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Kotak Pullela Gopichand

Badminton Academy

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KOTAK India Junior International Series 2026

18th to 23rd August 2026
Hyderabad, INDIA



KOTAK India Junior International Series 2026

Organizer	Badminton Association of India (BAI) D-6/10, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110057. India T: +91 11 41450524 E: indiajiyderabad@badmintonindia.org W: www.badmintonindia.org
Host Organizer	Badminton Association of Telangana C/o. Kotak Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy, Survey No: 91, ISB Road, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500032 Telangana. India Mobile: +91 (97010) 53060
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Competition Manager	Mr. Uday Dhananjay Sane Email: uday9823063110@yahoo.co.in
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Referee	Mr. Aruna Sanjeeva Wijesekera (SRI) Email: sanjeewabac@yahoo.com
Deputy Referee	Mr. Milind Deshmukh (IND) Email: sportsden77@yahoo.in
Sanctioned by	Badminton World Federation & Badminton Asia
Date	18th (Tuesday) August – 23rd (Sunday) August 2026
Venue	Kotak Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy # Survey No 91, Beside Infosys, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500032 Telangana. India. Tel: +91 9701053060
Media Links	Championship's website: www.badmintonindia.org  @badmintonassociationofindia Badminton Association India  @BAI_Media @BAI_Media



Entry Fee	The following entry fees shall be charged: Entries from all other member associations/countries except India: Singles: USD 50 (Per player) Doubles: USD 80 (Per pair) Entries from India: Singles: INR 4,750 (Per player) Doubles: INR 7,600 (Per pair) The Entry Fee should be paid in cash at the venue.																																													
Entries	Member Associations are advised to submit your entries ONLINE at the link provided: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=24DD9DB1-E704-45CD-A834-455BB345E819 Entry Deadline: Tuesday, 21st July 2026 Kindly contact BWF at technicalevents@bwf.sport for the username and password if required. The online entry page will close immediately on the entry closing date at 23:59 Hours Badminton Asia Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT). 1. All late submissions, including technical errors, will not be accepted. 2. All entries MUST be submitted by ranking order. 3. No changes to the entries are allowed except for withdrawal after the close of entries until the draw has been made. 4. All entries MUST only be submitted through your Members Association. For members who are having technical difficulties, kindly contact Mr. Haziq at haziq@badmintonasia.org before the Entry Deadline provided above. 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 (the next day of the entries closing date) by noon BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries. If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday (the second day after the entries closing day) 23.59 hours BWF Headquarters time (+08.00h GMT) following the close of entries, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections shall be entertained after this point.																																													
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Format of Play	BWF Rally Point System: 3 x 21 points, Play will be in accordance with the Laws of Badminton, as mentioned on the BWF website.																														
Prize Money & Medals	Total Prize Money of US\$ 5,000 (subject to withholding taxes as per regulations of the Government of India, present minimum rate is 20.80%) will be distributed at the Prize Giving Ceremony. A copy of the player's passport is required for verification purposes.																														
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Withdrawals	The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14. Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section). Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute, Section 2.5). Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Host Organiser are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal. If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee or Deputy Referee(s) and must also be confirmed in writing to: Mr. Aruna Sanjeeva Wijsekera (SRI) Email: sanjeewabac@yahoo.com Competition Manager: Mr. Uday Dhananjay Sane Email: uday9823063110@yahoo.co.in
Shuttles	YONEX AS-40
Competition Rules & Regulation	Relevant Badminton World Federation Regulations shall be applicable to this competition.
Clothing & Advertising	Clothing and advertising will be permitted in accordance with the competition regulations of the Badminton World Federation. (GCR 20 - 24) The player's name on the back of clothing shall be identical to the name registered as the Last Name (or an abbreviation thereof) in the BWF Player database. Last Name is defined as the family name, surname or similar name under the respective naming protocol of the Member count. (GCR 23.3) In cases where colors of clothing clash on TV Court, The referee/umpire may request that the players change their clothing to a different color, The player with the lower ranking in accordance with the M&Q Report will be asked to change. <u>MANDATORY CLOTHING REGULATIONS</u> 1. Name of player is MANDATORY from the first day of the event. 2. From Quarter Finals onwards, doubles partners must wear clothing of the same colour. 3. From Quarter Finals onwards, opposing players must wear clothing of significantly different colors.
On Court Doctor	On Court Doctor will be on duty throughout the competition at the tournament Venue.
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, 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(es). For more information, please refer to BWF's website: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/
Compliance with GCR 7.9	GCR 7.9: "In making or authorizing entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary Processes."
Technical Officials Briefing	17th August 2026 (Monday) at 16:00 Hours Venue: 3rd Floor, Conference Hall, Tournament Venue
Team Managers Meeting	17th August 2026 (Monday) at 17:00 Hours Venue: 3rd Floor, Conference Hall, Tournament Venue * As per BWF Regulations, each Team must be represented in the Team Manager's Meeting. Failing to attend may result in penalty.
Visa Application	Contingents requiring visas for entry into India are required to submit Visa Request Form (Link) online along with copies of their passport to arrange visas no later than Tuesday, 21st July 2026 in the enclosed form. If a visa is required to enter India, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. Please complete and return the Visa Request Form as soon as possible so you can reach us before the date specified in the form. You must apply for your visa at least 21 working days before it is needed to allow time for your application to be processed. Please note that the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee the issue of a visa or entry into India. The Indian Embassy / High Commission in your country makes the final decision. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa sufficiently in advance. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly by the Consular Officer handling your application. We do not accept any responsibility, nor are we liable under any circumstances for the costs and/or any hardships caused by the non-granting of a visa for any reason whatsoever. Where required, courier costs to post letters of invitation will be charged to your association. The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively and supporting documentation is provided, where requested. The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.
Presentation Ceremonies	All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 23rd August 2026, immediately after the conclusion of finals. Medals/trophies/others will be presented to all champions and finalists. Only Finalists, Prize presenters, and authorized persons are allowed on the field of play during the prize presentation ceremony. 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 24.3



