

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

Invitation to  
**ORLÉANS MASTERS BADMINTON 2023**  
**PRESENTED BY VICTOR**  
BWF Tour Super 300 Tournament

4-9 April 2023

Palais des Sports  
14 rue Eugène Vignat  
45 000 Orléans

Prize Money: **US\$ 240,000**

Dear Member Associations,

We are pleased to welcome you to this new edition of the Orléans Masters 2023 presented by Victor. We are counting on your presence and your support to make this tournament a success and make the athletes want to come back for the next few years.

This letter, of 13 pages, which includes all the general information concerning the event, contains important details that should also be brought to the attention of the Team Manager as well as the players.

You will find posted on the BWF website right now or soon the documents below:

- Accreditation Form
- Accommodation Form
- Accommodation information
- Transport Airport Form
- Visa Form





You can find online the following forms:

- [Practice court request form](#)

Furthermore, you have access to: **Mobile application of the tournament:** <https://orleansmasterspv.glideapp.io/>

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**Franck LAURENT**  
**President of the Orléans Masters 2023 presented by Victor**

## 1. General Details

<b>Organiser</b>	<p>Orléans Masters 1 boulevard de Québec 45000 Orléans – FRANCE</p> <p>Tel: + 33 245 482 162 Email: <a href="mailto:info@orleansmasters.com">info@orleansmasters.com</a></p>
<b>Sanction</b>	Badminton World Federation
<b>Date</b>	From Tuesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2023
<b>Competition Venue</b>	<p>Palais des sports 14 rue Eugène Vignat 45 000 ORLEANS - FRANCE</p>
<b>Media Links</b>	<p>Championships website: <a href="http://www.orleansmasters.com">www.orleansmasters.com</a></p> <p>  @orleansmasters            @orleansmasters            Orléans Masters Badminton            @orleansmastersbyvictor         </p>
<b>Referee Team</b>	<p><b>Referee:</b> Surasak SONGVARAKULPAN (THA) / Email: <a href="mailto:surasak.bat@gmail.com">surasak.bat@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Referee:</b> Lynne NIXEY (NZL) / Email: <a href="mailto:nixey4@yahoo.co.nz">nixey4@yahoo.co.nz</a></p> <p><b>Local Deputy Referee:</b> Frederic DUMONT (FRA) / Email: <a href="mailto:freddumont76@gmail.com">freddumont76@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Useful Contacts</b>	<p>Bertrand GAUBICHER, match control manager E: <a href="mailto:bertrand.gaubicher@orleansmasters.com">bertrand.gaubicher@orleansmasters.com</a></p> <p>For all questions E: <a href="mailto:info@orleansmasters.com">info@orleansmasters.com</a></p>
<b>Insurance coverage</b>	<p>Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.</p>

<p><b>Indemnity</b></p>	<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 to the Tournament.</p>
<p><b>Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos</b></p>	<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

<b>Regulations (Conditions of Play)</b>	<p>This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>																								
<b>Scoring System</b>	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)																								
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<b>Online Entry – International Entries</b>	<p>Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/9ABED7DB-59A0-4278-8C49-CAE28C17DF18">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/9ABED7DB-59A0-4278-8C49-CAE28C17DF18</a></p> <p>If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:</p> <p><a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwf.sport">s.ramachandran@bwf.sport</a> or <a href="mailto:hj.yee@bwf.sport">hj.yee@bwf.sport</a></p>																								

The entry deadline is Tuesday, 28 February 2023 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries.

Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday, 2nd March 2023 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

#### Online Entry – Hosting Member Association Entries

Eligible player wishing to enter through the hosting Member Association must follow a different process to international entries.

