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ISC - APEX BADMINTON SENIOR ELITE TOUR 2026

24 JAN TO 08 FEB 2026



Last date of registration
18th January 2026

Senior (UAE Residents only):

- Men Singles-B (Non-Ranking)
- Men Doubles-B (Non-Ranking)
- Women Singles-B (Non-Ranking)
- Women Doubles-B (Non-Ranking)
- Mixed Doubles-B (Non-Ranking)
- Men Singles-C (Non-Ranking)
- Men Doubles-C (Non-Ranking)

Senior (UAE Residents only):

Above 35, Above 40, Above 45,
Above 50, Above 55

- Men Singles
- Men Doubles
- Women Singles
- Women Doubles
- Mixed Doubles



FOR REGISTRATION



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[Part of the UAE Badminton Senior Elite Tour]

24th Jan to 8th Feb 2026

**Venue: India Social & Cultural
Centre, Abu Dhabi**





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Tournament Name	ISC Apex UAE Badminton Senior Elite Tour 2026					
Organizer:	India Social & Cultural Centre (ISC), Abu Dhabi – UAE					
Sanctioned by:	UAE Badminton Federation.					
Tournament Dates:	24th, 25th, 31st, January & 1st, February 2026 (7th & 8th as reserve days)					
	Provisional Schedule of Play					
	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	# of Courts	Events
	2026-01-24	Saturday	09:00	21:00	2	TBC
	2026-01-25	Sunday	09:00	21:00	2	TBC
	2026-01-31	Saturday	09:00	22:00	2	TBC
	2026-02-01	Sunday	09:00	21:00	2	TBC
	2026-02-07	Saturday	09:00	22:00	2	Reserve Day
	2026-02-08	Sunday	09:00	21:00	2	Reserve Day
	<i>Note: Please refer to the Tournament Software website for the daily match schedule once the draws are Published</i>					
Tournament Venue:	Address: India Social & Cultural Center - Abu Dhabi, Mina Street, Near Fire Station. Phone: +971 2 673 0066, www.iscabudhabi.com Location map: https://goo.gl/maps/4KLp3Fa7KqYE8ifV6					
Prizes:	Trophies & Cash Prizes for Winners and runners-up, and Trophies for Semi-finalists					
Events:	The tournament will have the following events					
	Men's Singles:	MS 35+,MS 40+,MS 45+,MS 50+,MS 55 & ABOVE				
	Men's Doubles:	MD 35+,MD 40+,MD 45+,MD 50+,MD 55 & ABOVE				
	Woman's Singles:	WS 35+,WS 40+,WS 45+,WS 50+,WS 55 & ABOVE				
	Woman's Doubles:	WD 35+,WD 40+,WD 45+,WD 50+,WD 55 & ABOVE				
	Mixed Doubles	XD 35+,XD 40+,XD 45+,XD 50+,XD 55 & ABOVE				
	Disclaimer: - The Organizer reserves the right to cancel any of the above event(s) without an adequate number of entries (minimum eight entries preferred). The					





