



To: BCA Member Associations and BCA Council members

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2010 THOMAS Cup preliminaries.

Dear Friends,

The final stage of the 2010 Thomas Cup (world men's team championship) will be held in Malaysia 09th to 16th May 2010. As you are aware BWF has changed the whole concept of this event, in the past only Asian and European countries were able to qualify teams to the final stage, now there will be at least one team from each of the five continents in the final stage.

Twelve teams from the five continents will participate in the final stage, six from Asia, three from Europe, one from Africa, one from Oceania and one from Pan-America. BCA must organize the African preliminaries of the Thomas Cup. The winning team will qualify to participate in the final stage of the Thomas Cup to be held in Malaysia in May 2010.

We have the honor to invite your country to enter a men team to participate in the qualifying tournament to be held 20-23 February 2010 in Kampala, Uganda. Herewith are the needed information's about the event:

1. For those who need entry visa for Uganda, you will get it on arrival at the Entebbe airport upon payment of US\$ 20 per person. No prior arrangement or application for visa is necessary.
2. The program of the event will be as follows:
 - a. 19 Feb - 10h00 - Registration and practice.
11h00 - Manager's meeting & draws.
17h00 - Opening ceremony.
 - b. 20-22 Feb - Whole day team competitions.
 - c. 23 Feb - 10h00 - Semi finals.
17h00 - Finals & closing ceremony.
3. Each team must be composed of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 men, the format of the event will be best of 5 ties composed of 3 singles and 2 doubles.

4. Players and officials will be accommodated single or double at the Holiday Express Hotel full board at the rate of US\$ 47/- per person per day double sharing and US\$ 65 single room full board. The rooms have internet, air conditioner and DSTV. The accommodation charges must be paid at check-in time. Check-in and check-out at the hotel is 10h00.
5. Local transport will be provided free of charge. (Airport transfer, hotel to badminton hall). The Airport is 35 Km from the hotel. The Hotel is situated 1.5 Km from the hall. In Feb the temperature in Uganda varies between 25 to 28°C during the day and at night it's around 22 °C.
6. BWF law will apply and the referee's decision will be final. Doping tests will be carried out. Further details will be provided in the team managers meeting. Teams are requested to report to the referee 24 hrs before the start.
7. Delegations are requested to bring along with them 2 National flags and the National anthem of their country on CD. Flight details are needed at latest by 10th February, to arrange for airport transfer.
8. Closing date for the championship will be 31st January 2010. You need to inform us by 15th Jan 2010 of your intention to enter a team or not, the list of players, etc can be sent later.
9. The Africa individual championship (Wed 24-Thu 25) and the ROOFINGS Uganda international's (Fri 26-Sun 28) will be held at the same venue, just after the Thomas Cup Preliminaries. So with one air ticket your players can participate in three events. See the separate invitation for the ROOFINGS Uganda International's. BCA AGM will be held on Monday 22 Feb 10h00, same venue.
10. If you need any additional information, don't hesitate to contact us by phone +230 253 3902, fax +230 424 4039 or Email <gaya@orange.mu>, we hope to hear from you soon and looking forward seeing you in Uganda.

Yours faithfully,



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