Entry fees for host members:  
Single: 70 euros per player  
Double: 60 euros per player per event

#### 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 (see Key Dates Section).

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 Organiser 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: Surasak SONGVARAKULPAN (THA) / Email: [surasak.bat@gmail.com](mailto:surasak.bat@gmail.com)

Host Organiser Contact: Bertrand GAUBICHER / Email: [bertrand.gaubicher@orleansmasters.com](mailto:bertrand.gaubicher@orleansmasters.com)

### 3. Tournament Details

#### Prize Money

A prize fund of USD \$240.000 will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16
Men's Singles	\$18 000	\$9 120	\$3 480	\$1 440	\$840
Women's Singles	\$18 000	\$9 120	\$3 480	\$1 440	\$840
Men's Doubles	\$18 960*	\$9 120*	\$3 360*	\$1 740*	\$900*
Women's Doubles	\$18 960*	\$9 120*	\$3 360*	\$1 740*	\$900*
Mixed Doubles	\$18 960*	\$9 120*	\$3 360*	\$1 740*	\$900*

\* – per pair

#### Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Doors Open	Start
Tuesday 04/04/2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Qualifying	4	08:30	09:30
	MD/WD <i>Those not included in Q</i>	Last 32			16:30
Wednesday 05/04/2023	MD/WD (from Q) MS/WS/XD	Last 32	4	08:00	09:00
Thursday 06/04/2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Round 16	3	09:30	10:30
Friday 07/04/2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Quarter-finals	2	12:00	13:00
Saturday 08/04/2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Semi-finals	1	11:00	12:00
Sunday 09/04/2023	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	Finals	1	10:00	11:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate. Finalists from Madrid Spain Masters 2023 will play their main draw matches on Wednesday.

#### Official Shuttle

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#### Practice Facilities

##### Practice Facility Information:

- Location: Céline Lebrun gym, 4 rue Georges-Landré, 45000 Orléans, **7 min by shuttle from the venue**
- Number of Courts: 7
- Schedule:
  - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of April: on request
  - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April: 10:00 to 18:00
  - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April: 8:00 to 22:00

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of April: 8:00 to 22:00
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of April: 8:00 to 20:00
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April: 8:00 to 20:00
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of April: 8:00 to 20:00
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April: 8:00 to 18:00

**Warmup Courts Information:**

- Location: at the venue, on the third floor
- Number of Courts: 2

**Competition Courts Information:**

- Schedule:
  - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April: 8:00 to 22:00
  - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of April: 7:00 to 8:00
  - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of April: 7:00 to 8:00
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April: 7:00 to 9:00
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of April: 7:00 to 9:00
  - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April: 7:00 to 9:00
- Court Mat Color: green

**Booking/Reservation Information:** [Practice court request form](#)

**Procedure:**

Courts will be allocated under the referee control on an equitable basis, taking into account the number of entries per Member Association, arrival date and time, match schedule, and Team Manager preferences. Although every effort will be made to meet requirements, we cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests.

**Player  
Facilities**

**Player Lounge Information:**

- Location: at the venue, on the third floor next to the warm-up courts
- Schedule: available on training and competition hours
- Facilities Description: relaxation area with sofa, fruit bowl and water

**Stringing Services:**

- Location: Palais des sports
- Cost:
  - string laying alone: 10,00€
  - string laying with string: 15,00€

**Team  
Managers'  
Meeting**

The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:

- Date: Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- Time: 17:30
- Location: Private Lounge - 2nd floor of the venue

It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to



	<p>attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p>										
<p><b>Umpire Briefing</b></p>	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date: Monday 3rd of April</li> <li>• Time: 15:30</li> <li>• Location: Private Lounge - 2nd floor</li> </ul>										
<p><b>Presentation Ceremonies</b></p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>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 organisers regarding ceremony protocol.</p> <p>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.</p>										
<p><b>Accreditation</b></p>	<p>Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the accreditation process, kindly fill in the accreditation form and email the form and photograph of players and officials (format: jpeg, 50-100Ko, portrait format) to: <a href="mailto:info@orleansmasters.com">info@orleansmasters.com</a> <b>Deadline: Tuesday, 14 March 2023</b></p> <p>The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1402 1015 1682"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Member Association Players</th> <th>Number of Team Officials Accreditations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Three or less</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four to Seven</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eight to 15</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 or more</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of 150 €, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.</p> <p>The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be 100 € on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.</p>	Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations	Three or less	1	Four to Seven	2	Eight to 15	3	16 or more	4
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	<p>The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation.</p> <p>The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.</p>
<p><b>Medical Services</b></p>	<p>A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.</p>
<p><b>Anti-Doping</b></p>	<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:</p> <p><a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>
<p><b>Badminton Integrity</b></p>	<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:</p> <p><a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/</a></p>
<p><b>Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9</b></p>	<p>GCR 7.9:</p> <p><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 Details

