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SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

YONEX ALL ENGLAND OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

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WELCOME!

On behalf of Badminton England and our Championship Partners, welcome to Birmingham for the YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2021, a HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000 event.

The YONEX All England Open is the world’s oldest and most prestigious badminton tournament, now in its 111th year. This year not only celebrates a 38th consecutive year of YONEX title sponsorship, but also 28 years of being staged in Birmingham at this wonderful arena. We’ve showcased the very best athletes within our sport since 1899, including many outstanding performances and rivalries, and 2021 provides an exciting opportunity for athletes and the incredible people around them to make history once again.

The support of our Partners is greatly appreciated, and so we also recognise the invaluable contribution from YONEX, Birmingham City Council and 12Bet. And of course, the team from Utilita Arena Birmingham who welcome us all for this special week.

We’re extremely excited to be the first Super 1000 tournament to be staged in this cycle, following the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals in Bangkok in January. We are also proud to support the pathway to the HSBC World Tour Finals 2021 in Guangzhou, China, later this year. We wish all athletes the very best of luck as this journey begins.

Our aim is simple: to deliver a truly world-class event, which enables our athletes and officials to perform to the very best of their ability, showcasing the finest our sport has to offer. This in turn allows us to create an inspirational environment and outstanding experience for all involved.

This document serves as both your Handbook for general information and induction, and Safety Protocols linked to the way we will be delivering the Championships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read it thoroughly ahead of your time at the Championships, as it aims to provide as much information as possible to give confidence in our plans and the important role you play. This year more than most, we each have a responsibility to those around us, and the information contained outlines our expectations to achieve this. We want you to enjoy your experience, and so if you have any questions after reading this document, please contact us – details are listed.

Whether this is your first YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships, or you’ve joined us previously, we hope you have a wonderful and memorable experience.

Yours sincerely

Chris Miller
Championships Director, YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships
1 Introduction

The BWF restarted international badminton tournaments in October and November with the successful staging of the DANISA Denmark Open and SaarLorLux Open. The following measures were put in place to create the safest possible environment for all stakeholders involved in the tournament including players, organising committee work force, volunteers, media and technical officials.

Key to creating a safe environment is the creation of a “badminton family bubble”, and this involves making it mandatory for each and everyone in this bubble to be tested at each tournament.

In addition to these guidelines the host organising committee will strictly follow the advice and measures put in place by their local and national health authorities.

As the situation around COVID-19 hopefully improve as time goes by, BWF may remove some of the guidelines and/or provide dispensation to some of the described procedures. If, however the situation worsens BWF may also strengthen the guidelines and request additional requirements be put in place.

1.1 The Current Situation in the UK

As at 06 March 2021.

England is currently in a National Lockdown.

The lockdown means that the movement of people is tightly controlled, and many services are reduced or closed currently.

- From 8th March you can socialise with up to 1 other person outdoors.
- There is no socialising indoors.
- You must stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household.
- Face masks must be worn in public places.
- Travel is restricted to local travel unless essential.
- Essential businesses and services remain open – supermarkets, food shops and takeaway food are open.
- Non-essential business and services are closed – shops, pubs and restaurants, leisure centers and entertainment venues.

You can be given a Fixed Penalty Notice of £200 for the first offence, doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400.

For more information on national lockdown please refer to the UK Government website.

1.2 General Guidelines and Preventive Measures

Players, coaches, tournament staff and volunteers all have a joint responsibility for ensuring that their movements take place in a way that limit any potential spread of infection. It is very important that the preventive measures are closely followed in accordance with the general guidelines of the health authorities.

In order to create a safe and secure environment during the competition period, kindly ensure that you follow the basic preventative measures at all times:
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cough or sneeze in your sleeve
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 2 metre)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care immediately
- If you have mild respiratory symptoms seek medical advice

1.3 Important Contact Details

**Tournament Director**: Chris Miller, chrismiller@badmintonengland.co.uk

**Secretary & General Tournament Information**: majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk

**COVID Testing Manager**: Mark Downie, markdownie@badmintonengland.co.uk

**COVID Manager**: Craig Combe, craigcombe@rcc.ltd.uk

**COVID Medical Officer**: Luke Brotherton, luke@ambulance.co.uk

**Referees**: Pencho Stoynov (BUL), p.stoynov@abv.bg

**Deputy Referees**: Julien Nys (BEL), julien@badmintonvlaanderen.be / Artur Zaluzhnoi (EST) artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com

**Local Deputy Referee**: Heather Crump (ENG), refereeuk@yahoo.co.uk

**Team Liaison Officer (TLO) Requests and Queries**: Lesley Owens teamliaison@badmintonengland.co.uk, +44 (0)7907 645585 (from Saturday 13 March)

**Accreditation Support**: Jessy Berbari, Sarah Smith, accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk

**Practice Requests and Queries**: Keat Lim, practice@badmintonengland.co.uk

**Transport Requests and Queries**: Neil Poulson, transport@badmintonengland.co.uk

**Media Enquiries**: Emma Eveleigh, Jon Duckworth, media@badmintonengland.co.uk

**Doctors**: TBC

**Physios**: Dave Wiseman, Rob Jenkins

**Accommodation bookings**: badminton@crememk.co.uk (Please note that any cancellations/changes MUST be sent in writing to this email address above. Failure to do so will result in full room charges to the customer.)

