

COMEBA CHAMPIONSHIP & AIRBADMINTON COMEBA CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 BADMINTON EVENT



ANCIENT
OLYMPIA



17-18
OCTOBER 2026



OLYMPIA
TOWN



PYRGOS,
GREECE



23-25
OCTOBER 2026



G. VASILAKOPOULOS
SPORTS HALL

UNITE. EMPOWER. THRIVE.

COMEBA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS

Olympia & Pyrgos, Greece

COMEBA AirBadminton Championship

17–18 October 2026

COMEBA Championship

23–25 October 2026

Organized by the Hellenic Badminton Federation | In cooperation with COMEBA

WELCOME

Dear COMEBA Member Associations,

The Hellenic Badminton Federation, together with the Confederation of Mediterranean Badminton (COMEBA), is pleased to invite your Member Association to participate in the COMEBA AirBadminton Championship 2026 and the COMEBA Championship 2026, to be held in Olympia & Pyrgos, Greece. This document constitutes the Official Prospectus for both events and contains all necessary information for planning your participation. Please read it carefully and ensure all relevant deadlines are observed. We look forward to welcoming you in Greece.

EVENT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Date	Event
14–16 October 2026	<i>BWF AirBadminton European Continental Championships 2026*-Olympia</i>
17–18 October 2026	COMEBA AirBadminton Championship – Olympia
20–23 October 2026	<i>Hellas International 2026 (Future Series)* - Pyrgos</i>
23–25 October 2026	COMEBA Championship — Pyrgos

*** Note:** The BWF AirBadminton European Continental Championships and the Hellas International (Future Series) are separate events and are NOT part of the COMEBA Championships. The BWF AirBadminton European Continental Championships is a separate BWF event held immediately before the COMEBA AirBadminton Championship. The Hellas International 2026 is a separate BEC Future Series tournament organised by the Hellenic Badminton Federation. A separate prospectus, entry system and regulations will be published for each of these events.

PART I — COMEBA AIRBADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Key Information

Dates	17–18 October 2026
Location	Olympia Town, Greece
Events	Team Relay, Men's Triples, Women's Triples
Entry Fee	EUR 200 per team
Rules	BWF AirBadminton Rules
Referee	Referee: Avraam Karaoglanidis (GR) - karaogla1964@gmail.com
Team Manager	Each participant Member Association must appoint a Team Manager Section 5.1. General Competitions Regulations (Clause 9.3.3)

Schedule

Friday, 16 October 2026	
20:00	Team Managers Meeting (IOA Meeting Room)
Saturday, 17 October 2026	
09:00	Team Relay: Group Stage, Semi-finals and Finals Men's and Women's Triples: Group Stage
Sunday, 18 October 2026	
09:00	Men's and Women's Triples: Semi-finals and Finals

Schedule is subject to change depending on various factors.

Key Dates

Entry Deadline	Tuesday, 29 September 2026
Team Manager Meeting	Friday, 16 October 2026
Draw Date (Team Relay)	Friday, 16 October 2026
Withdrawal Deadline (No Fee)	Friday, 9 October 2026

Entry per Member

Members are required to enter their teams based on the following:

Men's Triple (1 Team)	Min 3, Max 4 Male
Women's Triple (1 Team)	Min 3, Max 4
Team Relay (1 Team)	Min 3 Male and 3 Female, Max 4 Male and 4 Female

Withdrawals

Please ensure the organiser is informed immediately when a player/team has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason for withdrawal.

- Any withdrawal after the Draw Date, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to a fee of USD 150.00 for the inconvenience caused.
- Any player not showing up at the tournament without prior withdrawal renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of USD 500.00 for the no-show, as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations.

Competition Format

Regulations for Team Relay

The format of the Team Relay Competition will be a group phase followed by a knockout round. [BWF Statutes 4.2 - Rules of AirBadminton \(Nov 2024\)](#) will apply to the Tournament. Each tie will consist of 4 matches: one Women's Doubles (WD), one Men's Doubles (MD), one Women's Triples (WT) and one Men's Triples (MT). Each match will consist of 15 points in a relay format. The first team to reach 60 points will be declared the winner.

A Team Member can play one or two matches in a tie. However, additional rest time will not be given should there be two consecutive matches for the Team Member. Depending on the number of Team Members, the Hellenic Badminton Federation will award a maximum of 8 medals per winning Team, including gold, silver and bronze medallists.

