

VALENCE ALPES INTERNATIONAL 2026

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11th – 14th June 2026

Palais des Sports Pierre Mendès-France

Valence, FRANCE

Part of Badminton Europe Elite CIRCUIT

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ELITE CIRCUIT

GRADE : INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

Closing Date : 12th May 2026 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

Prize Money = \$ 20,000 (€ 17,500)

Organiser

Ligue Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Badminton
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Tournament Key Dates & Timings

Tournament Dates

Entry Deadline : Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

World Ranking date used for M&Q Report : Tuesday 12th May 2026

Date of publication for M&Q Report : Friday 15th May 2026

Withdrawal Deadline : Monday 1st June 2026 at 23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)

World Ranking date used for Seedings & Draws : Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Team Managers Meeting : Wednesday 10th June – 19:00 at the venue

Tournament Organisation Deadlines

Visa Application Form Deadline : Friday 15th May 2026

Hotel Booking Deadline : Sunday 17th May 2026

Hotel Payment Deadline : Monday 25th May 2026

Transport Booking Deadline : Sunday 17th May 2026

Practice Court Booking Deadline : Friday 29th May 2026

Accreditation Deadline : Friday 29th May 2026

Entry Fee Payment Deadline : Friday 5th June 2026

Regulations

This tournament will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR), and BEC Elite Circuit Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

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.

Scoring System

3x21, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)

Provisional Schedule

Thursday 11th June 2026 – 09:00 – Qualifications

Friday 12th June 2026 – 09:00 – Preliminary Rounds

Saturday 13th June 2026 – 09:00 – Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals

Sunday 14th June 2026 – 11:00 – Finals

(The schedule will be confirmed by the referee and can be changed depending on entry list and TV requirements). The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on the Badminton Europe's website.

Player Departure

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.

Events

Men's and Women's Singles (32 in main draw), Men's and Women's Doubles (16 in main draw), Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw)

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.

Shuttles

VICTOR GOLD CHAMPION 77/78

Courts

4 VICTOR green badminton mats

Entry system

All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System before **23:59 BWF HQ time (GMT +08.00)**. Entries must be done [on BWF Tournament Software website](#).

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.

Entry fees

Singles: €80 per player

Doubles: €70 per player

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.. Tournament organisers will send an invoice after the entry deadline. 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.

Entry fees should be paid by **5th June 2026**. The invoice for entry fees will be sent following the publication of the acceptance list with a link for making the online payment.

If no payment has been received, the invoice and original entry will be sent to Badminton Europe, no later than 2 months after the event. Every unpaid invoice for entry fees sent to Badminton Europe shall result in an additional administrative fine of 100,00 EUR for the Member who is addressed in the invoice.

Reserve List

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 organisers 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 within 48h after the message has been sent by the organisers 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 timeframe, it will be considered as the player/pair not accepting the promotion.

Withdrawals & No Shows

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).

Visa Support

After entering player(s) in the tournament, it is the Member’s responsibility to secure visas for their players – if this is needed. It is the Member’s responsibility to make sure that visa applications are made early enough. The Tournament Organizer will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

If you need a “Letter of invitation”, please fill in [the visa application form](#) before Friday 15th May 2026. Any questions, write to tournament@valencealpesinternational.com

Prize Money

Total Prize Money: \$20,000 - €17,500 (\$1= €0.85) as per 20th February 2026. *per pair

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winners	\$ 1 600	\$ 1 600	\$ 1 800	\$ 1 800	\$ 1 800
Runners-up	\$ 960	\$ 960	\$ 1 200	\$ 1 200	\$ 1 200
Semi-finalists	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Quarter-finalists	\$ 160	\$ 160			

No tax will be taken by the organizer.

The prize money will be paid via bank transfer the first working day after the tournament has finished to the players/pairs’ provided bank accounts. Players will need to provide

their IBAN & BIC or if IBAN not possible Account Number & BIC. Any costs related to the bank transfer will be paid by the tournament organiser.

Players Services & Medical

A stringing service will be available at the practice hall from Wednesday 10th June to Sunday 14th June. Different models of string will be available. Rates are 20,00€ for hanging and 25,00€ for hanging + stringing.

A Physiotherapist service will be available free of charge during the tournament. If you need taping, please bring yours.

All these services must be booked & paid directly at the athlete services.

Practice Courts & Warm-Up

4 warm-up courts are available inside the practice hall from Wednesday 10th June 2026 to Sunday 14th June 2026. Delegations will also be able to practice on the 4 tournament courts inside the main hall on Wednesday 10th June from 15:00 to 21:00.

For Wednesday 10th June 2026, 1/2 hour slots can be booked by filling in the [practice courts reservation form](#) before 29th May 2026.

From Thursday 11th June to Sunday 14th June 2026, reservations must be done directly at the athlete services, before 18:00.

The practice courts schedule will be done according to the next day's schedule & will be published on a Whatsapp group with all the Team Managers.