Phone numbers for key personnel will be provided upon your arrival in Birmingham.
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### 1.5 Key Information

- The Championships will be run following using a combination of UK Government and BWF regulations and guidelines.

- Entry requirements into England are:
  - Visa (if required).
  - Negative COVID-19 PCR test result (taken in the 3 days before your departure).
  - Completed online Passenger Locator Form.
  - ‘Opt-in’ consent to the Protocols in place.
  - Be in possession of a letter from Badminton England, confirming your ‘Elite’ status.

- England has a ‘Red List’ – a list of countries from which entry to the UK is banned. If you have been in or through any of the countries listed in the previous 10 days, you will be refused entry to the UK.
• Travelling by aeroplane is considered close contact for everyone on board. This applies to short haul and long haul flights.

• On arrival to the official hotel a COVID-19 PCR test will be carried out. Players and team officials must stay in their rooms whilst waiting for results (up to 24 hours). A further COVID-19 PCR test will be carried out on Thursday 18 March however quarantine is not necessary while waiting for the results.

• Participants with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result must self-isolate immediately for a minimum of 10 days in the hotel and are therefore withdrawn from the tournament.

• Close contacts must undergo a mandatory quarantine of 10 days and are subsequently withdrawn from the tournament, regardless of the outcome of any further test results.

• As per BWF protocol, doubles partner and/or roommate of a COVID-19 positive player are automatically classified as close contact and are therefore withdrawn from the tournament.

• Participants who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days will be PCR tested, and those who test positive will be required to self-isolate.

• The ‘event bubble’ includes the hotel, transport, and Utilita Arena Birmingham. You are not permitted to leave this ‘event bubble’ at any time.

• Teams and participants should make note of their seating arrangement on their air travel and airport transfers. You should know where everyone is sat otherwise this could impact on the outcome close contact tracing if unknown. Teams should also consider seating positions carefully as part of this.

• All meals must be consumed as room service in the hotel rooms, there is no communal eating area in the hotel. A hotel lunch and dinner menu will be able to purchase and food delivery services will be permitted.

• Participants are required to be temperature screened. In case of a high temperature being recorded, participants may be required to self-isolate/take a PCR-test/withdraw from the tournament.

• The hotel gym and indoor and outdoor exercise areas will be available at the venue.

• Player match analysis video recordings will be permitted from a dedicated area.

• Mixed zone interviews and prize presentations will be conducted following the physical distancing rules.
2  COVID-19 Testing for Players and Team Entourage

To ensure the safest possible environment for players and entourage the host will be implementing a COVID-19 testing plan during the event. **Players and team entourage will be required to undertake two mandatory COVID-19 PCR tests during the tournament week.** The aim is to as much as possible create infection free ‘bubble’ within the venue environment.

Teams are required to limit the number of personnel to essential entourage:

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Reasonable requests for essential entourage over and above the limits may be provided. Accreditation and the two mandatory Covid-19 test costs that need to be undertaken in relation to that person will be re-charged to the respective member association at:

- Accreditation pass: £150 inc. VAT each.
- PCR test £100 inc. VAT each (two mandatory PCR tests)

2.1  Entry requirements

Badminton England has secured ‘Specified Event’ status from the UK Government to deliver this event, and therefore elite athlete and essential entourage are exempt from quarantine requirements upon entry to the country.

However, if you have been in or transited through any banned countries listed on the government website in the last 10 days, you will be refused entry to the UK: [Travel ban countries](#).

The following documents are required to enter the UK:

- A negative Covid-19 test to taken within 72 hours of departure. This must be a PCR test and meets the requirements of the [UK Border Control](#). You must possess an original copy of the negative test certificate to be presented at the check-in counter at the point of departure and at UK Immigration upon arrival at the tournament airport.

- A [Passenger Locator Form](#) completed in the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK.

You need to show proof when you arrive at the UK border - when you submit the form, you’ll receive a confirmation email with a document attached. At border control you must show either a:

- Printed copy of the document.
- Downloaded copy of document on your phone.
• Opt-in consent – as part of government exemption on quarantine requirements, each team must complete the online declaration and opt-in to the event on behalf of their players and entourage before departure. 

This must be done before you depart:

**Online Declaration and Opt-in**

• Possess a letter of invitation from Badminton England to the UK for the event. This will be issued by Badminton England on confirmation of accreditation for elite sportspersons and ESSENTIAL sport ancillary staff.

This provides evidence of your reason for travel for both UK Border Control and police whilst at the event. This should be kept on your person during all travel to and from the event.

• VISA – please check on VISA requirements for your country and refer to the Official Invitation for more details on VISAs.

• Participants must have personal insurance covering any situation included COVID-19 hospitalization, quarantine, and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee and/or BWF is not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

2.2 **Testing Strategy**

The testing strategy is divided into the following:

Kindly note that all test results include fit to fly certificate.

  a) **Pre-departure test:** all players/entourage must obtain a negative test certificate within 72 hours prior to departure to the UK. This requirement also includes foreign and UK players/entourage living in the UK. The cost of the pre-departure test is to be borne by the respective Member Association(s)/player(s).

