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THE 94TH YONEX ALL ENGLAND SENIORS OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Player

Please find enclosed your Entry Form for the 2010 Yonex All England Seniors Championships to be held on April 9/10/11. The venue is at the headquarters of English Badminton, the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes where players can relax and socialise in comfort. There will be a Buffet and Disco for players and guests at the National Badminton Centre on Saturday Night. Tickets are £15 per person, please find an order form enclosed.

With regard to the competition, the policy initiated in 2006 will be maintained:-

Doubles events: 4 will be the minimum number of pairs drawn per group; where an entry of fewer than 4 pairs is received, pairs entered in the relevant event who have agreed (see Entry Form), will be included in the younger age-group. We will go to enormous lengths to avoid groups of 3, but last-minute withdrawals or unforeseen circumstances may mean that no alternative is possible.

Singles events only: 3 will be the minimum acceptable entry.

Qualifying Round

The Championships has experienced increased entries over the last few years and it has not been possible to accept all players. This year the Championships Committee has put forward a proposal to Veterans Policy Group to trial Qualifying Rounds. This will enable all players the opportunity to qualify for the main draw.

- If necessary qualifying events for doubles (level and mixed) will be held on Friday 9th April from 12.00pm (these will be scheduled as late as possible).
- There will be no qualifying events for singles.
- Depending on the number of entries it may be necessary to play some qualifying events at an alternative venue.
- Qualifying events will be drawn in groups of 4. More than 1 player may qualify depending on the size of entry received.

Best Runner-Up

The Championships will also trial the promotion of the best runner-up into the knock-out rounds where there are 3 groups of 3. This will mean all players/pairs will have the opportunity to play a semi-final match.

Feedback forms for the trials will be available at the Championships, which will be reviewed by the VPG for the following year.

We are pleased to advise you that a Physio will be in attendance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Also enclosed are directions to the Badminton Centre and details of accommodation, both on site and in Milton Keynes.

You will receive confirmation of your Event(s) and your Start Time(s) no later than March 31st. If you have heard nothing by then, or require further information, please contact: Andy Hines-Randle on 01908 268400 or write to:
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We look forward to your company and to sharing an enjoyable weekend with you.

Yours sincerely



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