

**U16**  
**International Badminton**  
Shonai

5<sup>th</sup> International Badminton U16 SHONAI 2026

25 - 26 July 2026

Tsurushin Arena Komagihara  
(Tsuruoka City Komagihara Gymnasium)  
2-1 Komagiharamachi, Tsuruoka City, Yamagata, JAPAN

## Part I - Event Information

<b>Event Dates</b>	25 – 26 July 2026
<b>Organisers</b>	Organiser: International Badminton U16 Promotion Council Co-Organiser: City of Tsuruoka, Tsuruoka Badminton Association, Badminton Association of Japan
<b>Competition Venue Name &amp; Address</b>	Tsurushin Arena Komagihara 2-1 Komagiharamachi, Tsuruoka, Yamagata, Japan 997-0825 <a href="https://www.city.tsuruoka.lg.jp/bunka/sports/sports-shisetsu/sportskomagitaiikuka.html">https://www.city.tsuruoka.lg.jp/bunka/sports/sports-shisetsu/sportskomagitaiikuka.html</a>
<b>Official Website</b>	International Badminton U16 SHONAI Invitational 2026 <a href="https://international-badminton-u16.jp/">https://international-badminton-u16.jp/</a>
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Masaru Tomita
<b>Committee Co-Chair</b>	Tomotaka Ishii
<b>Tournament Directors</b>	Tournament Director – Junichi Kasuga Deputy Tournament Director – Ayako Abe, Munehiro Ogata
<b>Referee Deputy Referee</b>	Jeff Bell (CAN) Tutomu Toi (JPN)
<b>Participating Countries</b>	Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain, Scotland, Thailand, USA.
<b>Events</b>	U16 Men's Singles, U16 Women's Singles
<b>Awards</b>	Winners, Runners-up, Semi-Finalists No matches will be played to determine 3rd/4th place.
<b>Shuttles</b>	F-80 (New Official)
<b>Media</b>	Players should assist media whenever possible for photos and/or interviews when this fits their training and competition schedule.
<b>Photo and video material</b>	International Badminton U16 Promotion Council has the right to use photographs, film material or any other image of players taken during the events.
<b>Insurance</b>	Participants must take out their own travel, health, and personal accident insurance.

## Part II – Accommodation, Transport and Visa

<b>Official Hotel</b>	<b>SHONAI HOTEL SUIDEN TERRASSE</b>	
	23-1 Shimotorinosu Kitakyoden, Tsuruoka, Yamagata, Japan	
	Phone	+81-50-1745-9721
<b>Booking conditions:</b>	Website	<a href="https://suiden-terrasse.com/en/">https://suiden-terrasse.com/en/</a>
	Room and tax (including breakfast) at Suiden Terrace for 2 players and 1 coaches/accompanied persons will be paid by the organiser. Incidentals must be paid by participants.	

<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Transportation will only be provided to/from Shonai airport (SYO) and Suiden Terrace and the competition venue.</p> <p>Transportation service upon arrival will be available on <b><u>Thursday, 23 July 2026.</u></b></p> <p>Transportation service for departure will be available on <b><u>Monday, 27 July 2026.</u></b></p>
<b>Visa</b>	<p>Requests for visa application letters should be sent to <a href="mailto:info@international-badminton-u16.jp">info@international-badminton-u16.jp</a></p> <p>The deadline for submitting visa requests is <b>Friday, 19 June 2026.</b></p>

## Part III - Regulations

<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Players must be age of 14 or younger as of 31 December, 2025.</p> <p>The participating countries must inform the names of the players to the organisers by <b>Friday, 1 May, 2026.</b></p>
<b>Format</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All matches will be the best of three games to Badminton World Federation (BWF) 15 points with rally-point scoring system.</li> <li>2. The competition shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw.</li> <li>3. Initially, the sixteen players shall play in four groups of four, where all players in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved.</li> <li>4. The draws for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play is over.</li> <li>5. The two top-ranked players from each group will qualify for the Championship knock-out stage.</li> <li>6. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked players from each group will be drawn into the Consolation knock-out bracket.</li> </ol>
<b>Conditions of play</b>	<p>The tournament will be played in accordance with BWF Laws of Badminton and General Competition Regulations – see the BWF website <a href="http://www.bwfbadminton.org">www.bwfbadminton.org</a></p>
<b>Player and coach clothing</b>	<p><b>Colour of players clothing</b></p> <p>Each Player must wear, as far as color and design are concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a match in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 &amp; 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), and no change of colors is allowed.</p> <p><b>Player names</b></p> <p>Any name of a Player appearing on the back of the shirt must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 &amp; 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7). On Player clothing the Player's name, if used, shall be identical with 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 country.</p> <p><b>Country Name</b></p>

	The name of the Player's country may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7), but, if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 23. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.
<b>Readiness to Play</b>	All events will be run on a strict time scale. <u>Competitors must be ready to play 20 minutes before the scheduled match time.</u> If players are not ready to play at the scheduled time they will be disqualified. Any changes to the schedule of play will be announced by the Referee.
<b>Warm-up/practicing</b>	On the court, warm-up time is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.
<b>Entry</b>	Entries can only be accepted on the Official Entry Form.
<b>Team Managers Meeting</b>	The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following: Date: Friday 24 July 2026 Time: 14:30 – 16:00 Location: Tsurushin Arena Komagihara, Meeting Room
<b>Umpire Briefing</b>	The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following: Date: Friday 24 July 2026 Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Location: Tsurushin Arena Komagihara, Meeting Room

## Proposed Schedule

Date	Comment	Start – End
<b>Thursday 23 July</b>	Players & Coaches Arrival	All day
<b>Friday 24 July</b>	Registration – Tournament Venue.	09:00 – 15:00
	Practice – Competition Hall	09:00 – 17:00
	Team Manager Meeting – Competition Hall	14:30 – 16:00
	Umpires Briefing - Competition Hall	16:00 – 17:00
	Welcome reception - Suiden Terrace (Official Hotel)	18:00 – 20:00
<b>Saturday 25 July</b>	Day 1 of Competition Group Stage (Round Robin)	09:00 – 17:00
<b>Sunday 26 July</b>	Day 2 of Competition (Knock-out Stage)	08:00 – end
	Award Ceremony	14:30
<b>Monday 27 July</b>	Players & Coaches Departure	
	Excursion to nature and culture of Shonai (Optional, free of charge)	All day

**Note - The scheduled times above may change. Any changes to the schedule times will be communicated before the event or announced to the Team Manager meeting.**