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YONEX –SUNRISE 48TH INDIAN MASTERS (VETERAN) NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS -2025-26 AT GOA FROM 18TH TO 25TH MARCH 2026. (ALL AGE GROUPS – 35+ TO 80+)

Date: 03-02-2026

CIRCULAR

- Organizer** :: Goa Badminton Association
- Sanctioned by** :: Badminton Association of India
- Dates** :: **18th to 25th March 2026**
18th March 2026 – Qualifying 55+,60+,65+,70+,75+,80+
19th to 22nd March 2026 – Main Draw 55+,60+,65+,70+,75+,80+
21st March 2026 Qualifying 35+,40+,45+,50+
22nd to 25th March 2026 – Main Draw - 35+,40+,45+,50+
- Venue** :: Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, Salcete – Goa
- Events & Age of Eligibility** :: The Tournament will be organised in following age groups. Players having the specified eligibility date of birth with BAI ID numbers are eligible.

Group	Age under years as on the reference date		Year born or earlier
Men, Women	+35, +40, +45,+50, +55, +60, +65, +70, +75, +80	Singles/ Doubles / Mixed Doubles	1990/1985//1980,/1975/ 1970,/1965/1960/1955/ 1950/ 1945

A player is eligible to participate in maximum 3 events (1Singles, 1 Doubles & 1 Mixed Doubles)

The Member Associations shall be entitled to following quota of entries for Main Draw

Condition	No.of Entries		
	Singles	Doubles	Mixed
All Member Associations in each category	Two	One	One
Host Member Association additional entries in each category	Two	One	One
All Semi-Finalists (In Singles) and all Finalists (in Pair Events) of All India Master Ranking 2026 held at Agra will get direct entries	Four	Two	Two





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- Entries Closing Date** :: **27th February 2026**
The Entries shall be received by BAI as per the existing system with a copy to Org. Secretary. The entries are to be received through **Affiliated Units only** at **entry@badmintonindia.org** (Direct entries from the Players will not be accepted)
- Doubles Entries** :: States forwarding names for Doubles partnering player from different States should have NOC or otherwise names of same pair should come from both the States failing which the entry will not be considered.
- Entry Fees** :: The entry fee for qualifying shall be as follows.
Singles events of all categories -- Rs. 1000/- per player
Doubles events of all categories-- Rs. 2000/- per pair
- Mode of Competition** :: All matches in Main draw shall be played on best of three games of 21 points in rally point system. However, if need be, the Referee in consultation with Organising Committee, Chairman, Tournament Committee and Convenor, Tournament Committee may conduct matches in best of three games of 15 points each with extension up to 21 points.
- Regulations** :: The BAI Competition Regulations and General Competition Regulations shall be applicable.
In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.
- Clothing Regulation** :: Players must comply with General Competition Regulations.
- M&Q** :: M&Q List will be published on **5th March 2026**
The list of participants in order of strength will be displayed on BAI website. It shall be the responsibility of the affiliated units and the players to ensure that all the entries forwarded by the Affiliated Units appear in the List. If there is any omission, the player/s concerned immediately should contact their State Units and the State Units immediately inform BAI about the omission or proper rectification. After the Last date for withdrawals without penalty, no complaints shall be entertained for omission of any entry. BAI will not be responsible for any omissions of names thereafter.
- Withdrawals** :: **9th March 2026**
If there are any withdrawals after the close of entries, it shall be intimated to BAI immediately by the Affiliated Units before the closing date of withdrawal.
- Draw & seeding** :: However, as already circulated, for this Masters Nationals Championships, seeding will be given as per points earned from Masters Ranking Tournament held at Agra.

Draws will be made one day before respective events at the venue in presence of Organizers/Players and BAI Officials





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For regular updates, please follow the Goa Badminton Association on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @goabadminton
Website: <https://gba.zeetius.com>

Important Links:
Tournament Link: <https://bit.ly/IndianMasters2026>

Order of play

Date	Session Start time	Draw	Round	Events	No. of Courts
18-03-2026	09.00	Qualifying		55+,60+,65+,70+,75+ 80+	14 Courts
19-03-2026	09.00	Main	1 st Round	55+,60+,65+,70+,75+ 80+	14 Courts
20-03-2026	09.00	Main	2 nd Round	55+,60+,65+,70+,75+ 80+	14 Courts
21-03-2026	09.00	Main	Pre & QF	55+,60+,65+,70+,75+ 80+	14 Courts
	09.00	Qualifying		35+,40+,45+,50+	14 + 6 Courts
22-03-2026	09.00	Main	SF & Finals	55+,60+,65+,70+,75+ 80+	14 + 6 Courts
		Main	1 st Round	35+,40+,45+,50+	14 + 6 Courts
23-03-2026	09.00	Main	2 nd Round	35+,40+,45+,50+	14 Courts
24-03-2026	09.00	Main	PQF & QF	35+,40+,45+,50+	14 Courts
25-03-2026	09.00	Main draw	SF & Finals	35+,40+,45+,50+	14 Courts

There may be changes as may be decided by Referee

PROTEST :: The fees for lodging protest of any kind shall be Rs. 5000.00 to BAI in prescribed form. Any protest shall be addressed to the Org. Secretary in writing within one hour after completion of the match or 4 hours before commencement of the match. Organizing Secretary will forward the complaint and fees to BAI

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE The President, BAI may nominate Three (3) Members to the Tournament Committee.

4 members shall be nominated by the Host Affiliated Unit.





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Hon'ble President, Hon'ble General Secretary and Chairman, TC& Convener TC, shall be the EX- officio Members of Tournament Committee.

- FACILITIES** :: Organizers are requested to arrange for lunch for main draw Players.
- Canteen facilities to be run in the venue during the Tournament days so that Players and Guardians can avail the facilities on payment.
- For TOs, good A.C. accommodation in twin sharing basis shall have to be provided. A.C. single room accommodation will be provided to Referee
- A back-up Generator has to be kept for all the days of Tournament.
- Ambulance and other medical support to be kept ready during all the days of Tournament.
- EQUIPMENT SUPPORT** :: As per contractual agreement with Yonex/Sunrise, some agreed number of Shuttlecocks and T Shirts will be provided for the tournament. Additional shuttlecocks, if required, shall be purchased by the Organizer.
- INAUGURATION** Inauguration ceremony to be kept up to half an hour duration.
- LINE JUDGES** :: It's mandatory to provide line judges from Main Draw onwards. For qualifying draws also, line judges are to be provided -two (2) minimum per court
- CONTACTS** :: For any clarifications / assistance please contact the organizing secretary

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Vice President,BAI &
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Tournament Committee, BAI

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Convener
Tournament Committee, BAI



Copy to: 1.The President, BAI
2.Sh Praveen Shenoy, Secretary , GBA &
Org.Secretary
3. The Chairman & Jt. Conveners , TOC- PI
do the needful in regard to posting of
Technical Officials.