  **There is no provision by UK Government border forces for those with prior infection in the last 90 days. A negative test certificate within 72 hours prior to departure is required by all.**

  **UK border control only accepts negative certificates in English, French and Spanish.**

Prior to departure, at least one day before the expected arrival date for the tournament, the test result must be emailed to:

- events.admin@bwfbadminton.org
- majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk

Reserves need to complete the same pre-departure test as main draw players (including UK based reserve players) however do not need to be physically in Birmingham. If a negative pre-arrival test certificate has not been submitted for a player on the reserve list, the next eligible reserve will be contacted instead.
All reserve players must then check into the official hotel by latest 12:00 noon on Monday 15th March in order to complete the arrival PCR test to be eligible to play on Wednesday 17th March.

For any withdrawals that occur after 12:00 noon on Monday 15 March, promotions will only be offered to reserve players that have submitted the pre-arrival test and completed the arrival test.

b) **Arrival test:** Players/entourage to be tested upon arrival at the official hotel, with results to be received within 12-24 hours.

Teams/individuals, upon arrival to the hotel, should check-in, go to and stay in their hotel room. They will be provided with a scheduled time to attend testing – late night arrivals will be tested the following day. Kindly note that participants are required to stay in their designated hotel room until a negative test result has been obtained.

c) **Mid-week test:** On Thursday 18 March all players and entourage still at the hotel will be tested again to ensure the Green Zone is continuously free from infection. Participants do not need to stay in their rooms whilst waiting for the results.

Testing will be at the hotel, individuals will be given a time slot to attend testing based on their match time for that time. Priority will be given to players still in the draw.

d) **Additional testing:** Additional tests, taken outside the above testing plan or as required by BWF/Badminton England, will be re-charged to the respective member (due to early-departure, participant missing the testing hours, special requirement by airline/country etc.).

If you request additional testing, the host shall be notified at least one day in advance. Note, that the mandatory testing in relation to additional accredited personnel will be recharged to the member association.

### 2.3 Testing Procedure

Testing will be carried out at a designated testing room at Crowne Plaza hotel:

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All testing activities are mandatory and a requirement to get an accreditation and access to the tournament. Accreditation passes will only be issued to green group personnel (see section 4.3) once negative tests have been obtained.

In addition, if BWF or the host request a test to be taken this cannot be refused.

### 2.4 Testing Method

The PCR testing method will be used as this test is effective in confirming the presence of COVID-19 virus. This test requires having a swab of the nose and throat or saliva by a nurse. The sample is analysed to confirm whether the individual is infected or not.

Negative test results will be communicated to the player by email/text message (as provided when doing the test) as soon as the result is available.

### 2.5 Inconclusive Test Result

Kindly note that positive tests with a low detection level of Covid-19, within thresholds agreed by PHE, will be reported as `inconclusive`. In this instance you will be contacted to undertake another PCR test.

During the arrival testing, players will be required to remain in isolation during re-testing. Following the pre-arrival, players will be able to continue activities until the results of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} re-test are received.

If the 2\textsuperscript{nd} test presents another `inconclusive` result, then both tests and any previous history will be reviewed by a panel of virologists. Please be prepared to provide any previous medical history and testing information/documentation in relation to Covid-19 to support this process. The panel will rule on the result.

### 2.6 Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

In case of positive test, the host organising committee will inform BWF.

Therefore, if a positive test result is presented to you this shall be final. Proof of previous COVID infection in the last 90 days does not matter.

1) Positive Patient:

- The person must immediately self-isolate in their hotel room and will therefore be withdrawn from the tournament.
- The self-isolation period is the next 10 full days after the PCR test was taken.
- Accreditation will not be provided/removed.
2) Close Contact Tracing

Close contact tracing will be carried out under the guidance of Public Health England, Badminton England and BWF, in accordance with UK Government guidelines, the following may be considered to be close contact:

- Face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre.
- Been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact.
- Been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day).
- Travelled in the same vehicle or a plane (even on a short journey).

For clarification, for the event, the following are considered close contact:

- Roommates and all doubles partners are automatically classified as a close contact.
- Playing on the same side of the court as another person (except for the match court warm-up as this is 2 minutes and controlled):
  - Extra vigilance should be undertaken by players and coaches in practice and final warm-up when training/sparring.
- Team physio treatment/strapping unless the use of full PPE is used; gloves, apron and fluid resistant mask (surgical or procedure mask).
- Ground transport (transfers/shuttle buses) - anyone sat to the sides, two rows in front and two rows behind will automatically be classified as a close contact. Transfers will be risk assessed on a case by case to determine if further persons are identified as close contacts. If seating positions are unknown, then all passengers will automatically be considered close contact.
- Air transport – Travelling by aeroplane is considered close contact for everyone on board. This applies to short haul and long haul flights.

Close contacts will be required to self-isolate immediately and must remain in self-isolation for 10 full days after the day they last had contact with that person.

Close contacts may also be required to undergo a further Covid-19 test, and any positive test results will result in further close contact tracing in relation to that individual. Self-isolation can be stopped after the 10 days if the individual does not show any symptoms.