Regulations for Triples

The format of the Triples Competition will be according to [BWF Statutes 4.2 - Rules of AirBadminton \(Nov 2024\)](#). Matches will consist of the best of five games, with each game won by the first side to score 9 points, and in case of 8-all, by the side with a two-point lead; in case of 12-all, the first side which scores the next point (13th) wins.

Clothing and Equipment

Athletes must play barefoot; however, the Referee may authorise an athlete to play with shoes and/or socks in special circumstances. Players may wear a hat/head covering, glasses or lenses at their own risk. It is recommended that the clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the event comply with the documents listed below:

- BWF Laws of Badminton (where applicable) - Section 4.
- BWF General Competition Regulations - Sections 20 to 24.

II — COMEBA CHAMPIONSHIP

Key Information

Dates	23–25 October 2026
Venue	Georgios Vasilakopoulos” Indoor Sports Hall, 50 Patron Street, Pyrgos, Greece
Events	Men's Singles (MS), Women's Singles (WS), Men's Doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD), Mixed Doubles (XD)
Competition System	Knock-out (K.O.) — BWF Laws of Badminton & General Competition Regulations
Shuttles	VICTOR
Courts	5 VICTOR courts
Venue Referee	Christos Evangelidis (Greece) — chrisev@sch.gr
Entries Close	Tuesday, 29 September 2026
Ranking Date (Seeding & Draws)	Thursday 8 October 2026
Draw Date	Saturday 10 October 2026
Team Managers Meeting	Thursday 22 October 2026, 20:00 — at the venue
Withdrawal Deadline (No Fee)	Friday, 16 October 2026

Match Schedule

Friday, 23 October 2026	
17:00	First Rounds
Saturday, 24 October 2026	
10:00	Quarter Finals
16:00	Semi Finals
Sunday, 25 October 2026	
10:00	Finals

Draw Size

Men's Singles / Women's Singles	32 players
Men's Doubles / Women's Doubles	24 pairs
Mixed Doubles	32 pairs

Entry Rules

Ranking Restriction

Only players outside the BWF TOP 200 in singles and outside the BWF TOP 170 in doubles disciplines are eligible to compete. This rule was approved by the Board of COMEBA and ensures that COMEBA events remain true to their developmental purpose.

Entries per Country

- Each country may enter a maximum of 2 players or pairs per event.
- The host nation (Greece) may enter a maximum of 4 participants or pairs per event.

BWF ID Requirement

Players cannot be entered unless they already hold a BWF ID number. If any of your players do not yet have a BWF ID number, please contact the BWF office well in advance of the tournament.

Minimum Draw Size (BWF Regulations)

In accordance with BWF Statutes SS9.2 and SS9.3 (Section 5.3.3.1 — World Ranking System), an event must contain at least 8 competitors in the first published version of the main draw.

In accordance with SS9.4, the first published version of the main draw must also contain at least 1 entry from a Member other than the hosting Member; otherwise, the event shall not count towards any ranking.

Outstanding Fees

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

Entry Fees

Events Entered	Fee per Player / Pair
1 discipline	EUR 40
2 disciplines	EUR 60
3 disciplines	EUR 80

Withdrawals

Please ensure the organiser is informed immediately when a player has to withdraw, preferably together with the reason for withdrawal.

- Any withdrawal after Sunday, 11 October 2026 (the date immediately preceding the draw), for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to a fee of USD 150.00 for the inconvenience caused.
- Any player not showing up at the tournament without prior withdrawal renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of USD 500.00 for the no-show, as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility

Participation is open to players of any National Association member of COMEBA.

BWF GCR 7.9 — Compliance

In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned reconfirms its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes.

Entries

All entries must be submitted via the official online entry system through [here](#). Once registered, navigate to the "Entries/Pay Entry Fees" tab to complete both your entry submission and payment.

Please note: No late entries will be accepted.

Entry Fees

The Member that enters a player into a COMEBA tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. Entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not withdrawn before the entry deadline.

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of a withdrawal after the deadline. For all withdrawn players, the Organisers may invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member

Draws

The draws will be conducted by Official Referees.

Conditions of Play

The tournaments will be played in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the General Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF and COMEBA.

Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered.

Competitors will be scratched if not ready to play when called

Visa

Once players have been entered in the tournament, it is the Member's responsibility to obtain any required visas for them. Visa applications should be submitted well in advance. The Tournament Organizer will make every reasonable effort to assist entered players in obtaining visas. Visa Letter requests can be submitted after completing your registration [here](#). Once registered, please navigate to the "Visa letter" tab to submit your request.

