players must possess BWF ID numbers to submit their online entries. Players without BWF ID numbers are requested to contact your National Association to obtain BWF ID Numbers through an online ID system.</p> <p>The Entries will not be accepted if a Member's 2025 subscription has not been paid or their National Association is suspended by BWF.</p>
Entry Fees	<p>Entry fee per person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participating in One event – USD 120▪ Participating in Two or Three events – USD 150. <p>Payment must be made via participants' respective member associations. The Host member association will send an invoice to each participating member association for all outstanding payments by their respective participants.</p> <p>The organisers will provide a T-shirt for all players who have registered. (Desired T-shirt size will be subject to availability)</p>
Entries	<p>Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent to reach the BWF not later than the closing date notified above.</p> <p>All participants who have not previously competed in any edition of this Championship are required to provide a copy of their passport or an official government-issued identification card. This documentation is necessary to verify their eligibility and ensure compliance with the tournament's registration requirements. The rule applies specifically to new players participating in the BWF World Senior Championships (WSC) for the first time.</p> <p>Please submit a copy of the passport or official ID Card issued by the local Government Authority through this link – https://form.jotform.com/250749066573465</p> <p>The original documents may be checked during the tournament by BWF and / or the Referees.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth or non-submission of the documents as stated above.</p> <p>The order of entries, as made by each Member in the online entry system, is considered to be the national ranking order for separation of entries.</p> <p>Entries with an existing World Ranking will prioritise over national ranking order.</p> <p>BWF will no longer accept entries in doubles events as "Partner Wanted". It is the responsibility of the Member and its participants to find their partner and submit both names into the entry system.</p>
Seeding and Draw	Seeding

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The Seeding Committee and representatives from the Badminton World Federation (BWF), will oversee and finalise the seeding process for the tournament. The seeding decisions will be based on the performance of players in previous BWF World Senior Championships.

The seeding process may take into account results from Asian & European Championships and players past world ranking to ensure a fair and competitive draw for the players.

Conduct of the Tournament

All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 are played in a knockout format.

Where entries are not more than 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played in a league format based on the following distribution.

Entries	Groups	Remarks
1-5	1	No knock-out stage
6-10	2	Top two players in each group qualify for a knockout stage draw of 4 entries
11-16	4	Top two players in each group qualify for a knockout stage draw of 8 entries

The number of groups will be determined by the size of the final entries.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

if there are less than four entries in an event of any age group, the right is reserved to cancel that event. In such case, the players who have entered in that cancelled event will be eligible to enter in the same event in a lower age group, provided there are entry spaces available.

The Committee of Management reserves the right to modify the above playing.

There shall be one seeded entry per group as follows,

Group	Seed
Group A	Seed: 1
Group B	Seed: 2
Group C	Seed: 3 / 4
Group D	Seed: 3 / 4

Separation of Entries

The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows:

If a knockout draw only (i.e., more than 16 entries):

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw. ▪ the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters. <p>If group play only (i.e., 1-5 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ no national separation. <p>If group play followed by knock out (i.e. 6-16 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in the group play, the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups. ▪ Entries of the same group do not play against each other in the first round of the knock stage. 	
Key Dates – Competition	15th July 2025 Tuesday	BWF World Senior Championships entries close Midnight BWF Headquarters time. (0800hours GMT)
	5th August 2025 Sunday	Seeding done by Seeding Committee.
	12th August 2025 Monday	Publish Seeding
	19th August 2025 Tuesday	Last date for withdrawals without penalty
	20rd August 2025 Wednesday	Draw
	24 August 2025 Sunday	Submission of team managers nomination form (link will be updated)
	6th September 2023 Saturday	Team Managers Meeting 14:00 Venue: Movenpick Siam Na Jomtien Pattaya
Withdrawal and Substitution	<p>Withdrawal</p> <p>Any withdrawal after the Tuesday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, automatically renders the Members concerned liable to a fine of USD 250 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal.</p> <p>Last date for withdrawal without penalty – Tuesday, 19th of August 2025 before BWF headquarters time 23.59 hour (UTC +08.00).</p> <p>Substitution</p> <p>Refer to Section 5.2.1 Major Events Tournament Regulations Table, point 14.</p>	