2.7 Symptom Development

If you feel unwell or experience symptoms of COVID-19, you should self-isolate immediately.

Your key contacts will be:

- Championships Medical Officer: TBC, M: TBC
- Team Manager
- COVID Testing Manager: Mark Downie, M: +44 (0)7769 143995
If you experience symptoms or receive a positive test result during travel to the Championships/Birmingham:

- Immediately apply a face covering.
- Discard of any used tissues in bins, sanitise hands regularly and avoid touching shared surfaces (such as doors).
- If travelling by air, inform your flight crew and await instruction.
- If travelling by land, inform your driver (if applicable) and await instruction. If you are on shared transport, avoid close contact with other passengers, and inform your Team Manager and the COVID Testing Officer of your symptoms, informing of symptoms and any action taken.
- If disembarked, do not continue onward travel until medical guidance is received.

If you experience symptoms or receive a positive test result at the Competition Venue (Utilita Arena Birmingham):

- Immediately apply a face covering.
- Discard of any used tissues in bins, sanitise hands regularly and avoid touching shared surfaces (such as doors).
- Inform your Team Manager, Championships Medical Officer or COVID Testing Manager of your symptoms. If they are unreachable, inform the nearest venue steward - identified by navy blue polo shirts with the Utilita Arena Birmingham logo - of your symptoms and that you wish to access the nearest outdoor space.
- Leave the building through the nearest exit point, reducing interaction and points of contact. Await medical response.
- You will be met by a medical professional and taken to a quarantine area at the venue and follow the instructions of the medical professional.

If you experience symptoms or receive a positive test result at your hotel:

- Immediately apply a face covering.
- Remain in your room, avoid close contact with other people, and inform your Team Manager, Championships Medical Officer and COVID Testing Manager of your symptoms;
- Contact the hotel reception, informing them of your symptoms;
- Do not leave your room unless instructed to do so by a medical professional.

Badminton England or BWF may request any individual to self-isolate if they have reason to believe that they are displaying symptoms.

If a person cannot cope with their symptoms in self-isolation, or their condition gets worse, then they should contact their private medical insurance provider or the NHS 111 online COVID-19 service: https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19 or call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.
3 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage – Pre-Tournament

3.1 Pre-departure Testing

All players/entourage must obtain a negative test certificate 72 hours prior to their departure to the UK. This requirement includes foreign and UK players living in the UK. This is to ensure that all participants start the tournament with some assurance that they are COVID-19 free. The pre-departure test is at the Member Association/team/player/entourage own cost.

Prior to departure, at least one day before the expected arrival date for the tournament, the test result must be emailed to:

a) majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk
b) events.admin@bwfbadminton.org

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3.2 Safety on Flights and In Airports

Players and team entourage should strictly follow guidelines issued by the aviation authorities and airlines concerned. General personal hygiene measures such as regularly washing hands, not touching face, physical distancing and wearing face masks are highly recommended.

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4 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage – During Event

It is essential that you do not use public transport during you time in the UK.

4.1 Transport from airport to hotel

Transportation must be private and should ideally be booked by through the hosting organisation. Public transport is not permitted.
A complimentary separate transport for each team or group will be provided from Birmingham Airport. For arrivals into any other airport, a charge will be passed to your Member Association.

Requests should be made by completing the online booking form:

- Arrival request must be submitted by Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)
- Departure request must be made at least 72 hours prior to requested collection.

Teams booking through the official event transport will be provided with details of their driver. If you have any issues then please contact our Team Liaison Officer Manager.

Transport will be operated with maximum 50% capacity to allow for social distancing. Players/team entourage are required to wear face masks. Drivers will a face mask, unless they are behind a screen.

If you make arrangements through an alternative private transport provider, then you should inform us of your arrangements. Please note that you should not make any stops or leave the transport during your transit from the airport to the hotel.

4.2 Hotel

The official tournament hotel for players and essential entourage is Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre, Central Square, Holliday St, Birmingham B1 1HH.

Although twin occupancy is available, we strongly recommend single occupancy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and close contact tracing includes sharing a hotel room.

The hotel is not open to the general public during the event, and extensive safety measures in place to ensure safe environment for participants:

- Group check-in for teams on entry process to reduce queues and congestion.
- Rooms will not be cleaned during the event to eliminate risk of spread of Covid-19 (except under exceptional circumstances). Information will be available in rooms to support requirements that you may have for an externally provided paid laundry service (allow 24 hours), fresh towels/bedding/tea & coffee refills.
- Hotel staff will also undergo Covid-19 PCR and lateral flow testing throughout the event to maintain the integrity of the event bubble.
- Special operating procedures for isolation of positive tested individuals.

Upon arrival to the official hotel participants will undergo a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test. The tests will be conducted in a dedicated testing room.

After the test, participants must return and wait in their rooms until the test results are confirmed (up to 24 hours). Should there be a case where a person requires medical attention, the front desk shall be contacted.

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**PROTOCOLS FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM ENTOURAGE**

- Keep safe distance from others
- Practice good personal hygiene
- Inform your Team Manager / BWF if you experience any of the following symptoms: fever above 37.6 (scanned on the forehead), cough, sore throat, loss of sense or smell, cold-like symptoms.
- Stay in your room until the test result is ready (need to be prepared for a wait of up to 24 hours)

- Don’t hang out with people you don’t know
- Don’t go to crowded places

Athletes and entourage, who have received their negative test results will be able to leave their rooms.

