



29 June 2021

**To: Qualifying Teams – TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup
Finals Continental Confederations**

**Subject: TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup Finals
Sunday 26th September to Sunday 03 October 2021
Energia Arena, Vantaa, Finland**

Dear Sirs,

With the recently announced change of dates and hosts for the TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup Finals for the World Team Championships, Badminton World Federation would like to invite you to reconfirm your participation in the Finals now to be held from 26 September to 3 October 2021 in Vantaa, Finland.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming the qualified teams including those from the continental team championships 2021 to the Finals in Vantaa near Helsinki.

Kind regards

Thomas Lund
Secretary General



Badminton World Federation
Invites entries to the
TOTALENERGIES BWF SUDIRMAN CUP FINALS 2021
to be organised on behalf of BWF by
BADMINTON FINLAND

Event	TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2021
Venue	Energia Arena
Dates of Championships	26 September to 03 October 2021
Host Association & Organisers contact details	<p>Suomen Sulkapalloliitto Badminton Finland Valimotie 10 00380 Helsinki Finland</p> <p>Tel: +358 40 526 99 39 E-mail: events@sulkapallo.fi Web: www.badminton.fi</p>
Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport
Technical officials /Medical	<p>Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girish Natu <p>Deputy referees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleopatra Monco • Jeff Bell • Artur Zaluzhnoi <p>Local Deputy Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilkka Vainio <p>On Court Doctors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sudeep Satpathy • Dr. Mohd Ali Emran • Dr. Ajaya Rana <p>Local Doctor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jyri Aalto

<p>Regulations</p>	<p>Conduct of the contest and play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please take note Major Events Tournaments Regulations Section 5.2.1 and Section 5.3.2 Time Lines for Tournaments • GCR 																		
<p>Clothing and advertising regulation</p>	<p>GCR 20 – 25 and BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7: Summary of GCR Clothing Regulations</p> <p>Coloured Clothing/ Register of coloured clothing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per Competition Regulation 5.3.7, Team Events: each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing). • Register of colour clothing – Please find attached the form to be submitted by 13 September 2021 <p>Note: You are reminded that any player changing during the 60-second break, to a shirt that does not comply with Competition Regulations, may be liable to penalties.</p> <p>Player Names Any name of a player on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with above regulation</p> <p>Regulation 5.3.7 In the Sudirman Cup, the name of the player’s association on the back of the shirt is mandatory.</p>																		
<p>Entries</p>	<p>Qualifying tournaments were planned to take place in calendar week 7 from 15-21 February 2021. However only the European mixed team championships was able to take place due to travel and border restrictions arising from the Covid 19 global pandemic affecting the other planned continental team championships.</p>																		
<p>TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup Qualifying Events</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="651 1453 1393 1883"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Event</th> <th>Venue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N/A</td> <td>All Africa Mixed Team Championships 2021</td> <td>Postponed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17-21 Feb 2021</td> <td>2021 European Mixed Team Championships</td> <td>Finland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2021</td> <td>Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2021</td> <td>Cancelled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N/A</td> <td>Oceania Mixed Team Championships 2021</td> <td>Cancelled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2021</td> <td>Pan Am Mixed Team Continental Championships 2021</td> <td>Cancelled</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Therefore, teams from Asia, Pan Am, Oceania and Africa qualified based on the World Rankings only and followed the quotas outlined below under Format.</p> <p>The overall strength of the teams was determined based on the World Ranking list (stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) of 23</p>	Date	Event	Venue	N/A	All Africa Mixed Team Championships 2021	Postponed	17-21 Feb 2021	2021 European Mixed Team Championships	Finland	Feb 2021	Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2021	Cancelled	N/A	Oceania Mixed Team Championships 2021	Cancelled	Feb 2021	Pan Am Mixed Team Continental Championships 2021	Cancelled
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Format: The Sudirman Cup shall be contested by 16 teams

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy holder
One	Host Member Association
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-Finalists Asia (4) • Semi-Finalists Europe (4) • Qualifier from Africa (1) • Qualifier from Oceania (1) • Winner from Pan Am (1) • Next three highest-ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3) • * If the trophy holder and /or Host Member Association also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest-ranked teams (excluding above) from the World rankings in the same continent will also qualify

- The competition shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw.
- Initially, the sixteen teams shall play in four groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (see diagram below).