**Hotel /
Accommodation
Reservation**

All expenditures (Hotel and Food) must be borne by the respective National Association/Federation of Participants. Hotel Booking is done through the organizer. Kindly submit the online [Hotel Booking Request Form](#) (Link)

Celebrity Prime Hospitality	Room Category	Single Occupancy (INR) Per Day	Double Occupancy (INR) Per Day	Other Statutory Charges
CASA HOTEL AND SUITES # Financial District, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500075.	Standard Room	5,500	6,500	5%

NO TRIPLE OCCUPANCY in any room allowed.

Inclusions:

- Complimentary buffet breakfast
- Daily 2-litre mineral water
- High-speed Wi-Fi connectivity in the room
- Usage of the gymnasium

Kindly note the following:

There are limited rooms available in the hotel. The allotment will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel reservations should be made **ONLY** through the Organizing Committee.

We can only provide accommodation to those registered using the Hotel Request Form. no later than **Tuesday, 4th August 2026**. No guarantee for the availability of rooms can be given for late bookings. No deviation will be made from the hotel booking procedure specified below.

Full Payment to be made upon arrival to the organizers:

On receipt of your hotel booking request, we will raise an official invoice for processing the hotel booking payment.

Reservations/occupation of extra rooms at the time of check-in will attract a surcharge of 20%.

We will send you a confirmation and provide the hotel details after the closing date, or after having received your confirmation email.

Once the Invoice is sent, no more changes/cancellation will be accepted.

Cancellation Fees:

No cancellation for all confirmed bookings (Guarantee booking applies)

Cancellation of rooms cannot be made at check-in. Injuries, Visa problems or sickness are not valid reasons for cancellation of rooms.

An early departure/amendment of dates after check-in shall be subject to the 100% cancellation fees.

Contact Person: **Mr Maqdoom Ahmed;**

Email: indiaji@hyderabad@badmintonindia.org

Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9701053060



Transportation	Transport will be provided by the organizer Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad (HYD) to the official hotel. to the venue and back. Kindly submit the Flight Details Form (Link) no later than Tuesday, 07th August 2026. Contact Person: Mr Maqdoom Ahmed; Email: indiajihyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9701053060
Practice Sessions	Practice session will be arranged at the Practice Hall Practice Request Form (Link), please complete and return the Form no later than Tuesday, 11th August 2026. From Monday to Friday, 17th to 21st August 2026 Practice Facility – Kotak Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (4 Courts Only) (4 courts) (Schedule- 10:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs. Only) Need to book the practice courts from Tue - Fri in the manager meetings only. No Changes will be made on later stage. For Saturday & Sunday, practice courts can be booked online by making a payment. Main Hall Practice – 17th August 2026 (Only) (Schedule- 10:00 Hrs. to 18:00 Hrs. – 6 Courts)
Medical Services	A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players. The Physio services will be available with prior appointment and payment of fees directly to the physio. An emergency care unit and free physiotherapy services will be available during the competition schedule.
Indemnity & Insurance	Any participating associations and its delegated competitors/officials should agree to indemnity and not hold the Organizer, Host Organizer, and their respective organizing committee, officers, officials, employees, agents, and representative accountable for and against any claims for all liabilities, damage, personal injury, financial loss, death or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said tournament. The organizer will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any player or official arising from his participation in these Championships. Any costs incurred for medical treatment and/or hospitalization shall be borne by the Member Association of the player / official concerned. Please ensure that your players & team officials possess the requisite insurance coverage to meet current requirements. All Teams are responsible for their players, coaches, officials' health and fitness. All Teams are to check and ensure their players & Officials are medically fit to participate in this tournament.
Media Details Player Media Obligations	It is a condition of entry into BWF-sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organizers, or other tournament officials, are required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute, Section 5.3.6). Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s) if requested.
Video Recording and Photography	Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy. Video recording within the competition venue is only permitted by accredited players and team officials of participating Member Associations from clearly defined positions using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorization must be obtained in advance from the tournament Competition Manager in the Managers' Meeting and during the event.



Important Deadlines	Items	Deadline	Useful Contacts/Links
	Entry Deadline M&Q Ranking Date	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Online Entry Link: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/24DD9DB1-E704-45CD-A834-455BB345E819
	M&Q Publish Date	Friday 24 th July 2026	Badminton Asia Website & BWF Fansite
	Visa Invitation Letter	Friday 21 st July 2026	Contact Person: Mr M. K Singh ; Email: indiajihyderabad@badmintonindia.org Copy to: assistantsecretary@badmintonindia.org Mobile / WhatsApp: +91- 99992 33976
	Hotel Reservation	Tuesday 04 th August 2026	Contact Person: Mr Maqdoom Ahmed ; Email: indiajihyderabad@badmintonindia.org Mobile / WhatsApp: +91-9701053060
	Flight Details	Friday 07 th August 2026	
	Last Date of Withdrawal without Penalty	Monday 10 th August 2026	Badminton Asia Website & BWF Fan site
	Seeding Ranking Date Draw's Report	Tuesday 11 th August 2026	
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