

BADMINTON SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Competition Dates

Badminton competitions for Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 (CoOMG27) offers individual events for men and women.

The provisional Badminton competitions schedule for CoOMG27 is as follows and could be subject to change according to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and may be modified according to the total number of entries:

22 Sept	23 Sept	24 Sept	25 Sept
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00	09h00 21h00
Lecco			

All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 18 September 2027 with the Farewell Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 26 September 2027.

1.1 Organising Committee

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATION
Sport Management Bernardino Chiavola	Federazione Italiana Badminton Presidente FIBa CR Regione Lombardia Marco De Rubeis	ASD Badminton & Croquet Club Lecco Presidente Ruggero Denis Passador

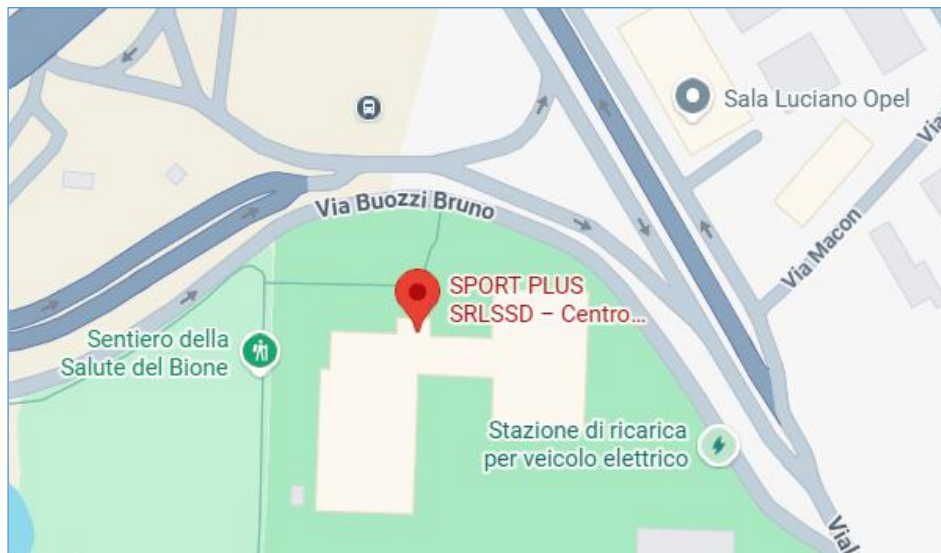
1.2 Competition venue

Venue	Address	City
Centro sportivo comunale Al Bione	Via Buoizzi Bruno 38	Lecco

Al Bione competition venue



Venue Map



2. Age Categories

- *Men:* 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
- *Women:* 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

Event	Division	Age Category
Single	Competitive	M/W: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Recreational	
Doubles	Competitive	M/W: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Recreational	
Mixed Doubles	Competitive	M/W: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Recreational	
Mixed Team event	Competitive	M/W: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Recreational	

2.1 Age is determined on 31 December 2027

- In line with the sport-specific rules, a player can compete in a younger age group, however, can only enter one age category and division per event.
- The age of the youngest player in the doubles will determine the pair's age category
- Where there are insufficient entries in an age category or division, the categories may be combined to conduct a viable competition.

2.2 Grade definitions:

Single and Team Events:

- A Grade: Competitive – For elite players who have competed at an international or national team level for national, state or provincial master's champions.
- B Grade: Recreational - For players who play in non-competitive or lower-grade club leagues, as well as social and casual players.

If you have competed at the highest defined level at an IMGA event, you cannot enter a lower division at any future events. The Organizing Committee can investigate the possibility of removing one grade division.

3. Sport regulations

- Competitions will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and will conform to any special requirements of the International Masters Games Association (IMGA).
- The specific rules of the tournament will be published on the official Games website after registration has ended and then posted on competition website.
- The Organizer Committee will publish the tournament schedule a week before the beginning of the competition on the Games website.
- The competition schedule and the results will be also available on the website
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the schedule, the tables, the order of matches as well as the necessary measures for the correct running of the matches.

4. Type of Competition

4.1 Individual competition

Singles (men, women), Doubles (men, women) and Mixed Doubles will be offered in two divisions: Competitive and Recreational.