Athletes and entourage must not leave the hotel other than to attend the venue and must have booked a seat onto the shuttle bus transport. Practice and gym at the venue will be available from Monday 15 March.

The hotel gym will also be available from Monday 15 March. Slots will be 45-minutes and a strict maximum of 6 people are permitted in the hotel gym at any one time. Booking requests can be made through your Team Liaison.

Gym use is at the users’ own risk, and so signage instruction should be observed, and any matter raised at the earliest opportunity.

**Meals:** (refer to section 4.12 Catering)

**All meals must be taken at the hotel and consumed in your hotel room.**

The hotel will be operating a room service provision - meals must be pre-ordered to ensure that players receive food at the correct time and of a high quality (breakfast is included in the room rates). Order forms will be available in rooms at the hotel on arrival.

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<td>- Stay in your room as much as possible.</td>
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<td>- Only leave your room to attend gym, or practice facilities during the allocated time.</td>
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<td>- Don’t use the gym or practice facilities during times allocated to other groups</td>
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The mid-week COVID-19 test will be carried out at the same location, as the on-arrival test in the official hotel. Allocated time slots will be provided nearer the time. After the test is conducted, players/entourage are able to continue their daily routine as normal, while waiting for the test result.
### During mid-week/in-competition COVID-19 tests

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<td>- Continue physical distancing</td>
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<td>- Continue your routine while waiting for the test result</td>
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### 4.3 Accreditation

Players and team entourage that have been tested and obtained a negative result, will be designated green and be given a Green accreditation. The green group primarily includes all stakeholders who will come into direct contact with players and team entourage. Everyone within the green group will be required to undertake a COVID-19 test as defined.

No personnel are allowed to access tournament facilities and transport without an accreditation pass. (Players are not permitted to leave the hotel, to access the venue or use transport without accreditation.)

Queries on accreditation should be made to the Entrance F accreditation desk or online at accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk.

- Your accreditation pass must be kept with you at all times and visibly displayed whilst off-court.
- If you suspect a breach in this security, please inform one of our Stewards.
- Should you hand your accreditation pass to another individual to gain access, your pass will be revoked, and you will be escorted from the premises.

### Green group personnel:

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<td>Tournament doctors</td>
<td>Prize presentation ushers and presenters</td>
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<td>BWF and LOC appointed Media</td>
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<td>Hotel staff</td>
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<td>Team liaison officers</td>
<td>Green zone venue staff</td>
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4.4 Accreditation Zones

Access to the venue during event times will be strictly controlled using a photographic accreditation system.

The venue is divided into two coloured zones— Green and Red. The green zone broadly includes all areas where players, entourage and TO’s will be congregating such as the FOP, players’ lounge, and TO’s areas and the red zones include all areas outside of this.

There will be separate entrances for Green and Red Zone accredited persons. Green zone entry will require mandatory daily temperature checks at the venue.

Green zone access will be through the Sport & Leisure Centre Entrance on Monday and Tuesday, and through the Arena Entrance F Wednesday through Sunday.

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4.5 The Competition Venue

The competition venue is Utilita Arena Birmingham, King Edward’s Road, Birmingham, B1 2AA.
The venue layout has been put in place to allow increased flows of movement around the concourse which is more open space and better ventilated. Volunteer services and catering have also been moved to the concourse area to provide for appropriate social distancing.

Please familiarise yourself with the arena plans (areas coloured red are red zones, any other coloured areas are green zones, non-coloured areas should not be accessed other than venue staff).
Arena Floor Level

**Legend: Red Zones**
- Zone 9 – Service Yard
- Zone 10 – Showcases
- Zone 11 - Venue Backstage

**Legend: Green Zones**
- Zone 1 – Competition area
- Zone 2 – Final Warm-up area
- Zone 3 – Athlete Backstage
- Zone 4 – Volunteer Backstage
- Zone 5 – Practice and athlete area (lower level)
- Zone 6 – Media Centre
- Zone 7 – Mixed zone and press conf.

Entrance C
Red Zone Entrance
**Practice Level** (Sports & Leisure Centre – lower underground floor)

4.6 **Transport between hotel and venue/practice venue**

Shuttle buses will operate between the official hotel and the competition venue (inc. practice courts). The use of the official transport is mandatory throughout the tournament.

Transport will be operated with maximum 50% capacity to allow for social distancing.

Safety:

- Seating will be spaced to provide social distancing, and you will be asked to load the bus from the rear first and observe the ‘do not sit here’ cards on the seats.
- Upon disembarking the bus you should remain seated until told, and you will be asked to leave from the front first with passengers further back keeping seated until those in front have gone.
- Face masks are required to be worn. Drivers will wear a face mask, unless they are behind a screen.
- Buses will be sanitised between each trip.

Pick-ups/drop-offs points:
• Outside the front entrance of the respective hotel.
• At the venue will be on King Edward’s Road nearby to Entrance F, which will be the main event entrance this year.