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

Qualification & Seeding

- The regulations state that in addition to the holders and continental qualifiers, three (3) participating teams will qualify based on the overall strength of the team. All participating teams were seeded based on the overall strength of the team using the Tuesday 23 February 2021 world ranking.
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each country, shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team.

- Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.
- With the move of hosts from Suzhou China to Vantaa, Finland it has been decided to retain the same qualifying teams as originally qualified in February for the Suzhou hosted tournament which means the quota place for the hosts is temporarily waived. However, should a team decline to take part on the new dates Finland as hosts will be invited to participate first.

Qualified Teams and seeding

Member Associations	Seeds
China	1
Japan	2
Indonesia	3/4
Chinese Taipei	3/4
Korea	5/8
Thailand	5/8
Denmark	5/8
Malaysia	5/8
India	9/16
England	9/16
Canada	9/16
Germany	9/16
Russia	9/16
Finland	9/16
Egypt	9/16
Tahiti	9/16

Note: If any of the above teams withdraw the hosts Finland will be invited as first reserve.

Official Team Entry Confirmation closing date

Must be received in the **BWF Secretariat** by **Thursday, 15 July 2021, time: 23.59 hours (KL time)**

World Ranking Dates to decide the ranking order of Singles doubles and Mixed doubles

Tuesday, 23 February 2021

Penalty for withdrawal

The following fees be charged to Member associations should they withdraw;

- After the entry dateline and before the draw USD1000
- After the draw – USD3000
- Does not participate (No Show) USD 5000

<p>Draw Date</p> <p>World Ranking Dates for knock out stage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Wednesday, 25 Aug 2021 • Time: 3.00 pm local time • Location: XLV CREATIVE SB Studio Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <p>Knock – out Draw ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Thursday, 30 September 2021 • Time: Immediately after the last tie of Group 1 • Venue; Press conference room <p>World ranking date for knock out draw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 28 September 2021
<p>Nomination of players, team managers and other officials</p>	<p>Nomination of Teams (using online facility): – Deadline Monday, 13 September 2021</p> <p>You must nominate the players in the online entry system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each competing Member Association shall nominate to the BWF, not fewer than two male and not fewer than two female players; and not more than a total of 20 players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. This must be made within the stipulated time in the online entry system • Click the LINK below and use your member association login and password to submit the players https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1BD7E5BD-0C17-496D-B17F-F60CD04626C0 <p>Please take note Major Events Tournaments Regulations Section 5.2.1 and Section 5.3.2 Time Lines for Tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11. Constitution of Ties and teams • Nomination of teams • Order of play • Substitution <p>Team Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send the name of your Team Manager using the attached form by Monday, 13 September 2021 • team arrival details
<p>Handover of the composition for the team for that time</p>	<p>Four hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decreed by the referee (4 hours). Online team composition will be made available. Login and password will be given at the team managers meeting.</p> <p>Eight hours prior to the time fixed for a tie in Semi-final and Finals or such other period as decreed by the referee (8 hours). Online team composition will be made available. Login and password will be given at the team managers meeting</p>

**Outline schedule
Subject to change and
the final schedule to be
approved by the referee**

Groups and Schedule of Play

The outline schedule of play is attached.

Approximately one week after the draw BWF agree to produce Order of Play (detailed schedule) to be forwarded to all member associations taking into account television broadcaster's requests. This will be available on the relevant page of the BWF web-site.

Group matches will be played on 3 courts on Sunday and Monday and on 2 courts from Tuesday onwards.

Date	Day	Events	Rounds
Sunday 26 Sept	Day 1	Sudirman Cup	Group matches
Monday 27 Sept	Day 2	Sudirman Cup	Group matches
Tuesday 28 Sept	Day 3	Sudirman Cup	Group matches
Wednesday 29 Sept	Day 4	Sudirman Cup	Group matches
Thursday 30 Sept	Day 5	Sudirman Cup	Group matches
Friday 1 Oct	Day 6	Sudirman Cup	Quarter-finals 1 Quarter-finals 2
Saturday 2 Oct	Day 7	Sudirman Cup	Semi-finals 1 Semi-finals 2
Sunday 3 Oct	Day 8	Sudirman Cup	Finals