4.1.1 Athlete and event eligibility

Athletes may enter a maximum of three individual events. All three individual events *must be played* in the same grade division: Competitive or Recreational. The three events can be any combination of singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

- Players may play a maximum of 2 events per discipline (i.e. Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles), with a total of three events.
- The Badminton competition for individual events is dependent on the number of registrations. Round robin (pool play) preliminary rounds will be held.
- Where there is more than one pool, these pools will determine the placings for knockout rounds for medals. Players can expect to compete in a minimum of two matches per event.

- If the players in a doubles pair are in different age categories, the pair must play in the younger age category. Players entering doubles or mixed doubles events must enter the division of the higher-level player in the pair.
- Individuals and pairs will be allocated to the division entered; however, the Badminton Organising Committee reserves the right to re-grade athletes.
Players who are re-graded will be advised by the Organising Committee prior to draws being done.
- Athletes can enter in their actual age category or a younger age category in each individual event – they may play a maximum of two events per discipline.
- Athletes do not have to play in the same age group for all events (i.e. can play in 40+ singles, 35+ doubles as they have a younger partner and 40+ doubles with a different partner).

4.1.2 Match schedule

The Badminton Organising Committee shall post the draw two weeks prior to the start of the competition on the Games website, the Tournament Software website and each day of competition at the venue. It will be the responsibility of all athletes to ensure they have checked the draws and are available to play at the scheduled time and location.

- Players who are not present when called upon to play any match shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to the opposing players/pairs.
- Matches may be called up to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled match time.
- Players are entitled to a minimum rest time of 30 minutes between matches.

4.1.3 Process to determine pool placings

The following process will be used to determine pool placings:

- Ranking in individual championships will be established by the number of matches won.
- If two players / pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players / pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players / pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- If three or more players / pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.
- All results of any player/pair that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be deleted.

4.1.4 Results

- Umpires shall deliver the original tie sheet for each tie to event control within 5 minutes of the official finishing time.
- Players should ensure that following the completion of each match the score sheet is submitted to event control within 5 minutes of the conclusion of the match.
- Player should check the Results Board after each match to ensure that the result is correct. Any concerns should be reported immediately to event control.

4.2 Mixed Team event

A mixed team competition will be played before the individual events. The following information relates to the Mixed Team event:

- The number of entries received will determine each draw. The Badminton Organising Committee reserves the right to combine any event. Round robin pools will be used, and pool placings will determine medal play-offs where there is more than one group.
- Teams will be made up of a minimum two men and two women, with maximum of three men and three women.
- Athletes may only be a member of one team, in one age category. The team must play in the division equivalent to the division of the highest-level player and in the age category of the youngest player. Players may play up a division from their individual entry but may not play lower.

4.3 Team Composition

- Prior to commencement of the tournament, all teams will be required to submit to the tournament organiser their team ranking list showing all possible doubles combinations in ranking order. Team Ranking lists are to be handed in at the team meeting or submitted electronically on provided excel spreadsheet to the tournament organisers.
- Teams must nominate a team captain/manager. All teams must be represented at the team meeting (date to be confirmed).
- Teams must provide their team list showing their playing line-up for the tie no less than 2 hours prior to the scheduled tie time. Late submission of the team list may result in the tie being forfeited.

4.4 Ties/Order of Play

- A tie will consist of five matches – two men's doubles, two women's doubles and one mixed double matches – each played as per the current BWF scoring system.
- No player may play in more than three matches in any one tie and no more than two doubles and one mixed double in the same tie.
- Teams may play a maximum of three ties per day.

- Each player must play in at least one tie to be eligible for a medal.
- A different order of play may be used by mutual agreement between team captains. Should there be a dispute as to order of play, then the above order must be used. Playing order must be according to ranking list submitted.
- Unless otherwise permitted by the Referee, all ties shall start at the times as set in the draw. All named members in a tie must be at pre-tie team line-up. Teams not available to play 15 mins after the scheduled playing time may be defaulted.

4.5 Results

- Team Captains shall deliver the original tie sheet for each tie to event control within 5 minutes of the official finishing time.
- Tie sheets must be signed by the captain of each team, who will be responsible for the accuracy and completion of all details.
- Captains should check the Results Board after each tie to ensure that the declared result is correct. Any concerns should be reported immediately to event control.