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	organizer shall refund any Entry fees (if collected) for the canceled event(s) from the registration desk during tournament days.		
Age Classification Reference (for 2026) (BWF format, calendar year considered)	35+ - born in the year 1990 or earlier	50+ - born in the year 1975 or earlier	
	40+ - born in the year 1985 or earlier	55 & Above – born in the year 1970 or earlier	
	45+ - born in the year 1980 or earlier		
Eligibility:	<p>The tournament entry is open to Senior players with “Active Player Membership from the UAE Badminton and in Good Standing.”</p> <p>For Player Membership and verification, please visit the website http://www.uaebadminton.ae/w/membership/player-membership</p> <p>UAE Badminton Player Membership Update: Players already listed in the UAE Badminton Senior Elite Tour Rankings and holding a valid UAE Badminton ID must renew their membership for 2026 and pay the applicable fee to the UAE Badminton Federation on or before the online draw for this tournament.</p> <p>New players who do not yet have a UAE Badminton ID may register and complete the required payment before the commencement of the tournament.</p> <p>Players must carry adequate proof of their ID renewal and payment for the above to be able to participate in the upcoming Senior Elite Tour series.</p> <p>The UAE Badminton Federation reserves the right to deny entry or participation to any player who has not fulfilled the above mandatory requirements.</p> <p>The Player’s UAE residence visa* must be valid throughout the tournament. Please keep a copy of the Emirates ID or Passport & the valid visa page for verification. *Mandatory for Senior Tour (Ranking) events sanctioned by UAE Badminton.</p>		
Entry fees:	<p>Singles events: AED 100/- per entry, Doubles Events: AED 200/- per team.</p> <p>Payable at: - The registration desk at the venue, or payment link as provided by ISC, Abu Dhabi.</p>		
Online Entry:	<p>Online Entry Link:</p> <p>https://www.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/C93DECA9-D82C-496A-A991-FCF6F2CAC15A</p> <p>or</p> <p>https://forms.gle/TF3YUdRYjRd96aKP8</p> <p>Instructions to the players availing online entry via the Tournament Software website: - Member ID under “Sport Details” of a player’s Tournament Profile must</p>		





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	be the valid UAE Badminton Player Membership ID (format yy-1234). The EID must be presented to the Registration Desk on the tournament day for validation.
Entries closing date:	Final closing date for all entries (corrected group and regular individual entries): 18th January 2026, 23:59 hours.
Maximum Entries: (as per UAE Badminton regulations)	Each player is permitted to participate in a maximum of three (3) events in the tournament. A participant can participate in any three events in the senior circuit provided that both the partners are within the age criteria. This can be a combination of Singles and Doubles or Singles only or Doubles only
Rules and Regulations:	The Championship will strictly follow the Laws of Badminton (updated 26 th April 2025). The BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR, updated 8 th Nov 2025) shall apply to the Championship to the extent of national tournament requirements, except for clothing and advertising. The UAE Badminton Regulations & BWF Codes of Conduct (CoC, available for download from the link) apply to this tournament. CoC – Players CoC- Coaches & Educators CoC – Technical Officials In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.
Rules and Regulations - updates:	BWF ITTO Updates 3.6.1.2: The Tournament Doctor’s duty is to examine the player’s injury and quickly determine whether it is medically advisable for the player to continue to play. The decision, however, which shall be taken as fast as possible, remains with the player. The Tournament Doctor may apply a quick relief, such as a bandage on a bleeding injury, but no time-consuming treatment is allowed except in the regular intervals and then only if the Tournament Doctor estimates that the treatment can be completed (or nearly so) before the interval ends. 3.6.1.9: In giving guidance to Umpires in briefings and when called on to court, the Referee shall encourage Umpires to exercise flexibility in consideration of players leaving and returning back to the court during an interval (Law 16.5.2) on account of acute sickness or sanitary needs. Laws of Badminton – Clause 9.1.1 https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/news-single/2024/12/17/player-update-service-undue-delay/ The Laws of Badminton, Clause 9.1.1, state that neither side shall cause undue delay to the delivery of the service once the server and receiver are ready for the





service.

This means that once players are in a position to serve and receive, any excessive delay is undue delay, whether it is a player holding their hand up indicating they are not ready, standing in a position ready to serve and doing nothing, or the side-to-side motion. Standing doing nothing or side-to-side motions are not preparation; preparation has already happened before the players stand ready to serve or receive.

Umpires may call servers or receivers for these types of undue delays in upcoming tournaments, using their best judgment.

Time Clock Testing:

As part of its initiatives to improve sports presentation, BWF has embarked on testing a time clock system to facilitate continuous play for select tournaments starting in 2026.

Though the above is not applicable for National Tournaments yet, we shall endeavour to follow the times recommended, to keep our TOs and Players abreast with the upcoming regulations.