Deadline for visa request letters: **22 September 2026**.

Accommodation & Transportation

Booking Accommodation & Transportation Form

Accommodation & Transportation requests can be submitted after completing your registration [here](#). Once registered, please navigate to the "Booking Accommodation and Transport" tab to submit your request. Accommodation bookings are subject to availability and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date and time at which the completed booking form is received

Accommodation and transportation booking deadline: **23 September 2026**

Accommodation

Official Tournament Accommodation: [INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY](#), Ancient Olympia, 27065 Ilia, Greece

Room Type	Rate (per room / per night, incl. breakfast)
Single Room	EUR 110
Double Room (Standard)	EUR 150
Triple Room	EUR 170

Transport & Airport Transfers

Official Point of Arrival — Kalamata International Airport

The official point of arrival is [Kalamata International Airport](#) (Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos). Free transportation will be provided from Kalamata Airport to the official tournament accommodation (International Olympic Academy, Ancient Olympia), located approximately 110 km from the airport.

COMEBA AirBadminton Championship (17–18 October)

Participants travelling via Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) may use the following bus transfer service:

Arrival transfer (AIA to IOA)	Friday, 16 October 2026 at 16:00 EUR 40 per person
Departure transfer (IOA to AIA)	Sunday, 18 October 2026 at 15:00 EUR 40 per person
Journey time (IOA - AIA)	Approximately 3.5 hours

COMEBA Championship (23–25 October)

Participants travelling via Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) may use the following bus transfer service:

Arrival transfer (AIA to IOA)	Thursday, 22 October 2026 at 16:00 EUR 40 per person
Departure transfer (IOA to AIA)	Sunday, 25 October 2026 at 15:00 EUR 40 per person
Journey time (IOA - AIA)	Approximately 3.5 hours

Participants intending to travel via AIA should ensure they allow sufficient time before their scheduled flight departure.

Transport Services are available ONLY to participants who have booked their accommodation through the Organiser using the official Booking & Transportation Form.

Local Transportation

For the COMEBA Championship, shuttle bus services will be available between the International Olympic Academy (IOA) and the competition venue (Indoor Hall "Georgios Vasilakopoulos", Pyrgos) on each day of competition. Buses will operate at the start and end of each day's play. A detailed shuttle schedule will be published in due course.

The AirBadminton competition court is located within walking distance of the International Olympic Academy (Ancient Olympia).

Deadlines and Time Zone

All deadlines referred to in this Invitation (including entries, withdrawals, visa requests, accommodation, transportation, and any other submissions) expire at 23:59 Greek local time (GMT+03:00)

Medical Services

A physician will be present in the sports hall throughout the duration of the tournament.

Insurance

The Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from damages incurred by participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection with the tournament, according to local law. COMEBA 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 tournament.

It is recommended that Members and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy covering their potential legal liability.

The organising Member may cancel the tournament in the event of force majeure with the agreement of COMEBA. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If announced with less than 15 days' notice, the organising Member is liable for any expenses incurred by third parties (players, coaches, umpires, team managers, etc.). COMEBA is not liable for any costs incurred by third parties due to cancellation

Indemnity

To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the HBF, COMEBA, any local partner 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.

Badminton Integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions) 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 any game or match. Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approach by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of any match.

Further information: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Badminton Integrity

Under Greek law, drug testing may be carried out at random at any time. Doping controls may be conducted both in and out of competition, in accordance with the BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, and may involve the collection of urine and/or blood samples. Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their bodies. Before taking any medication, athletes should consult their doctor and, if necessary, obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

Meals and Drinks

During the tournament, a lounge will be available for athletes and coaches, where full meals, snacks and drinks may be purchased.

Stringing Service

Stringing services will be available at the venue at a cost of EUR 20.00 per racket.

Portrait Rights

Photographs and audio-visual recordings may be made during the tournament.

By participating in the tournament, players, coaches and officials consent to the recording, publication and broadcast of their images and voices in live or recorded television programmes, online streams, websites, radio programmes, films, press coverage and similar media.

ASD Sport Promotion and the official tournament photographer may use photographs and other images taken during the tournament for non-commercial promotional purposes.

Contacts

Tournament Director	Vasileios Kiomourtzidis
Email	events@badminton.gr kiomourtzidisV@hotmail.com
Mobile	+30 697 725 0083
Website	www.badminton.gr