4.6 Pool placings

- Tie Result - The winner of a tie shall be the team winning the greater number of matches.
- The Final placings shall be decided by the greatest number of ties won.
- If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
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- If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- A team is entitled to medals according to results obtained before any withdrawal or disqualification.
- If a team is unable to complete all their pool ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.
- If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie, the result of that match shall be 21-0, 21-0 for the purpose of deciding ranking in the pool system. Retiring during a match shall be not completing a match.

4.7 Substitutions / Withdrawals

- Once a team composition is submitted, no player/pair can be substituted, except Referee may approve a substitute (or substitutes) for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee is incapacitated by illness, injury or unavoidable hindrance. A player who is substituted may take no further part in that tie.
- A match conceded due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.
- All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws before completing the group matches shall be deleted.

5. Competition Detail

5.1 Scoring system

The matches will be played according to the current BWF scoring system (best of three games to 21 points). A proposal to change the scoring system to 3 games to 15 points is pending approval by the BWF Annual General Meeting."

5.2 Draws/schedules

Draws for both Individual and Teams competitions will be available through the World Masters Games website and the Tournament Software website:
www.tournamentsoftware.com two weeks prior to commencement of the competition. Schedules for both Individual and Teams competitions will be available through the Open Masters Games website and the Tournament Software website one week prior to commencement of the competition. The Tournament Organiser in conjunction with the Referee reserves the right to amend the schedule where required.

5.3 Officiating of matches

The decision of the Referee on all regulations and interpretations of the Laws of Badminton shall be final.

Athletes may be required to umpire their own matches and may be asked to assist with other umpire duties. Umpires will be provided for all matches in medal rounds subject to availability.

5.4 Substitutions/withdrawals

A player/pair may participate in an Individual event of the Badminton competition only if the player/pair enters by the closing date for registrations.

After the closing date for registrations, a player who has entered and is then unable to take part through illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause, may be substituted by another registered player providing that the rules for age category and grade are followed, and that it is in line with the Open Masters Games participation terms and conditions.

All results of any player/pair that has been disqualified or withdraws before completing the group matches shall be entirely deleted. A 'no-show' for a match will be treated as a withdrawal. The BWF GCR regulations 25 regarding player withdrawals do not apply to this event. I.e. If a player withdraws from one event they may still participate in another event.

5.5 Appeal and protest

There will be no field-of-play appeals. The decision of the Referee on all interpretations of the Laws of Badminton shall be final.

Any appeals, protests and disputes regarding the Tournament Rules must be lodged in writing to the Tournament Organiser prior to the commencement of the competition.

The Referee in conjunction with the Disputes Committee shall determine all appeals, protests and disputes in relation to the Tournament Rules. The Disputes Committee shall consist of the Referee (or his/her deputy), the Tournament Director (or his/her nominee) and one independent player.

5.6 Technical Delegate

The technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

6. Equipment

- Each player is required to provide their own equipment, sportswear, sports shoes, rackets Shuttlecocks and water bottles will be provided by the organizer
- A stand for paid stringing will be available for the duration of the competition.
- Each player is responsible for the security of their belongings; the Executive Committee will not take responsibility in case of damage or theft.

7. Technical meeting

The meeting will be held to introduce the tournament, the schedule and the rules.

8. Training

It will be possible to train through the period of competition, starting from the commencement of the last match and depending on availability of space.

9. Uniform

Acceptable Badminton sports clothing must be worn while playing. It is not mandatory for partners to wear the same design/colour clothing during individual events, although it is preferable. However, all athletes as a member of a team must wear the same uniform during each tie in the team competition. All Badminton athletes, officials and volunteers must wear shoes with non-marking soles whilst on the competition area of the venue (field of play).

10. Medals

In CoOMG27, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

11. Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

All participants must organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports. The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up;
- regular urine test;
- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort;
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

12. Doping Control

During the Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to the IMGA anti-doping policy and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

13. Accommodation

Participants are free to select own accommodation according to own preference. To assist participants, an accommodation booking section offering special room rates for the Games is made available on the official website www.mastersgamescomolake2027.

14. Further information

Planning for the CoOMG27 Badminton competitions will continue throughout 2026 and early 2027. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the CoOMG27 website at www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it and other Games communication channels to find out all the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to info@omgcomo27.it