The following are the principles on which the regulations are based:

- Players are allocated 25 seconds between each rally
- The clock starts when the umpire updates the score
- The server must be ready to serve before the end of the 25 seconds
- The receiver must be ready to receive when the server is in a position to serve
- Umpires have the discretion, using their best judgment, to allow more than 25 seconds between rallies (i.e., not enforce), depending on circumstances (e.g., medical intervention, significant mopping required, etc.); and
- Players have freedom to undertake normal activities between rallies, including towel-off and getting a drink, which currently require the permission of the umpire, and the freedom to apply cold spray to themselves if they are ready to serve/receive within the 25 seconds.

<https://bwfbadminton.com/news-single/2025/09/10/regulations-approved-for-testing-of-time-clock-system>

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/news-single/2025/11/06/time-clock-and-continuous-play-guidelines-for-players-and-coaches>

Recommendations regarding clothing worn during play and ceremonies

Please note that the following clothing regulations are advised for the tournament:

1. Players' Clothing:

- The **BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR)** sections **21.4, 21.5,**





	<p>and 21.6, titled ‘Colour of Players’ Clothing,’ shall be enforced for the Semi-Final and Final matches of the tournament.</p> <p>2. Exemptions and Restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 23 of the BWF GCR is not mandatory; however, players are strictly prohibited from wearing T-shirts that display affiliations to any local club, state, or province except their registered Academy, Sponsor, or Club within the United Arab Emirates. ○ If a Country Name is displayed, as per GCR 23.5, it must exclusively state ‘UAE.’ <p>3. Coaches’ Clothing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaches must adhere to the BWF Code of Conduct for Coaches and Educators, including strict compliance with clothing regulations. <p>These guidelines are in place to maintain uniformity and uphold the standards of the tournament.</p>
<p>Scoring System:</p> <p><small>(The Tournament Referee shall decide on such matters, if any change is necessary, based on the number of entries.)</small></p>	<p>3x15 (21) BWF Alternate Scoring System (as per BWF Statutes, Section 4.1.4)</p>
<p>Withdrawals, No Show, etc.:</p> <p>UAE Badminton</p> <p>BWF Statutes (GCR 13.6 & 13.7)</p>	<p>Last Date for withdrawal of entry: 19th January 2026, 23:59 hours</p> <p>Any player withdrawing from either the qualifying or main draw after the publication of the draw without evidence or proof of “bona fide” injury, illness, bereavement, or other emergency is subject to disciplinary action from the UAE Badminton Federation. In addition, they must complete the related formalities and obtain clearance before applying for entry into the next sanctioned tournament.</p> <p>13.6. Retiring from a match in a Tournament shall not be considered to be a withdrawal</p> <p>13.6.1. Should a Player be entered in more than one event by retiring or withdrawing from one event, the player must be withdrawn from all other Events in which the player is entered.</p> <p>13.7. If a Player or pair (not reported as withdrawn) fails to turn up in time for a match, the Referee may declare a ‘no show’ and award the match as a walkover to the opposing player or pair.</p>
<p>Table of Offenses and Penalties</p>	<p>The UAE Badminton Federation reserves the right to impose penalties for violations as stipulated in the BWF Statutes, Section 2.5: Table of Offences and Penalties (updated 8 November 2025).</p> <p>The following offences are highlighted due to their relevance. Kindly note that these provisions apply to tournaments commencing on or after 1 January 2026.</p>





