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Dear badminton friends,

On behalf of the Victoria Badminton Club from Hoensbroek, the Netherlands, I would like to invite you to participate in the **35th Carlton International Youth Tournament** on Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 December of this year. We are proud to announce that Carlton, being part of Dunlop Slazenger International, will again be lead sponsor of our »Hoensbroek« tournament.

The **individual tournament** takes place on **Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 December** and will be played in conjunction with the BWF age categories **U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19**. It is also part of the Dutch Badminton Business Network Junior Master Circuit 2011/2012 in the age groups U13, U15 and U17. On the first day of the tournament, the semi finalists will be determined in all disciplines. In all age groups, the first round in singles will be played in groups.

Just like in previous years there will be a **doubles tournament** for players that do not qualify for the semi finals of the individual tournament. This doubles tournament will be played on **Thursday 29 December**. Furthermore, a **team event** will be organised on **Friday 30 December**. For this event, the national and regional teams from the Netherlands and all foreign teams are invited.

Since we are again expecting many high level players from all over Europe, the tournament will be played in **five different venues**. For the first day of the individual tournament, the age categories will be assigned to a single venue each. The **number of entries** for the different age groups will be **limited** in accordance with the maximum number of matches that can be played in the assigned venue. In this way, the extension of an age group's tournament to a second sports centre (referring to U15 in 2010) will be avoided. The preliminary venue schedule will be announced in the entry form. The final schedule will be determined as soon as entry has closed.

In order to facilitate the mentioned entry limitation, the **registration procedure has changed**. Registration will **close earlier** compared to previous years and groups are offered the possibility of **pre-registration**. The concept of the registration procedure per age category is as follows:

- Entries will be accepted according to the following order of precedence: members of national teams > members of district teams > members of regional teams > individual entries.
- Registration closes on November 1. Groups only need to report their number of entries per age category till this date.

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- Group entries will be confirmed till November 8.
- If a group entry is accepted, the first 4 boys and 4 girls of the group are assured of competing in the tournament. Additional players will be accepted according to the mentioned acceptance priority and only until the maximum number of entries is reached.
- Final player registration for groups must be performed till November 21.
- Accepted entries will be confirmed till November 28 via publication on www.toernooi.nl.

In order to facilitate an efficient **coaching** during the matches, sufficient and clearly recognizable **seats** for coaches will be provided where possible. Coaches will receive a coach badge for identification. Furthermore, the losing player of a match will automatically **count** the following match on the particular court or she/he will see to an adequate replacement.

With Carlton being our lead sponsor, the Carlton GT shuttlecocks are the **official tournament shuttlecocks**. For the U11 and U13 age groups this is the **Carlton GT2**, for the age groups U15, U17 and U19 it's the **Carlton GT1**. Shuttlecocks from another brand or specification are **not allowed**. The organiser will supply two **shuttlecocks** per match in U11 and U13 and three **shuttlecocks** per match in U15, U17 and U19. The tournament shuttlecocks will be sold in the venues and can be ordered in advance by email or by using the entry form. Orders are very much appreciated since they ease our logistic planning to a great extent.

To participate in the **team event**, teams need to be registered till November 21. Contrary to previous years, also the player's names need to be reported till this date. Changes of team members are however allowed till the first day of the tournament (December 28). We would like to stress that a team registration will only be accepted when the team is complete. If a spare player is needed, we offer our help. However, we can't guarantee any spare player; the team itself remains responsible for this.

During the event we again offer the following **extra service**:

- In most of the venues there will be a **badminton shop** with **stringing service**.
- Sport friendly **warm meals** will be served in all venues during the day, the menu will be announced on our website.
- We offer assistance in finding **hotel** accommodation as well as alternative accommodation like one of the venues.
- On request we organise coach **transport** between the venues, the hotels and several airports.
- There will be a **shuttle service** between the various venues. This shuttle bus will be available on call. Depending on the trip distance tickets cost between €3,00 and €5,00 per person.

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After the success in the previous years, we'll again offer an **official tournament shirt** this year. Printed with the 2011 tournament logo, the shirt is meant to be a nice souvenir for participants. The shirt will be offered at a sharp price and can be ordered by using the entry form. A preview of the shirt will be published on our website.

Further information about the tournament will be provided in the entry form as well as on our website. The entry form will be distributed shortly.

I hope this first information will be sufficient for you.

On behalf of the organisation committee, yours sincerely,

Maurice Herben
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