



THE 101st ALL ENGLAND SENIORS OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

SANCTIONED BY THE BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

[Over 35, Over 40, Over 45, Over 50, Over 55, Over 60, Over 65 & Over 70]

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH – SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017

at the

**HERTFORDSHIRE SPORTS VILLAGE
de Havilland Campus, Hatfield AL10 9EU**

Tel: 01707 284466

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Men's & Women's Singles - Friday 31st March
Men's & Women's Doubles - Saturday 1st April
Mixed Doubles - Sunday 2nd April

The above times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Referee

Qualification for events is years of age on the 1st January 2017

ENTRY CLOSES: WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2017

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CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ & RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR INFORMATION

The entry list will be updated regularly at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/compete and the final draw published 29th March.

1. The BADMINTON England Regulations for Tournaments will apply, available at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/competition.
2. **QUALIFYING CRITERIA:**
 - No Player shall be eligible to compete unless he or she has attained the qualifying age of 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 by 1st January 2017.
 - Member of and in good standing with BADMINTON England or other Association in membership with the Badminton World Federation
 - A declaration to these effects shall be signed by every prospective competitor.
3. **ENTRY CONDITIONS:**
 - A Competitor may only enter one age group in each event (but may play in a different age group in different events if otherwise eligible).
 - Entries must be submitted online with payment through tournament software by the closing date. BOTH doubles partners must enter. Competitors wanting a partner should enter "partner wanted" on their entry.
 - No player/pair shall enter or be entered in two competitions if the published dates of the competitions overlap unless otherwise agreed with the organisers of both competitions. Team/match selection will be treated as an event.
 - Entry is at the competitor's own risk, and by signing the entry form the competitor undertakes that to the best of their knowledge they are healthy to compete. Please state any medical conditions on your entry.
4. **TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS:**
 - The Committee reserves the right not to run events in which the entry is less than three players/pairs and to restrict entries for all events. Past results will be taken into account. The Committee also reserves the right to refuse entries in any event without assigning any reason, and to modify the programme in any way it sees fit.
 - Competitors must be prepared to play at the times stated for the commencement of each event. Each competitor will be advised by email with the time of their first match in each event for which they have been accepted. If no such notification has been received by 7 days prior to the Championships it is the responsibility of the competitor to enquire from the Championships Secretary.
 - Competitors must report to the Referee immediately on arrival and must not leave the centre without the Referee's permission until eliminated from all events. Any competitor not ready to play when called will be liable to be scratched.
 - Play shall not take place on days other than those specifically sanctioned, and no competitor shall be obliged to commence a match before 9.00 a.m. or after 11.00 p.m. on any such day. Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside the times of play shall be entitled to a refund of his or her entry fee.
 - The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed two minutes. There will be NO 60 second or 2minute intervals between games.
 - Rally Points scoring system shall be used, as outlined within the Laws of Badminton. A match will be the best of 3 games to 21 points, At 20 all, the side gaining a 2 point lead first shall win that game. At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point wins that game.
 - Schedule of Play: Friday: Singles, Saturday: Doubles, Sunday: Mixed. This may be changed at the discretion of the Referee. Players will be notified in their timing letter.
 - Winners and runners-up will receive bespoke Championship medals.
 - Badminton England will not be liable for any expense incurred as a result of this event being cancelled or postponed. All expenses are at the sole risk of the competitor.
 - Yonex AS50 Feather shuttlecocks will be used.

5. **FORMAT:**

- The draw will be seeded, and events will be played in groups, unless an entry for an event is over 12 entries maybe played in a knockout format
- All group draws will be in groups of 3 were possible
- Where an event has 5 entries this maybe played as a group of 5 or 2 groups consisting of one group of 3 and one group of 2
- The best runner up policy will only be used when there are 3 groups and nothing else.

The table below show how the draws will be made. Subject to overall entry size option 1 will be used. Option 2 will be used when option 1 is not possible.

