



# VICTOR Latvia International 2024

**28<sup>th</sup> August – 01<sup>st</sup> September**

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| <b>Organizer</b>                 | Latvian Badminton Federation   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |
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| <b>Referee</b>                   | Christos Evangelidis (GRE)<br><a href="mailto:chrisev@sch.gr">chrisev@sch.gr</a>   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |
| <b>Deputy referee</b>            | Kristaps Pilveris<br><a href="mailto:Kristaps@greno.lv">Kristaps@greno.lv</a><br>+371 27780760   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |
| <b>Venue</b>                     | Rimi Olympic Centre<br>Grostonas street 6B, Riga, Latvia   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |
| <b>Website</b>                   | <a href="http://www.vli.lv">www.vli.lv</a>   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |
| <b>Provisional time Schedule</b> | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>27<sup>th</sup> August</td> <td>20:00<br/>Team Managers Meeting (Venue) in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28<sup>th</sup> August</td> <td>10:00<br/>Qualification rounds (in case of large amount of entries)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29<sup>th</sup> August</td> <td>09:00<br/>Qualification rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30<sup>th</sup> August</td> <td>09:00<br/>Qualification rounds<br/><br/>12:00<br/>Main Draw (1<sup>st</sup> Round all events)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31<sup>st</sup> August</td> <td>09:00<br/>Main Draw (2<sup>nd</sup> Round all events)<br/><br/>15:00<br/>Quarter Finals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01<sup>st</sup> September</td> <td>09:00<br/>Semi-Finals<br/><br/>13:00<br/>Finals</td> </tr> </table> <p>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 organiser's website.</p> <p>9.5. 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 shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (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.</p> |  | 27 <sup>th</sup> August | 20:00<br>Team Managers Meeting (Venue) in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor conference room | 28 <sup>th</sup> August | 10:00<br>Qualification rounds (in case of large amount of entries) | 29 <sup>th</sup> August | 09:00<br>Qualification rounds | 30 <sup>th</sup> August | 09:00<br>Qualification rounds<br><br>12:00<br>Main Draw (1 <sup>st</sup> Round all events) | 31 <sup>st</sup> August | 09:00<br>Main Draw (2 <sup>nd</sup> Round all events)<br><br>15:00<br>Quarter Finals | 01 <sup>st</sup> September | 09:00<br>Semi-Finals<br><br>13:00<br>Finals |
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| <b>Format</b>                    | Men's and Women's Singles,   |  |                         |   |                         |  |                         |                               |                         |  |                         |  |                            |   |

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|                           | <p>Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles<br/>Number of players/pairs accepted for the main draw: Singles 32 and Doubles/Mixed Doubles 32</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <b>Eligible Players</b>   | All badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.  |
| <b>Conditions of Play</b> | <p>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 Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations.</p> <p>The tournament draw sizes are limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-100 matches per day</li> <li>-2 rounds per event per day for the main draw</li> <li>-no more than 3 qualifying rounds per day for a maximum of 8 places in any event</li> </ul> <p>If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers 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</p> <p>Competitors must be prepared to play at the times quoted in the order of play for the events for which they were entered</p> <p>Competitors can be scratched if not ready to play when called.</p> <p>The seeding and the draw will be done by Badminton Europe</p>  |
| <b>Scoring System</b>     | Knock out system according to BWF rules  |
| <b>Shuttles</b>           | Victor Champion No.1   |
| <b>Courts</b>             | 5 Yonex courts   |
| <b>Practice Courts</b>    | <p>On 27<sup>th</sup> August there is possibility to book court for practice free of charge. To book court in advance, please send information no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> August via email: <a href="mailto:vli@badminton.lv">vli@badminton.lv</a></p> <p>For booking 8 courts available.</p> <p><b>Starting from 28<sup>th</sup> August 8 courts will be available for warm-up and practice free of charge until Sunday, 01<sup>st</sup> September (wood floor).</b></p>   |

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| <b>Entries</b>                               | <p>All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 30<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00).</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, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can receive a BWF ID-number before the closing date of the tournament.</p> <p>For online entries please use this link:<br/> <a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/933E02C2-3244-43AB-B3DF-18301B775D2C">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/933E02C2-3244-43AB-B3DF-18301B775D2C</a></p> <p>No late entries will be accepted.<br/> 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> |
| <b>Entry Fees</b>                            | <p>Singles: 60€ per player<br/> Doubles: 50€ per player per event</p> <p>17.1 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. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments.</p> <p>17.2 The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.</p> <p>17.5 Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous years.</p>  |
| <b>Bank transfer information for Entries</b> | <p>Account owner: "Latvijas Badminton Federācija"<br/> Account nr: LV60HABA0551023860064<br/> BIC: HABALV22</p>  |
| <b>Prize Money</b>                           | <p>There is no prize money for this tournament</p>   |
| <b>Withdrawals</b>                           | <p>22.1 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).</p> <p>22.2 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).</p>  |