### Transport

Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue, and the following transportation hubs:

	Saturday, 1st April	From Sunday, 2nd April to Sunday, 9th april	Monday, 10th April (except for finalists)	Monday, 10th April (for finalists)
Orly Airport (ORY)	65€ / Trip / person	Free of charge	65€ / Trip / person	Free of charge
Roissy Airport (CDG)	75€ / Trip / person			

To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by **Tuesday, 14 March 2023**.

All reservations for transport must be made 24 hours before the departure of the aircraft, otherwise the organisation cannot guarantee a shuttle in time.

### Visas

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

Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by **Tuesday, 14 March 2023**.

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 France; the final decision is made the Government of France.

### COVID-19 Protocols

It is no longer mandatory to wear a mask or to do an antigenic or PCR test before coming in France, neither a COVID-19 specific insurance coverage or quarantine is required to enter the territory.

To know more about Covid 19 situation in France and stay updated on it please consult this link: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coming-to-france-your-covid-19-questions-answered/>

## 5. Accommodation Details

Official hotel(s)	Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
<b>IBIS Centre FOCH</b> ■■■■■■■■■■ 4 rue du Maréchal Foch 45 000 Orléans  Shuttle : 5min Walk : 20min	Single & Twin	Single occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 137,00 € Friday to Sunday: 122,00 € Twin occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 82,00 € Friday to Sunday: 74,00 €	Breakfast and taxes included
<b>IBIS Centre Gare</b> ■■■■■■■■■■ 17 avenue de Paris 45 000 Orléans  Shuttle : 5min Walk : 15min	Single & Twin	Single occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 137,00 € Friday to Sunday: 122,00 € Twin occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 82,00 € Friday to Sunday: 74,00 €	Breakfast and taxes included
<b>Appart city</b> ■■■■■■■■■■ 4 rue de Lahire, 45 000 Orléans  Shuttle : 5min Walk : 23min	Single & Twin	Single occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 92,00 € Friday to Sunday: 92,00 € Twin occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 57,00 € Friday to Sunday: 57,00 €	Breakfast and taxes included
<b>Mercure</b> ■■■■■■■■■■ 44 quai Barentin 45 000 quai Barentin 45 000 Orléans  Shuttle : 8min Walk : 30min	Single & Twin	Single occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 132,00 € Friday to Sunday: 132,00 € Twin occupancy: Monday to Thursday: 77,00 € Friday to Sunday: 77,00 €	Breakfast and taxes included

Please complete and return the Accommodation Request Form by **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.

Send the Accommodation form to [teamservices@spartner-agency.com](mailto:teamservices@spartner-agency.com)

Tournament shuttles only serve the official hotel.

### Cancellation policy

- Between February 16th to February 28th, 2023: every cancellation will be charged 50% by the hotel
- After March 1st, 2023: every cancellation will be charged 100% by the hotel

See the document "Accommodation information" for any further details.

## 6. Media Details

<p><b>Player Media Obligations</b></p>	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>									
<p><b>Media Accreditation</b></p>	<p>Media wishing to attend this tournament must complete and submit the Media Accreditation Request Form.</p> <p>Please complete accreditation form and send the file by email at: <a href="mailto:info@orleansmasters.com">info@orleansmasters.com</a></p>									
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<p><b>Video Recording and Photography</b></p>	<p>Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the competition venue is not permitted: the organiser will give access to accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations to all recorded matches on a local website to allow them to download the videos.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p>Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p>									