Timetable:
• The shuttle will operate throughout the day, with extra provision during peak times at the start and end of each day. A timetable will be provided nearer the event.

4.7 Temperature Screening
During the tournament week, all green accredited personnel, including players and team entourage are required to be temperature screened each time upon leaving the Crowne Plaza to catch the mandatory transport service.

Anyone with temperature over 37.8°C measured on the forehead will have to wait in isolation before a second temperature check is conducted. The second screening will be carried out with a different device. If the second temperature check returns a temperature below 37.8°C, the person can proceed as normal.

Should the second temperature check return a temperature of 37.8°C or more, the participant will be required to self-isolate and await further instruction, which may include to continue self-isolate/take a LFD/PCR-test/withdraw from the tournament.

4.8 Face Masks/Face shields
It is mandatory for facemasks to be worn in indoor spaces, including the venue and hotel, except in the following settings:

• During exercise (on court, warm-up, gym or training areas for players).
• Chair umpire during a match (except whilst briefing players on court).
• Consumption of food and drink.
• In your hotel room.

It is not mandatory to wear facemasks whilst in outdoor spaces, however it is recommended if you will be interacting or in contact with others.

In the context of the Covid-19, a face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth, and securely fits round the side of the face. A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one - this is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth.

4.9 Final Warm Up Courts
Two final warm up courts will be available for players throughout the event.

It is important to understand that playing on the same side of the court as another person is considered close contact (except for the match court warm-up as this is 2 minutes and controlled).
• Extra vigilance and care should be undertaken by players and coaches in practice and final warm-up when training/sparring.

Warm up courts are therefore strictly limited to those players with upcoming matches and you will be allocated a court by the FOP entry team for your match.

• You must not share a warm-up court unless instructed to do so.

Players will be called up from the practice courts when they may proceed to final warm up courts according to the play on court and capacity of final warm-up area.

Players will not be permitted back into the final warm-up area after their match. Athletes can use the physio / stretch area near practice hall.

The BWF and the local organising committee seek the assistance of the players to ensure these measures are implemented.

The warm up area will be cleaned regularly.

4.10 Practice courts

Eight practice courts will be available for players Monday and Tuesday, 5 practice courts Wednesday, and 6 practice courts from Thursday to Sunday. Practice courts are located in the Sports & Leisure Centre at the arena (lower underground floor).

Two practice courts will be reserved for the next matches on to use before being called to final warm-up.

A practice schedule will be created with dedicated practice courts allocated to teams. Athletes and entourage from different countries can train together if they agree. Provided they remain on opposite sides of the net they are not considered close contact, however if they share the same side of the net, they will be considered close contacts.

The local organising committee will design the practice court schedule in a way that limits the number of players within the practice area at any one time.

To ensure physical distancing is carried out, a maximum of 6 players/entourage are permitted to attend each warm up court, with a maximum of 4 those on the court at any one time.

The practice hall will be cleaned regularly.

Shuttles for use at practice sessions will be handed out by the Practice Team Leader.

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Exercise:
Gym slots are also available to book at the venue: practice@badmintonengland.co.uk. The gym is located next to the practice courts and slots will be 45-minutes and a strict maximum of 6 people are permitted in the hotel gym at any one time.

Gym use is at the users’ own risk, and so signage instruction should be observed, and any matter raised at the earliest opportunity.

There is also a designated and secure outdoor space at the Sports & Leisure Centre for athletes and team entourage at the venue to exercise or get fresh air whilst at the arena. It is not mandatory to wear facemasks whilst in outdoor spaces, however it is recommended if you will be in contact or interacting with others.

4.11 Player areas
Players will be provided with break-out spaces where they can relax at the venue.

- Stretching area – there will be an area next to practice courts for players to stretch and receive team physio treatment. Players should bring their own stretching matts to use.
- Relaxation area - there will be an area on the concourse, where players can sit and relax.

As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty. This is to avoid crowding and to reduce the risk of exposure. As per other areas of the stadium, players and entourage should practice good hygiene in the player areas.

Important: Team physio treatment/strapping is considered close contact unless the use of full PPE is used; gloves, apron, and fluid resistant mask (surgical or procedure mask).

4.12 Catering
Catering will be provided by the hotel. All meals must be taken at the hotel which shall be operating room service. It is not permitted in the UK for food to be consumed in public areas of the hotel.

Breakfast is included in the rates. Lunch and dinner arrangements will be at participants’ own cost. Meals must be pre-ordered to ensure that players receive food at the correct time and of a high quality. Order forms will be be issued by hotel staff on a daily basis – breakfast orders required by 20:00 for the next day, and lunch and dinner orders are required by 12:00 noon for the same day.

- Breakfast slots available 06:00-09:30
- Lunch slots available 12:00 – 15:00
- Dinner slots available 18:00 – 21:45
Kindly notify the hotel in advance of any special dietary requirements janey.bingham@cpbhamcity.com. Vegan and vegetarian dishes will be available every day in one of the menus.

Payment for meals/drinks/additional items can be made to individuals or to a team account which can be set up at reception with card pre-authorisation.

**Please note:** Each room is equipped with a kettle. Participants are able to use the kettle to prepare coffee/tea/cup noodles/ready oats etc., however, **cooking in the hotel room is strictly prohibited.** In case the fire alarm is triggered due to such activity, participants will be responsible for the costs incurred.