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| <b>Draw</b>          | The draw will be performed by Badminton Europe.  |
| <b>Visas</b>         | <p>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 Organisers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.</p> <p>For assistance to the organisers of the visa paperwork, affected players are asked to send information no later than 07<sup>th</sup> August to email: <a href="mailto:vli@badminton.lv">vli@badminton.lv</a></p> <p>The following information on the foreigner being invited shall be given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-name (-s) and surname</li> <li>-citizenship (nationality)</li> <li>-date and place of birth</li> <li>-the address of the place of residence</li> <li>-the location (office) where the visa application will likely be submitted</li> </ul> <p>Visa costs will be determined in accordance with the <a href="#">State fees of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of Republic of Latvia</a></p> |
| <b>Force Majeure</b> | The organising 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 organising 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.  |
| <b>Waiver</b>        | 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 Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.   |
| <b>Transport</b>     | <p>Official points of arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Riga International Coach Terminal (Bus station)</li> <li>-Riga international Airport (RIX)</li> </ul> <p>Transport is only free of charge for players staying at the tournament official hotel (for accommodation booking see below)</p>  |

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|                      | <p>Transport can also be provided for other players from airport to any other hotel in the city area of Riga but then charged as follows:<br/> -30€ one person for both directions from/to airport<br/> -40€ two persons for both directions from/to airport<br/> -50€ 3 or 4 persons for both directions from/to airport</p> <p>All requests for transport booking should be sent to email:<br/> <a href="mailto:vli@badminton.lv">vli@badminton.lv</a> not later than 23<sup>rd</sup> August.</p> <p>There is good public transport in Riga available. Even from Riga International Airport you can use public Bus Nr.22 to get to the city centrum. Cost for one transport ticket (90min) is 1,5€, daily ticket 5€, ticket for 3 days 8€.</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased using online apps. More information here:<br/> <a href="http://Code%20tickets%20:%20Tickets%20:%20R%C4%8Dgas%20satiksme%20(rigassatiksme.lv)">Code tickets : Tickets : Rīgas satiksme (rigassatiksme.lv)</a></p> <p>Also one drive car rent as <a href="#">Bolt Drive</a>, <a href="#">Citybee</a> is available in city.</p>                  |
| <b>Accommodation</b> | <p>Official Hotel:<br/> -<a href="#">Hestia Hotel Jugend</a></p> <p>Single room 90€/night (breakfast included)<br/> Double room 95€/night (breakfast included)</p> <p>Please use special accommodation order number for booking:<br/> “LBF2800109”<br/> Booking for hotel need to be done not later than 12<sup>th</sup> August to e-mail:<br/> <a href="mailto:booking.riga@hestiahotels.com">booking.riga@hestiahotels.com</a><br/> Phone: +371 67631800<br/> All payments for accommodation must be done according rules of hotel and their given invoices</p> <p>-<a href="#">Monika Centrum Hotels</a></p> <p>Double room (SGL) 74€ (breakfast included)<br/> Double room (Twin) 86€ (breakfast included)</p> <p>Please use special accommodation order number for booking:<br/> “Victor Latvia2024”<br/> Booking for hotel need to be done not later than 12<sup>th</sup> August to e-mail:<br/> <a href="mailto:sales.monika@centrumhotels.com">sales.monika@centrumhotels.com</a><br/> Phone: +371 67031906<br/> All payments for accommodation must be done according rules of hotel and their given invoices</p> |

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| <b>Clothing and Advertising Regulations</b> | <p>18.1 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.</p> <p>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.</p>  |
| <b>Medical</b>                              | <p>A physiotherapist and First aid nurse will be present in the Sports hall during the tournament and a medical doctor will be on call.</p>   |
| <b>Doping Control</b>                       | <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: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>   |
| <b>Badminton Integrity</b>                  | <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, shall 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 match(es).</p> <p>For more information, please refer to BWF's website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p> |
| <b>Data security</b>                        | <p>Every player registering for the tournament consents that photo material of him or her might be taken during the event and published on the tournament website and on social media platforms. The organiser assures that publications of this material will solely be made in connection with the event.</p>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There will be stringing service available on tournament days in venue</li> <li>-At least one (probably more) courts will be streamed in youtube.</li> <li>Information will be updated and available in tournament website</li> <li>-There is full service cafeteria with good quality food in venue (including salads, soups, hot lunch, vegetarian dishes etc.)</li> <li>-Mini shop with water, sandwiches, chocolate etc. is located in venue</li> <li>-Free WiFi is available in venue</li> </ul>  |

## Key dates:

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024   | Entry deadline at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00). |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024   | World Ranking for M&Q-report                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024  | Publication of M&Q-report                         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024  | World Ranking for seeding/draw                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2024  | Deadline for Visa application                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Deadline for hotel booking                        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Last day for making withdrawals without fine      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Date for the draw                                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024 | Deadline for practice court booking               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024 | Deadline for transport booking                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Team managers Meeting                             |