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Clothing and Advertising Regulations	<p>General Competition Regulations 20 to 24 and 5.3.7 Summary of GCR 21 & 23 – clothing will be applicable, as appropriate.</p> <p>It is Recommended from Quarter Finals for all players to adhere to the following clothing regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour (Regulation 20) of players shirts, skirts and shorts in singles matches • The doubles partners to wear the same colour • The opposing players to wear a significantly different colour from each other • Country name on back of shirt <p>Players Name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is recommended – players name on back of shirt and the height must be 6 – 10 cm
Certificate of Medical Fitness	<p>"Fit for participation"</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each player participating in the BWF World Senior Championships to undergo a medical examination and be certified fit for participation. It is in the interest of the player to declare any underlying medical condition / medication to the BWF Tournament Doctor. Information shall be confidential.</p>

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Competition Schedule	Date / Day	Rounds	Start Time
	07 th September 2025, Sunday	Preliminary	09:00
	08 th September 2025, Monday	Preliminary	09:00
	09 th September 2025, Tuesday	Preliminary	09:00
	10 th September 2025, Wednesday	Preliminary	09:00
	11 th September 2025, Thursday	Preliminary & Round of 16	10:00
	12 th September 2025, Friday	Quarterfinals	10:00
	13 th September 2025 Saturday	Semifinals	10:00
	14 th September 2025, Sunday	Finals	11:00* TBC
Competition Equipment and Services	<p>VICTOR is the equipment sponsor for the BWF World Senior Championships 2025 and the equipment is provided in accordance to Section 5.3.4 Specifications for International Standard Facilities.</p>		

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	Items	Where	Note	
	Shuttlecocks	FOP, Warm Up & Practice	Shuttlecock brand and model: Victor Master 3 different speeds will be available, ➤ Speed 75 ➤ Speed 76 ➤ Speed 77	Each player will be allocated 3 free shuttlecocks for practice purposes. Additional shuttlecocks can be purchased.
	Stringing Service	<p>The service is free for VICTOR sponsored Players/Teams.</p> <p>Non-VICTOR sponsored players/teams will have to pay a fee by cash or transfer.</p> <p>USD 25 including string</p>		
Practice Facilities	<p>Practice Courts in the Eastern National Sports Training Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practice venue: ▪ Number of courts: 8 ▪ Warm up courts: 5 courts ▪ The practice schedule will be made by the Organising Committee in consideration of the arrival schedule in Pattaya and size of the participating players. It will be announced after approval by the referee. <p>Competition Courts in Main Arena:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eastern National Sports Training Centre 16 courts (Main arena practice will be available the day before championships) ▪ During Tournament Practice: The Referee team may grant practice to the teams that are competing on the day subject to schedule of play of that day. 			
Players' Facilities & Services	Tournament Office	Location	In the venue	
		Operating Hours	From 1 hour before play until 30 minutes after the last match ends	
	Players' Lounge	Location	In the venue	
		Operating Hours	From start of play until 30 minutes after the last match ends	
Facilities Provided		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lounges ▪ all courts live scoring display. ▪ 4 courts live streaming screens ▪ Wi-Fi ▪ Mobile charging stations 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Microwaveable frozen food ▪ Refreshments and Snacks 					
	Physiotherapy Service	Operating Hours	From 1 hour before play until 30 minutes after the last match ends. Prior appointment is required.				
		Cost	The service is free for the first 2 hours per player, each day. Over 2 hours of physiotherapy service, subsequent 30 mins will be charged to the player. The cost will be informed during the Team Managers' Meeting.				
	Match Recording	Information will be given during the Team Managers Meeting.					
Team Managers' Meeting	The Team Managers Meeting will be held at the following:						
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Date</td> <td>Saturday 6th September 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Time</td> <td>14:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Location</td> <td>Movenpick Siam Na Jomtien Pattaya</td> </tr> </table>	Date	Saturday 6 th September 2025	Time	14:00	Location	Movenpick Siam Na Jomtien Pattaya
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<p>It is mandatory for all participating Members - represented by designated Team Manager - to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. A Member will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Statue 2.5 Table of Offences and Penalties.</p> <p>TEAM MANAGER NOMINATION FORM – Deadline 22nd of August 2025 https://form.jotform.com/250748819237467</p> <p>Please note that the online form is currently disabled – it will open to be accessed on 22 June 2025 onwards. Should you have any issue to access the online form, please contact via email at events.admin@bwf.sport</p>							
Umpire Briefing	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:						
	Date	Saturday 6 th September 2025					
	Time	17:00					
	Location	TBC					
Line Judges Briefing	The Line Judges Briefing will be held at the following:						
	Date	Saturday 6 th September 2025					
	Time	18:00					