Practice facilities

Practice courts will be available upon request as follows

- The practice courts will be available from **Friday 24 Sept 2021 to Saturday 2 Oct 2021 at a practise hall from 9.00am - 9.00pm**
- Familiarisation on the competition courts will be available from **9.00am - 9.00pm on Friday, 24 Sept 2021 and from 9.00am - 8.00pm on Saturday, 25 Sept 2021.**
- Familiarisation on the competition courts once competition has begun is necessarily very limited but will be available Sunday 26 Oct to Sunday 03 Oct 2021. Timings of the practice sessions will be updated closer to tournament date. The booking procedure for this practice will be explained at the team managers meeting.
- Requests for pre competition practice facilities either in the practice or main hall must reach BWF **by Tuesday 7 September 2021.**
- Please complete the attached practice form and forward to BWF Events Officer Shan Ramachandran:
s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org and copy the organisers. The forms are also posted on

	<p>the BWF official website along with confirmed available practice times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness facilities are available at the tournament hotel.
Arrival of participating Teams	Forty - eight hours prior to first schedule tie (48 hours)
Team managers meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time: 14.00 hours • Date: Saturday 25 September 2021 • Venue: at the tournament hotel <p>It is compulsory that all team managers must attend the team managers meeting as stated in GCR 9.3.3 Failure to attend the meeting is liable to a fine as stated in BWF Statutes-Chapter 2 - Section 2.5 - Table of Offences and Penalties</p> <p>Member Associations can make a request to be represented at the meeting by another Member Association as long as the Referee knows in advance and agrees that it is acceptable.</p> <p>All teams must report their arrival to the Referee 48 hours before the start of their first tie, unless otherwise agreed with the Referee.</p>
Shuttlecocks	<p>BWF approved tournament grade shuttlecocks. Three speeds will be available.</p> <p>PRACTICE; Each player will be allocated three shuttlecocks free of charge.</p>
Insurance	Participants must arrange their own insurance for Covid 19, health, travel and property. The organisers will not be responsible for any medical costs.
Medals	<p>All medals will be suitably inscribed by the BWF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners - Gold • Runners-up - Silver • Losing Semi-finalists - Bronze • 15 Medals each for the above teams
Grants	TBC
Tournament Tickets and Rates	To be updated.
Visa Application	<p>Teams who require a VISA for Finland should apply for this at the Finnish embassy/consulate in their country. In order to receive a Visa support letter/invitation from the organisers please fill in the visa support letter form and attach the passport copies of all the persons in question. Deadline to submit the visa support letter form is 26.8.2021. For further information please contact events@sulkapallo.fi</p>

Hotel information and Bookings	<p>All Players, team officials and entourages must stay at the official Tournament Hotel which is Hotel Skyline https://airporthotelskyline.fi/en/</p> <p>Please see the attachments for hotel room rates, booking form and flight detail form.</p>
Transportation	<p>Airport transfers from/to the airport will be provided for the teams / officials attending the tournament who are staying at the official tournament hotel.</p> <p>Transport between the Official Hotel and the Venue & practice hall will also be provided.</p> <p>Please find the flight/arrival detail form attached.</p>
Accreditation	<p>Accreditation policy will be defined closer to the event based on the guidelines given by the local authorities related to the Covid-19 situation and possible restrictions.</p>
Medical and Drug Testing	<p>There will be doctors and medical team in attendance at the tournament and physiotherapy service will be available free for the players.</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: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</p>
Covid 19 Safety Protocols	<p>BWF and the hosts will establish appropriate safety protocols and will advise these in a bespoke document by August 2021.</p>



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**TEAM MANAGER FORM
 TOTALENERGIES BWF SUDIRMAN CUP 2021
 FINALS
 26 Sept to 3 Oct 2021
 Vantaa, Finland**

Please complete and return by Monday, 13 September 2021 to:

BWF address or e-mail to v.mahalingam@bwfbadminton.org or fax: +603 2143 7155

You must appoint a Manager for your team. The Team Manager must attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and in particular the Team Managers Meeting prior to the start of the Championships. Failure to do so may render a team liable to disqualification at the Referee's discretion.

Name of Team Manager	
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Mobile telephone number or contact telephone number of Team Manager:

Mobile number:	
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Arrival in Vantaa:

The Referee may disqualify any team failing to report its arrival in Vantaa at least 48 hours before the time of its first tie. If for any reason you plan to arrive later, you must notify us at the end of this form; this must be agreed with BWF who reserve the right to withhold such permission:

Arrival details:	Date:	Approx time:
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If planning to arrive less than 48 hours before the time of your first tie please state reason why and give travel arrival details, (as detailed above this is subject to agreement with BWF):

Reason:	
Arrival details:	
Name of Member Association:	
Date:	