Days	Times	Hall & Courts
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	12:00 – 19:00	4 courts – PRACTICE HALL
	15:00 – 21:00	4 courts – MAIN HALL
Thursday 11 th June 2026	08:00 – 20:00	4 courts – PRACTICE HALL
Friday 12 th June 2026	08:00 – 20:00	4 courts – PRACTICE HALL
Saturday 13 th June 2026	08:00 – 19:00	4 courts – PRACTICE HALL
Sunday 14 th June 2026	09:00 – 16:00	4 courts – PRACTICE HALL

No shuttles will be provided for practice, official shuttles of the tournament can be bought at the entrance (45€/box).

Clothing / 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.

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.

Anti Doping

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-doping-overview/>

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/>

Hotels Accommodation

The organizer and pleased to offer you an accommodation offer including 2*, 3* and 4* hotels :

Mercure Valence Sud 4* - 2 Rue de Chantecouriol, 26000 Valence



Ibis Valence Sud 3* - 355 Av. de Provence, 26000 Valence



Ibis Budget Valence Sud 2*- Rue de Chantecouriol, 26000 Valence



Our rates include breakfast per day per person and all taxes.

HOTELS	Mercure Valence 4*	Ibis Valence Sud 3*		Ibis Budget Valence Sud 2*		
DATES	Twin Room	Single Room	Twin Room	Single Room	Twin Room	Triple Room
Monday 8 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Thursday 11 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Friday 12 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Saturday 13 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€
Sunday 14 th June 2026	210,00€	160,00€	180,00€	145,00€	160,00€	190,00€

Bookings have to be made online by filling in the [hotel reservation form](#) before 17th May 2026. After the deadline, rooms availability will not be assured. Rooms will be booked on a First booked First Served basis.

Invoices will be sent by email directly after the deadline and must be paid online on our website to confirm the reservation. Failing to pay the invoice before the deadline will result in the organizer releasing the rooms.

Upon check-in, all teams must present a credit card to cover additional expenses they may incur.

Guests will be requested to directly pay at the hotel for any extras order. Guests must treat hotel rooms with care and are liable for any damage caused by them, and for consequential damages.

Payment Terms & Cancellation

Any modification or cancellation, partial or total, must be subject of a written request to the organisation : hotels@valencealpesinternational.com

Partial or total cancellations will be invoiced as follows :

FROM NOW UNTIL 07/05/2026

Teams can release 25% of its total number of rooms for free of charge. Beyond that, 40% of the total amount will be invoiced.

FROM 08/05/2026 TO 20/05/2026

Teams can release 10% of its total number of rooms for free of charge. Beyond that, a 50% refund of the total amount will be invoiced.

Teams must have paid 100% of the total amount by 25th May 2026.

FROM 21/05/2026

No refunds will be possible.

Transport

LYON SAINT-EXUPERY AIRPORT – HOTELS

Transport will be provided free of charge between Lyon Saint-Exupéry airport (LYS airport) at the Terminal 1 short stay parking & the official hotels from 10th June to 15th June. Shuttle bus will be organised via flight number. To book transportation from to the tournament hotels please fill in [the transport reservation form](#) before 17th May 2026.

Transport from LYS airport can be arranged by the organisation on 9th June but will be invoiced.

Be careful, LYS airport is located at 90 minutes from/to the venue & official hotels, please take into consideration this information when you book your flight tickets.

The departure time from Valence to LYS airport will be **at least 4 hours before your flight time**.

Transportation from & to LYS airport will be provided only to delegations having decided to be accommodated in one of the official hotels and through the organisation booking system.

VALENCE TGV TRAIN STATION – VENUE / HOTELS

No transport will be provided between Valence TGV Train Station & the main hall. Participants can access to the venue using the public bus service.

More informations regarding the pathway and how to buy bus tickets can be found on [Valence Romans Mobilité website](#).

At their arrival at the venue, transport will be provided by the organisation to the official hotels.

For players who want to go directly from Valence TGV Train Station to the official hotels, the pathway can be checked [here](#) (Ibis Valence Sud 3*) and [here](#) (Ibis Budget Valence Sud 2* & Mercure Valence 4*).

OFFICIAL HOTELS - VENUE

Transport will be provided between the tournament hotels and the venue from the 10th to 14th June 2026.

There is limited public transport between the hotels and the venue so event transportation will be provided regularly (every hour) between the venue and the official hotels, from 90 minutes before the first matches to 20 minutes after the last matches of the day.

A transport schedule will be printed at the athlete services inside the practice hall.

Any questions should be emailed to transport@valencealpesinternational.com or asked directly at the athlete services.

Accreditations

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalized accreditation.

Every accreditation should be requested by filling in [the accreditation form](#) before 29th May 2026. You will be asked, in that order : a valid email address to receive the confirmation code you will have to enter / Last Name / First Name / Country / Position / Name of the Players you will be with

Accreditations [for the players ONLY](#) will be prepared in accordance with the acceptance list, so there is no need for the players to fill in the accreditation form.

Accreditations will be available for collection shortly after your arrival at the venue, only if everything has been paid (entry fees, accommodation).

The organizing committee reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g., transportation) as a result of missing accreditation.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed.

The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member.

Number of Member Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
1-3	1
4-7	2
8-12	3
13+	4

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of 50 €, charged to the respective Member, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be 50 € on each occasion, charged to the respective Member.

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.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

Force Majeure

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.

Claims Waiver

The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants 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 Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.

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<https://www.valence-romans-tourisme.com/fr/>

Main activities :

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