There will be a snack station at the hotel to purchase (by card or to room account) additional basic food items including bottled water, fruit (bananas, oranges, apples), cereal bars, yoghurt, energy drinks, chocolate, ready oats, cup noodles.

It is possible for delivery service to be ordered to the hotel; however, delivery personnel are not allowed into the hotel. An area will be allocated for deliveries to be left and it will be trusted for individuals to be collect their own order – no responsibility will be taken by either hotel or event staff for missing or incorrect orders.

### 4.13 Players’ Seating Area

There will be **NO** seating area to view matches at the Championships.

As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty. This is to avoid crowding and to reduce the risk of exposure.

Photography is not permitted unless accredited as Media, and the Championships reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.

Player match analysis video recordings will be permitted from the disabled bays in the seating bowl at block 1 -4, accessible from the athlete concourse area (opposite side of the match control desk).

Each team will be allowed up to 3 video permits (from Team Liaison). A maximum of 4 cameras are allowed to be set up for each court. Priority will be given to players/pairs competing on the court.

PLEASE NOTE: Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable for any costs incurred by BWF if their video footage is used for any other purpose.

### 4.14 Changing Rooms

Changing of clothes is permitted at the venue, but showers will not be in use.

All players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty.
4.15 Medical

A fully staffed medical service with a Doctor is available to all players and team officials from one hour before play starts to one hour after play finishes each day from Wednesday morning at the Arena.

Details of the Tournament Doctor will be provided upon arrival to Birmingham.

If players fall ill during the tournament, we strongly recommend that they take advice from the Tournament Doctor before taking any medication, as this could impact any Anti-Doping results.

Defibrillators are located in the venue Medical Room which is located on the spectator Concourse behind Block 2.

Emergency out of hours:

If an emergency occurs outside of competition hours, 999 or 112 can be used to contact the emergency services upon witnessing or being involved in an emergency. In the United Kingdom, the numbers 999 and 112 both connect to the same service, and there is no priority or charge for either of them.

An emergency can be:

- A person in immediate danger of injury or whose life is at risk
- Suspicion that a crime is in progress
- Structure on fire
- Another serious incident which needs immediate emergency service attendance

4.16 Physio Services

A physio is available for competing athletes, free of charge, one hour before play starts to one hour after play finishes each day from Wednesday morning at the Arena. You should contact the physio to make an appointment before attending.

- Athletes will not be seen if attending in sweaty kit due to infection control measures (athletes will be required to change their clothes if post-training).
- The athlete is required to wear a face mask throughout treatment.
- Players must bring their own towel and undertake thorough handwashing immediately before visiting.

During treatment

- Where possible the physiotherapist and athlete should maintain social distancing of 2m. If treatment is deemed necessary:
  - The physiotherapist may request the player to self-administer where this is possible.
  - The physiotherapist will risk assess and mitigate against each contact treatment and may be required to reposition the athlete to ensure close ‘face-to-face’ contact is kept to a minimum.
  - The physiotherapist will wear level 2 PPE if contact treatment is required (gloves, apron, face mask, +/- eye protection).

On court treatment
• Players will be requested to wear a surgical mask provided by the Physio, unless there are having breathing difficulties.
• The physiotherapist will wear level 2 PPE if contact treatment is required (gloves, apron, face mask, +/- eye protection).

The physio bed and equipment will be disinfected after each treatment.

See venue plans for location of physio room.

4.17 Anti-Doping
Anti-doping will be implemented as per BWF regulations.

4.18 Stringing Service
Stringing service will be provided by YONEX free of charge for YONEX sponsored players and $25 or equivalent for non-YONEX players, including strings. More information on stringing arrangements will be provided during the team managers meeting.

4.19 Baggage
Large kit bags should not be brought to the arena. There will be no baggage store at the venue.

Main luggage can be stored at the hotel if required and must not be brought to the venue – all departure transport should be from the hotel.

4.20 Official Briefings
The team managers meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, 16 March at 18:00: https://bluejeans.com/196855821.

Please ensure that you have a representative present, otherwise there is a BWF penalty for non-attendance.

4.21 Security
Regular security checks will be conducted throughout the facilities.

Dedicated security personnel will regulate the flow of movement at the competition venue. In order to limit the traffic especially on narrow corridors, the flow of movement will be kept one-directional wherever possible.
At the venue

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<td>- Practice good personal hygiene</td>
<td>- Don’t hang out at the venue</td>
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<td>- Follow the physical distancing measures</td>
<td>- Do no shower at the venue</td>
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<td>- Enter and exit via the Green Zone entry/exit points</td>
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<td>- Follow the Green Zone path to access the Warm-up, Practice and Competition courts</td>
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<td>- Go back to the hotel room upon the completion of your match/duties</td>
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5 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During match

5.1 Assembly Point

Physical distancing measures must be closely followed at the players assembly area. Before players are called on court, umpires will carry out the players’ clothes inspection. Umpires, service judges and players are all required to wear their face masks and follow physical distancing during the inspection.

Once a match is ready to be called on court, technical officials will be announced and march on first. Players will then be announced on court separately.

