

NORTHERN MARIANAS OPEN 2024



BWF Grade 3 International Challenge Tournament
July 2-7, 2024
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands
Prize Money: US\$15,000



General Details

Host Member	Northern Marianas Badminton Association Website: nmibadminton.com
Tournament Director	Roselyn Monroyo
Sanctioned by	Badminton World Federation and Badminton Oceania
Tournament Date	2 – 7 July 2024
Competition Venue	Gilbert C Ada Gymnasium, Oleai Sports Complex, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands
Referees	Referee: Julie Carrel (NZL) Email: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com Phone: +64 21 760327 Deputy Referee: Peter Cocker (AUS) Email: petercwa@inet.net.au
Contact Details	Tournament Director: Roselyn Monroyo Email: roselynmonroyo@gmail.com Phone: 1-670-789-1845
Insurance coverage	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.
Indemnity	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, Badminton Oceania, 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.
Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF, Badminton Oceania and the Tournament Organiser full 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.

1. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)	<p>This tournament will be conducted in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes and General Competition Regulations (GCRs) and the Badminton Oceania Grade 3 Tournament Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>Clothing and advertising are in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (sections 20-24). 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. Quarterfinals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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																								
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Entry Fees	<p>All players are required to pay entry fees.</p> <p>The entry fee for international players is USD100 The fee for local players is USD50</p> <p>Member Associations will be invoiced on Wednesday 26 June with payment due by Friday 28 June 2025.</p> <p>Players will not be given an accreditation pass until the entry fee is paid.</p>																								

The Member Association that enters a player into the tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. Entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn by the time when the draw is made. 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.

Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online. Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/AFE274D3-B343-4E88-B076-FA2036F642D5>

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address: s.ramachandran@bwf.sport

The entry deadline is **Tuesday 4 June 2024** 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 5 June 2024 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 6 June 2024 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals will be managed according to the BWF GCR 13 & 14 regulations. Withdrawals after **Monday 24 June 2024** 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 all people as listed:

Tournament Director: Roselyn Monroyo: roselynmonroyo@gmail.com

Referee: Julie Carrel: julie.carrel.nz@gmail.com

Deputy Referee: Peter Cocker: petercwa@iinet.net.au

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.

2. Tournament Details

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Practice Facilities	<p>Practice Facility Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Marianas High School • Number of Courts: 4 • Schedule: Available from Sunday June 30, 2024 • Booking/Reservation information: To complete Practice Form attached <p>The practice facility is in walking distance to the competition venue</p> <p>Competition Courts Information:</p> <p>Practice on the competition courts will be available as from Sunday 30 June</p> <p>Practice on the competition courts will be allocated on an equitable basis based on arrival times and number of players per country.</p> <p>Practice Shuttles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 shuttlecocks per player will be issued for practice 																																									
Player Facilities	<p>Stringing Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An on-site stringing service will be provided • Cost – USD20 per racket 																																									
Umpire Briefing	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 1 July • Time: 5.30pm • Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel 																																									

<p>Team Managers' Meeting</p>	<p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 1 July • Time: 4pm • Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel <p>It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by the designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend as per the BOC Grade 3 regulations.</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>Clothing and Advertising Regulations</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Quarter finals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Players should ensure that they read these regulations and that their clothing complies with these regulations.</p>
<p>Presentation Ceremonies</p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 7 July immediately after the conclusion of each final. Trophies will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>No equipment, including rackets and flags, is allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p>
<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Access to the competition venue is provided through personalised accreditation passes.</p> <p>Please complete and return the accreditation form with photographs as per attached no later than Tuesday 25th June 2024</p>
<p>Medical Services</p>	<p>First aid and physiotherapist services will be available during the tournament.</p>

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(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."

3. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Transport will ONLY be provided to players and officials staying at the official tournament accommodation provider – The Crowne Plaza

Transport includes airport pick-up and drop-off, to and from practice and the tournament venue.

Airport transfers will be provided from Saipan International Airport to the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL upon request. Please complete and submit the flight details form no later than **Friday June 21st 2024**. 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) days in advance to the Tournament Organisers.

Visas

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 may be 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

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

The Northern Marianas Badminton Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.

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).

4. Accommodation Details

Accommodation

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

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Email - 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.



Room rates:

Standard Mountain Rooms

Single or Double/Twin Occupancy: USD\$104.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax
Triple (singles) Occupancy: USD\$126.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax

Additional \$30.00 for Ocean View Rooms

Single or Double Occupancy: USD\$134.00 inclusive of Breakfast and tax
Triple (singles) Occupancy: USD\$156.00 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: [Badminton Group 2024](#)

These special rates are only available from **29 June – 15 July 2024**

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.

Key Dates

Tuesday 4 June 2024	Entries Close
Tuesday 4 June 2024	WR date for M & Q
Wednesday 5 June 2024	Last day for visa request forms to be submitted
Friday 7 June 2024	M & Q Published
Tuesday 11 June 2024	WR date for seeding
Friday 14 June 2024	Seeding released
Friday 21 June 2024	Last day for the transport form to be submitted
Friday 21 June 2024	Last day for the practice request form to be submitted
Monday 24 June 2024	Last day for withdrawal without penalty
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Draw
Tuesday 25 June	Accreditation forms and photos due
Friday 28 June 2024	Entry fee payment due
Monday 1 July 2024	Team Managers meeting – 4pm
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