Number of entries	Option 1 (Time permitting)	Option 2 will be used if option 1 is not possible)
3	1 x 3	
4	1 x 4	
5	1 x 5	1 x 2 & 1 x 3
6	2 x 3	
7	1 x 3 & 1 x 4	
8	2 x 4	
9	3 x 3 (Best RU*)	
10	2 x 3 & 1 x 4 (Best RU*)	
11	1 x 3 & 2 x 4 (Best RU*)	
12	4 x 3	
13	3 x 3 & 1 x 4	Straight knockout event
14	2 x 3 & 2 x 4	Straight knockout event
15	5 x 3	Straight knockout event
16	4 x 3 & 1 x 4	Straight knockout event
17	3 x 3 & 2 x 4	Straight knockout event
18	6 x 3	Straight knockout event
19+	Groups of 3 where possible	Straight knockout event

- *Best RU = Best runner up policy will be used

6. **WITHDRAWAL:** Should you need to withdraw, you must contact the Championships Secretary by phone and confirm it in writing along with application for a refund. Competitors prevented from playing by illness or injury, or other unforeseen cause, shall have entry fees returned in full, less £10 handling charge, but provided only that at least 48 hours notice is given. No refund is due if withdrawal is within 48 hours of the start of the tournament. Withdrawal during the Tournament must be notified to the Referee.
7. **OFFENCES/PENALTIES:** The penalty system will apply, as detailed in the BADMINTON England Regulations for Tournaments.
8. **CLOTHING:** Clothing must be acceptable and it is recommended that doubles partners wear the same colours. Its suitability, within the regulations, will be at the discretion of the Championship Referee.
9. **DRUG TESTING:** BE is empowered to conduct tests and to authorise the conduct of tests for the detection of the use of banned drugs by competitors as laid down in the BWF Anti-doping Regulations.
10. **EQUALITY:** BADMINTON England is committed to providing equal treatment for all its staff, members, associated members, prospective members, guests and prospective guests in compliance with the Equality Act 2010. By entering this tournament you agree to comply with BADMINTON England's Equality and Diversity Policy. A copy of the policy can be downloaded from the BADMINTON England website.
11. **NOTE:** Due to large entries at the 2016 tournament we may use an additional hall if entries are similar or exceed last year's tournament to help schedule all the matches. This venue will be as close to the main venue as possible and players will be notified.

12. BEST RUNNER UP POLICY:

- A. Where groups are of the same size:
 - a. The player/pair who win the most matches
 - b. If there is no winner from (a), or two or more players/pairs are equal the player/pair from among them who for whom games won minus games lost is greatest
 - c. If there is no winner from (b), or two or more players/pairs are equal the player/pair from among them for whom points won minus points lost is greatest
 - d. If there is still a two way tie the Referee must use his/her discretion

- B. Where groups are of different sizes:
 - a. All Groups will be made the same size. With the results of the player/pair that finish last in the group of the larger group(s) will be removed only for the purpose of working out the best runner up.
 - b. The player/pair who win the most matches
 - c. If there is no winner from (a), or two or more players/pairs are equal the player/pair from among them who for whom games won minus games lost is greatest
 - d. If there is no winner from (b), or two or more players/pairs are equal the player/pair from among them for whom points won minus points lost is greatest
 - e. If there is still a two way tie the Referee must use his/her discretion

The best runner-up will be drawn against the winner of the 1st seed group, unless they are themselves from group 1. In this situation, they will be drawn against the winner of the 2nd seed group.

The Committee reserves the right to add to, or alter, these conditions. Its decision in all matters shall be final.

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CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 1st March 2017

Return to: Mark Downie, BADMINTON England, National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes MK8 9LA
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PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____ Surname: _____ Forename: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Male BE Membership Number:

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BE Membership numbers are 7 digits long and begin with a 1
Female Country you represent: _____ This will be used when separating players in the draw

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Telephone - Home: _____ Mobile: _____

ENTRY DETAILS

Event	Enter partner's name IN CAPITALS	Tick to Enter:							Entry Fee (per person)	Are you willing to play in a different age group if your preferred age group is cancelled?
		35	40	45	50	55	60	65		
Men's Singles									£22.50	YES / NO
Women's Singles									£22.50	YES / NO
Men's Doubles									£22.50	YES / NO
Women's Doubles									£22.50	YES / NO
Mixed Doubles									£22.50	YES / NO
Total (cheques payable to 'BADMINTON England')									£.....	

QUALIFICATION

It is important that you complete this section fully in order to aid your selection and seeding. Please list your events and finishing position for the tournaments below. Finishing positions should be given as: Winner, Runner-up, Semi-finalist, Quarter-finalist, or Group finishing position.

- 1) World/Europeans 2016:
- 2) All England Masters 2016:
- 3) National Masters 2016:

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & DECLARATION

I declare that I have read and understand the conditions of this prospectus. By signing below you confirm that all details are correct and all conditions of entry have been met.

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Please identify any medical conditions that you feel the organiser should know about:

Date: Player/Guardian Signature: