



# NORTHERN MARIANAS OPEN 2023

6-11 June

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

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A BWF Grade 3 International Challenge Tournament  
Prize Money – USD15,000



<b>National Association:</b>	Northern Marianas Badminton Association Website: <a href="http://nmibadminton.com">nmibadminton.com</a>	
<b>Tournament Director:</b>	Roselyn Monroyo Email: <a href="mailto:roselynmonroyo@gmail.com">roselynmonroyo@gmail.com</a> Phone: <a href="tel:1-670-789-1845">1-670-789-1845</a>	
<b>Dates:</b>	Tuesday 6 – Sunday 11 June 2023	
<b>Venue:</b>	Gilbert C Ada Gymnasium, Oleai Sports Complex, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands	
<b>Sanctioned by:</b>	Badminton Oceania & Badminton World Federation	
<b>Prize Money:</b>	The prize money will be paid directly to players at the completion of the event in USD	
<b>Referee:</b>	Sandra David (AUS)	Email: <a href="mailto:777sandradavid@gmail.com">777sandradavid@gmail.com</a>
<b>Deputy Referees:</b>	Peter Cocker (AUS)	Email: <a href="mailto:petercwa@iinet.net.au">petercwa@iinet.net.au</a>
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<b>Entries Close:</b>	Entries close <b>9 May 2023</b> at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarter time, (+8:00 hours GMT).	

**Entries:**

All players in the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament will be conducted. The General Competition Regulations of the BWF shall apply.

The organisers will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from their participation in this tournament. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalisation shall be borne by the Member Association of the player/official concerned.

All entries are to be submitted online by the competitors National Badminton Association (M.A).

Member Associations are to log onto Tournament Software and submit their entries online at <https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/6F65618E-3246-4D08-B930-28C57AF68B5A>

A username and password is required to submit entries. This can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact Shan Ramachandran at [s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org](mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org)

The online entry page will automatically close on **Tuesday 9 May at 23:59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+8:00h GMT)**. Late entries will not be accepted.

After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send a 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. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday 10 May - noon BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT) following close of entries.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 11 May 23:59 BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT), the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections shall be entertained after this point.

**Events:**

Event	Entries		Qualifying Round Maximum Entries
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	
Men's Singles	56	8	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

**Entry Fees:**

All players are required to pay entry fees.

The entry fee for all players is USD100

MA's will be invoiced on Wednesday 24 May with payment due by 31 May.

The Member Association that enters a player into the 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 Member Association will be invoiced on Wednesday 24 May with payment due by 31 May 2023. Entry fees are due for all players including any who withdraw once the draw is made. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal.

**Key Dates:**

Entries Close	Tuesday 9 May 2023
World Ranking date for M & Q	Tuesday 9 May 2023
Publish M & Q	Friday 12 May 2023
World Ranking date for seeding	Tuesday 16 May 2023
Publish seeding Report	Friday 19 May 2023
Last date for withdrawal without penalty	Monday 22 May 2023
Draw date	Tuesday 23 May 2023

**Prize Money:**

USD15,000 total prize pool

	MS	WS	MD (pair)	WD (pair)	XD (pair)
Winner	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Runner-up	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720
Semi-finalists	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Quarter-finalists	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120

Prize money will be paid in USD at the tournament directly to the players

**Hours of Play:**

Day and Date	Event and Rounds to be played	Start Time	Est Finish Time	No. Courts
Tuesday 6 June	Qualification all events	10am	3pm	3
	Men's Singles Round of 64	3pm	10pm	3
Wednesday 7 June	Round of 32 – MS, WS, XD	10am	9pm	3
Thursday 8 June	Round of 32 – MD,WD. Round of 16 MS,WS	10am	9pm	3
Friday 9 June	Round of 16 – XD,MD,WD, QF – MS,WS	12 noon	7.30pm	3
Saturday 10 June	QF – XD,MD,WD	10am	2.30pm	3
Saturday 10 June	SF – all events	5pm	9pm	2
Sunday 11 June	Finals – all events	11am	4pm	1

Note: The above schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Referee.

### **Managers Meeting:**

Monday 5 June – 7pm at NMSA Conference Room, Oleai Sports Complex

It is compulsory for all team managers or a MA representative to attend the team managers briefing session.

Failing to attend the meeting a Member Association may be fined USD250 by Badminton Oceania

Member Associations can make a request for someone to represent them at the meeting as long as the Referee is advised in advance.

### **Withdrawals:**

Withdrawals will be managed according to the BWF regulations.

Withdrawals after 22 May 2023 shall automatically attract withdrawal fees as per BWF regulations.

Withdrawals until this date must be initiated through the online entry system by logging onto the tournament link used for lodging the entry.

Withdrawals after that date must be informed by email to Roselyn Monroyo [roselynmonroyo@gmail.com](mailto:roselynmonroyo@gmail.com) and the Referee – Sandra David - [777sandradaid@gmail.com](mailto:777sandradaid@gmail.com)

After the player/s arrive at the venue, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager and/or player to the Referee in person.

### **Practice Courts:**

Practice courts at the tournament venue will be available starting on Sunday 4 June 2023

Bookings are to be made via the Practice Court Booking form and emailed to the Event Director - Roselyn Monroyo

Practice on the competition courts will be allocated on an equitable basis based on arrival times and number of players per country

Each player will be provided with two (2) tournament shuttles free of charge at their first practice session.