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	Location	TBC	
Welcome Dinner	To be Confirmed		
	Date	TBC	
	Time	TBC	
	Venue	TBC	
Medal Ceremony	Medals		
	The Medals will be given as per below table,		
	Singles Events		
	Gold	Winner	1 Gold Medal
	Silver	Runner up	1 Silver Medal
	Bronze 1	Losing Semifinalist 1	1 Bronze Medal
Bronze 2	Losing Semifinalist 2	1 Bronze Medal	
Doubles Events			
Gold	Winner	2 Gold Medal	
Silver	Runner up	2 Silver Medals	
Bronze 1	Losing Semifinalist 1	2 Bronze Medals	
Bronze 2	Losing Semifinalist 2	2 Bronze Medals	
<p>The Medal ceremony will take place on the Final day, immediately after the conclusion of each session. Medals, sponsors' & host gifts will be presented to the Winner, Runner Up and both losing Semifinalist players.</p> <p>In accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.6 Player Commitment regulations – players/pairs must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding the ceremony protocol, including but not limited to wearing the correct style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit or uniform) and the correct way of entering/exiting the ceremony area. No other equipment, including rackets, flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium.</p>			
Accreditation	ACCREDITATION APPLICATION REQUEST		
<p>Request via the Accreditation form on the BWF Event Calendar page and append the passport sized photo of each player and team managers going to the field of play. Entourage and family members must provide their names and position but do not need to submit passport size photos.</p> <p>Access to transport services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation, which will be strictly monitored throughout the Tournament. The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, penalties being applied.</p>			

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Medical Services	<p>Medical and physiotherapy services will be available during the tournament. Please head to the Tournament Office to get more details.</p> <p>For any other medical support or emergencies, it is essential that the appropriate insurance is obtained prior to arrival in Thailand, and follow the guidance provided in your policy.</p>
Anti-Doping	<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). 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 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.</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> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</p>
Compliance	<p>Compliance with Section 5.1: General Competition Regulations - Clause 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></p>

4. Travel, Visa, Transport & Accommodation Details	
Arrival & Departure Airport / Train Station	<p><u>Airport meet and greet will be extended to the Teams who booked their accommodation via the organiser.</u></p> <p>The arrival and departure airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suvarnaphumi International Airport ▪ Don Muang International Airport <p>NO TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE FROM OTHER AIRPORTS.</p>
Visa Support Request	<p>VISA SUPPORT REQUEST – 8 August 2025</p> <p>Request via visa form on the BWF Event Calendar page.</p>

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	<p>Teams requiring visa for entry into Thailand are required to email the copy of details page of passports and passport sized photos to arrange for visas. Should the team require the original letter to be couriered, the courier cost will be invoiced to the relevant Member.</p> <p>The organiser will only communicate with the BWF’s Members and not individual participants and will only provide a visa letter of support if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, which include the supporting documentation provided when requested.</p> <p>The organiser accepts no responsibility for withdrawals or non-attendance made due to late or refused visa applications, and any letter of invitation does not guarantee entry into Thailand or provide sponsorship of any kind – the final decision is made by Thailand Immigration.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Member, Organisation or individual to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all questions regarding visas should be directed to the Embassy in charge.</p>
Transport	<p>ARRIVAL TRANSPORT REQUEST Deadline of airport transportation request: 8 August 2025</p> <p><u>The booking mechanism will be provided at the later date.</u></p> <p><u>COMPLIMENTARY TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TEAMS THAT BOOKED AT THE OFFICIAL HOTELS VIA THE ORGANISER.</u></p> <p>The Teams that choose to not stay at the Official Hotels or are unable to secure rooms at the Official Hotels due to late submission, the Team(s) will have to arrange their own transport return transport from/to airport and to the venue.</p> <p>Transport: Throughout Competition</p> <p>Regular transport service between the Official Hotels, Competition Venue and the Practice Hall throughout practice and competition times is provided – timetables will be made available at the Tournament Office.</p>
Accommodation	<p>ACCOMMODATION REQUEST</p> <p>Hotel Details will be provided at a later date.</p> <p>Deadline of hotel booking request :8 August 2025</p> <p><u>Booking mechanism will be provide at a later date.</u></p>
5. Others	
General Cleanliness	<p>Participants are reminded to keep the competition hall, practice hall, and all tournament venues clean. Please ensure that all personal waste and trash are properly disposed of after practice and competition.</p>