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	Offense	Incidence of Fees/ Penalty	Amount of Fees/ Penalty
	Breach of GCR (Section 5.1) Clause 13.7 – ‘No show in an event in a tournament.	For the first incident (per Player / Pair) And every subsequent incident (calendar year)	AED 500 AED 1000
	Breach of Players' Code of Conduct (Section 2.2.4) Clause 3.2.1 – late arrival for a match Arriving late for a match resulting in a ‘No show’.	For the first incident And every subsequent incident (calendar year)	AED 250 AED 500
	A yellow card in any Senior Elite Tour event in a calendar year.	For the third yellow card (calendar year). And every subsequent yellow card (calendar year).	AED 500 AED 250
	A red card in any Senior Elite Tour event in a calendar year.	For every red card	AED 500
	In addition to the above, all the offenses (players, coaches, team officials, etc.) outlined in the BWF Statutes Section 2.5: Table of Offences and Penalties shall apply to UAE Badminton Sanctioned tournaments.		
	Any penalty imposed on a player/ coach must be settled within 15 days from the date the invoice is issued to the player or the academy. Failure to comply will render the player ineligible to participate in the next tournament.		
Team Managers’ Meeting & Draw:	TBA		
Shuttles:	We shall use BWF-approved feather shuttlecocks throughout the tournament. Yonex AS 30		
Date & time of Finals	Date and Time TBC – shall be published after the entry closure.		
Tournament Committee:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Deepu Mathew (ISC Sports Secretary) • Mr. Rakesh Ramakrishnan • Mr. Aboobaker Noushad 		





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Competition Manager	Mr. Rakesh Ramakrishnan Phone: +971 50 800 4083 & Email: info@iscabudhabi.com
Senior Tour Coordinators	Mr. Rajesh K P Phone: +971 50 5201433 & Email: info@uaebadminton.ae
Tournament Referee:	Mr. Bhaskar Vemulappalli and the UAE Badminton Federation Referee Team
Deputy Referee:	Mr. James Cyriac
TO Briefing	TBC
<i>Other Matters</i>	
Presentation Ceremony	TBC (After completion of all finals of Senior and Elite events) The winner and runner-up players/pairs are required to participate in these ceremonies. We shall present Trophies to all winners and runners-up and medals to the semi-finalists. Players may wear tracksuits during presentation ceremonies, but no other advertising is permitted.

General information	
Other Contacts	For any queries , UAE Badminton Federation: info@uaebadminton.ae Venue: India Social & Cultural Center - Abu Dhabi, Mina Street, Near Fire Station. Phone: +971 2 673 0066, Email: info@iscabudhabi.com
Indemnity & Insurance clauses, if any.	By registering for this tournament, players, parents, and academies acknowledge that players are healthy and fit to participate. They also understand that neither the organizers nor the UAE Badminton Federation can be held responsible for any injuries, illnesses, or health issues that may arise during the event. All participants must take necessary precautions and prioritize their well-being throughout the tournament. The player concerned shall bear any costs incurred for diagnosis, consultancy, medical treatment (including any surgical procedure), or hospitalization.
Equipment Partner	Al Raed Pioneers (Yonex UAE)
Water, Food, and	There are many restaurants and snack counters at/near the venue, where





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other amenities	<p>players/parents can pay and avail snacks, sandwiches, juices, etc., throughout the competition hours.</p> <p>A racket stringing facility is also available at the venue during competition hours.</p>
Parking	<p>Free parking is available on the back side of the venue. Paid parking is available in front of the venue and in nearby locations.</p>
Special Note:	<p>All events will run on a strict timetable. Competitors must reach the venue one hour before the scheduled match time and be ready to play thirty minutes before. If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time, they will be disqualified. The Referee will announce any changes to the schedule of play.</p> <p>By registering for this tournament, the player agrees that they will be available to play on the tournament dates. Player unavailability related to their other commitment will not be accepted.</p> <p>Players can request unavailability to avoid the dates of international events registered via the UAE Badminton Federation; it is the sole discretion of the UAE Badminton Federation or the referee team to decide on such a request.</p> <p>During the event, dedicated physio and first aid medical support will be available for players.</p>
About the Venue	<p>India Social & Cultural Centre (ISC), Abu Dhabi, is the premier socio-cultural organization and the apex body of the registered Indian associations in the capital city of Abu Dhabi. With the benevolence and magnanimity of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the father of the UAE, the Unity Club has been transformed into the India Social and Cultural Centre, a new identity in serving the Indian community. Located in Abu Dhabi, it has become a home away from home for the Indian Diaspora. It serves as a venue for members and their families for a wide range of social, cultural, literary, educational, and recreational activities.</p>





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