Please note that once the tournament commences there will not be any practice courts available

### **Transport:**

Transport will ONLY be provided to players and officials staying at the official tournament accommodation provider: Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan. Transport includes airport pick-up and drop-off, to and from practice and the tournament venue.

Airport transfer will be provided from Saipan International Airport to the official tournament hotel upon request.

Please complete and submit the Flight Details form no later than Saturday 27 May 2023. Requests after this date cannot be accepted. Requests for a refund of taxi charges will not be entertained.

Departure flight details must be confirmed at least two (2) working days in advance to the Tournament Organisers.

### **USA Visa and ESTA:**

The Northern Mariana Islands are a USA territory therefore anyone coming to the Northern Mariana Islands must meet USA requirements

#### **U.S.A VISA APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Players and officials whose country are not under the visa waiver program, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html> to apply for United States visa.

2. Choose Non-Immigrant Visa, B-1.

3. Fill out form and submit requirements.

Set up appointment for interview and pay fee.

You maybe required to appear at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at your country of origin for interview with

the consular officer. For more information, check <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

If you require a visa support letter, please complete the VISA Letter Request Form and email to:

[roselynmonroyo@gmail.com](mailto:roselynmonroyo@gmail.com) .



## If your country is under the Visa Waiver Programme, you need to apply for an ESTA

### ESTA APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Go to this link <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>
2. Click New Application
3. Fill out application
4. Submit
5. Pay

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- You are a citizen or eligible national of a Visa Waiver Program country.
- You are currently not in possession of a visitor's visa.
- Your travel is for 90 days or less.
- You plan to travel to the United States for business or pleasure.
- You want to apply for a new authorization for one person or a group of applications for two or more persons.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Valid passport(s) from a Visa Waiver Program country.  
List of Visa Waiver Countries
- Traveler's valid email address.
- Traveler's home address and phone number.
- Traveler's emergency point of contact phone and email.
- **Payment method:**  
Fee for application is \$21.00 USD.  
Valid payment methods include MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover (JCB or Diners Club only), and PayPal.

#### The following information may also be required:

- Traveler's aliases or other names (If Applicable).
- Traveler's National ID or Personal ID number (If Applicable).
- Traveler's Global Entry ID number (If Applicable).
- Traveler's employer address and phone number (If Applicable).
- Traveler's U.S. point of contact name, address, and phone (If Applicable).

### **Rules & Regulations:**

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations and as per the Badminton Oceania Grade 3 tournament regulations.

### **Shuttles:**

BWF approved shuttles will be provided, 2 speeds will be available.

### **Clothing & Advertising:**

Clothing and advertising are in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (sections 19-23). The name of the player is MANDATORY on the back of all the players' shirts. The country name is optional, however if it is on the shirt, it must comply with BWF regulations.

Quarter finals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:

- In Singles matches opposing players must wear significantly different coloured clothing
- In doubles matches both players must wear the same colour clothing and opposing pairs must wear significantly different coloured clothing

Players should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies with these regulations.

### **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-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, 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(s).

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

### **Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9:**

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."

### **Additional Information:**

- Food – Concession stands will be available at the tournament venue
- Trophies to the champion and runner-up of each event
- Welcome Reception Dinner (Date TBA)
- Emergency Medical Service staff will be at tournament venue; Gym facility at Crowne Plaza Resort Gym

### **Important Dates to Note:**

Close of entries	Tuesday 9 May 2023
M & Q World Ranking date	Tuesday 9 May 2023
M & Q publication date	Friday 12 May 2023
Seeding World Ranking date	Tuesday 16 May 2023
Seeding publication date	Friday 19 May 2023
Withdrawal without penalty date	Monday 22 May 2023
Draw date	Tuesday 23 May 2023
Accommodation Booking to be made	Thursday 17 May 2023
Visa Letter Request form to be submitted	Saturday 1 April 2023
Travel Details form to be submitted	Saturday 27 May 2023
Practice Court form to be submitted	Thursday 1 June 2023
Accreditation form to be submitted	Thursday 25 May 2023

## **Accommodation:**

The official tournament hotel is the CROWNE PLAZA RESORT SAIPAN  
Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, MP 96950

[bit.ly/3y2y98I](https://bit.ly/3y2y98I)

Email - [info@cprsaipan.ihg.com](mailto:info@cprsaipan.ihg.com)



The Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is under the management of the IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group), a leading global hotel company with 17 brands located in over 100 countries and territories. Crowne Plaza Resort is a newly-renovated hotel resort and just re-opened in October 2022.

Tournament transport is only available to people who are staying at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan

The Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is a 10-minute drive from the tournament venue.

## **Room rates:**

### **Standard Mountain Rooms**

Single or Double/Twin Occupancy: USD\$140.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax

Triple (singles) Occupancy: USD\$180.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax

### **Additional \$30.00 for Ocean View Rooms**

Single or Double Occupancy: USD\$170.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax

Triple (singles) Occupancy: USD\$210.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax

\*\* No Prepayment/Deposit needed at the time of booking, only the guest Credit Card details to guarantee the reservation.

\*\* Should you wish to cancel or amend your reservation, please advise the Resort 1 day (24 hours) prior to your arrival date to avoid a cancellation fee.

## **Bookings**

To receive the above rates you MUST use this link: [bit.ly/3y2y98I](https://bit.ly/3y2y98I)

These special rates are only available from 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

If you require a triple room you MUST ensure you request 1 room, 3 guests. This will automatically advise the hotel that 3 beds are required

Initially, the rate will show exclusive of tax, when you go to pay the rate will equate to the rates as above.