5.2 Pre- and Post-Match Protocols

Instead of shaking hands, players can touch rackets with their opponents or nod/put their hand across their chest when greeting the match officials.

5.3 Coin Toss

The umpires will ensure that there is adequate space between players during the coin toss. The coin will be disinfected between matches.
5.4 Shuttle Dispenser

A shuttlecock dispenser will be provided at each end of the court. When a player wants to change the shuttlecock, and is allowed to do so by the Umpire, the player can return the used shuttlecock into the shuttle box and take a new shuttlecock from the dispenser.

5.5 Coaching

Only one coach per player/pair per match is permitted on the field of play.

5.6 Intervals and Breaks in the Game

After the end of each game, the Service Judge will place the 2-min interval cone on the court and return to stand by his own chair until the end of the interval.

At change of ends, players are required to carry their own bags and place them into the player box on the opposite side. Players are requested not to leave any unpleasant items in the player boxes such as plasters, bandages, plastic bottles, food etc. Kindly take every item with you.

When line judges/floor assistants mop the court, the Umpires must ensure that the players are standing by the player boxes during the cleaning procedure.

5.7 Walk off Procedure

After the end of each match, the players will walk off court following the umpire. Physical distancing measures shall be closely followed during the walk off.

5.8 Cleaning of Court Equipment

The following equipment will be cleaned and disinfected frequently:

- Players boxes
- Coaches chair
- Mops
- Umpire tablet
- Umpire chair (seat, handles, steps)
- Service judge chair
- Service height measuring device

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6 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - Post match

6.1 Media Obligations

The players will be required to undertake post-match media obligations as outlined in the BWF Regulations. There will however be new protocols in place to ensure the safety of players, media and translators.

The mixed zone or media interview area will be stationed nearby the field of play exit as per previous tournaments. It is mandatory for media personnel who come into contact with the athletes to undergo Covid testing and therefore all interviews carried out in the mixed zone and/or interview area will be conducted by media who have tested negative for COVID-19.

The interviews in the mixed zone and/or interview area will be conducted under physical distancing rules. Media and translators required to wear face masks.

In addition, some virtual interviews will be carried out for media not onsite. These will be organized via Zoom or similar technology.

Post-match on court interviews will not be carried out.

Championships website is: www.allenglandbadminton.com

Players are encouraged to share photographs, videos and fan messages with the event’s social media accounts:

- @AllEnglandOfficial
- @YonexAllEngland
- AllEnglandBadminton
- @AllEnglandOfficial
The official event hashtag is #legendswillbegin and we would be delighted to share content using this to our followers for extra exposure.

6.2 Prize presentations

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 21 March, immediately after the conclusion of each event final. Before each presentation, the players will be required to sanitise their hands. Children and other entourage are not permitted in the presentation area.

Prize presenters and ushers are required to be tested negative for COVID-19 before entering the green zone bubble. They will wear face mask throughout the ceremony.

Shall players request to wear a face mask during the ceremony, this will be allowed.

During presentations, physical distancing measures will be followed and prize presenters will be instructed not to verbally communicate with players. Players shall pick up the prizes from trays/table, rather than be handed them from presenters. A group photo observing physical distancing rules will be carried out at the end of each presentation.

Further information will be provided at the Team Managers’ meeting.

7 Breaches of COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The BWF has introduced specific penalties for breaches of the COVID-19 safety protocols. An overview of the breaches and penalties can be found under Chapter 2, Section 2.5.1 of the BWF Statutes: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/

8 Venue Safety Procedures

If there is an incident or accident please make sure that you report to your Team Leader, who will then fill in an incident report form with you.

Please take the time to read the following emergency information about Arena Birmingham.

Suspicious Items/Packages

It is important to make frequent checks around your area to ensure that no unidentifiable packages, cases or bags have been abandoned. If you find anything suspicious, please do not touch the article, call the Arena Security Control Room on the internal phone number 3333 or 0121 644 7010 (Please ensure a 25-metre distance from the item/package if using a mobile phone).

When leaving your area or in the event of an evacuation, please ensure that:

- Electrical Appliances are switched off
- Any unidentified packages, cases or bags are reported as above.

Fire
Action upon discovering a fire:

- Raise the alarm by breaking glass in the nearest Fire Alarm Call Point
- Inform the Arena Security Control Room on internal phone 3333 or 0121 644 7010, detailing the location and nature of the fire.
- Only tackle the fire if safe to do so
- Await further instruction from Arena staff regarding evacuation if necessary
- Please note that lifts must not be used during a fire incident.

Medical

In the case of a personal injury or other medical emergency/assistance being required.

- Call ext 2222 on internal phone, or 0121 644 7010, detailing the exact location of the casualty and details of injuries sustained.

Evacuation

If it becomes necessary to evacuate the venue, the following message will be broadcast:

'Attention please, attention please. This is an emergency. Please leave the building by the nearest available exit.'

If the above message is broadcast, everyone must leave the venue for their own safety. Please make your way to the nearest emergency exit and follow the Arena Security Stewards who will direct people to the Arena evacuation point at St Vincent Street School playing fields.

Security

It is necessary to be vigilant for theft of property. If items cannot be watched, it is important that they are properly secured.

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