



YONEX 2019  
All England Open  
Badminton Championships

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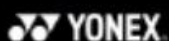
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## OFFICIAL INVITATION





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Dear Colleagues,

In March 2019, Badminton England will be welcoming the world to Birmingham for the **YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2019**, a HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000 event, and we invite you to join us.

The YONEX All England Open is the world's oldest and most prestigious badminton tournament, now in its 109<sup>th</sup> year. We've showcased the very best athletes within our sport since 1899, including many outstanding performances and rivalries, and 2019 provides an exciting opportunity for athletes and spectators. We are one of just three Super 1000 events within the BWF World Tour, which conclude with the season finale - the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals.

This invitation contains important information for your planning and preparation, ahead of entry submission and travelling to England. Please ensure that you take some time to read through the various sections. Any further questions should be directed to [majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you to England in March!

**Chris Miller**  
Championships Director, YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships

E: [chrismiller@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:chrismiller@badmintonengland.co.uk)

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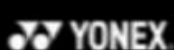
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- Appendix 2 - Arrival Transport Request Form
- Appendix 3 - Request for Practice Facilities Form

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## Part 1 - Championships Information

<b>Organiser:</b>	<p>Badminton England National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes MK8 9LA</p> <p>T: +44 (0)1908 268400 E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@badmintonengland.co.uk">enquiries@badmintonengland.co.uk</a> W: <a href="http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk">www.badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p> 
<b>Sanction:</b>	<p>Badminton World Federation (BWF): HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000</p>
<b>Date:</b>	<p>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>
<b>Competition Venue:</b>	<p>Arena Birmingham (formerly known as 'Barclaycard Arena') King Edward's Road Birmingham B1 2AA England</p> <p>Venue website: <a href="http://www.arenabham.co.uk">http://www.arenabham.co.uk</a></p>
<b>Media Links:</b>	<p>Championships website: <a href="http://www.allenglandbadminton.com">www.allenglandbadminton.com</a></p> <p> @AllEnglandOfficial</p> <p> @YonexAllEngland</p> <p> <b>YouTube</b> AllEnglandBadminton</p>
<b>Referee Team:</b> (appointed or approved by BWF)	<p><u>Referee:</u> Mojmir HNILICA (CZE) / Email: <a href="mailto:Mojmir.Hnilica@seznam.cz">Mojmir.Hnilica@seznam.cz</a></p> <p><u>Deputy Referees:</u> Lynne NIXEY (NZL) / Email: <a href="mailto:nixey4@yahoo.co.nz">nixey4@yahoo.co.nz</a> Zahra Rahmati HAGHNEJAD (IRI) / Email: <a href="mailto:zahrarhag@yahoo.com">zahrarhag@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><u>Local Deputy Referee:</u> Heather CRUMP (ENG) / Email: <a href="mailto:refereuk@yahoo.co.uk">refereuk@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>

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**Useful Contacts:**

Chris Miller, Championships Director

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Tournament Secretary, Martin Haxton:

E: [majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk)

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Accreditation Support:

E: [accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk)

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E: [practice@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:practice@badmintonengland.co.uk)

Transport Requests and Queries:

E: [transport@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:transport@badmintonengland.co.uk)

Team Liaison Officer (TLO) Requests and Queries:

E: [teamliaison@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:teamliaison@badmintonengland.co.uk)

Media Enquiries:

E: [media@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:media@badmintonengland.co.uk)

Phone numbers for key personnel will be provided upon your arrival in Birmingham.

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## Part 2 - Entry Information

<b>Regulations (Conditions of Play):</b>	<p>The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2019 will be run in accordance with, but not limited to, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Statutes, General Competition Regulations (GCR) and BWF World Tour Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.</p> <p>The Championships will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment and Advertising Regulations as outlined in BWF GCR 20 to 24.</p> <p>The Championships also ask participants to pay special attention to BWF Code of Ethics (BWF Statute 2.1), Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), Players' Code of Conduct (BWF Statute 2.2.4), Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct (BWF Statute 2.2.6), Technical Officials Code of Conduct (BWF Statute 2.2.5), Code of Conduct in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results (BWF Statute 2.4), and Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5)</p>																
<b>Scoring System:</b>	<p>The scoring system shall be the best of three games to 21 points, with setting, as outlined in Section 7 of the Laws of Badminton.</p>																
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<p><b>Draws:</b></p>	<p>In accordance with BWF World Tour Regulations, the following draw sizes will be implemented in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification Draw: There will be no Qualifying Draw in any event.</li> <li>• Main Draw: 32 players/pairs in each Main Draw event (no qualifying positions).</li> </ul> <p>All events will be run on a strict timetable system, and any changes to the schedule of play will be announced by the Referee. Competitors should be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time, and failure to arrive on court at this time will result in the player/pair being disqualified.</p> <p>The competition schedule can be viewed on the following pages.</p>
<p><b>Online Entry – International Entries:</b></p>	<p>Online entry for the Championships is mandatory. Member Associations should complete entry by the closing date using the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=035C09CF-D0E7-47DB-A774-8634B0CC5E7B">https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=035C09CF-D0E7-47DB-A774-8634B0CC5E7B</a></p> <p>You will require a username and password to submit your entries, and this can be obtained from the BWF. Please contact M. Shan Ramachandran - <a href="mailto:s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org">s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org</a>.</p> <p>The deadline to submit your online entry is <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00h GMT)</b>. Only online entries are permitted, and late entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>After the closing date, the BWF Online Entry System will send notification to all participating Member Associations confirming receipt of final entries. Receipt of this notification is the conclusive evidence of receipt of entries before the deadline. The Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 12:00 BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT). If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 23:59 BWF Headquarters time (+08.00 GMT), the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections shall be entertained after this point.</p> <p>No entry fee will be applied to international entries.</p>

<p><b>Online Entry – English Entries:</b></p>	<p>Eligible players wishing to enter through Badminton England must follow a different process to international entries. English players should complete entry by the closing date using the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://be.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=85E516F4-093F-418D-AEAD-74802F18A2F5">http://be.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=85E516F4-093F-418D-AEAD-74802F18A2F5</a></p> <p>The closing date for entries is <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b>.</p> <p>An entry fee of £35 per player, per event must be paid online at the time of registration, and an additional non-refundable processing fee of £20 will be charged per player. No other forms of payment will be accepted.</p> <p>No refund will be given to any English player for withdrawals made after the BWF entry deadline except for withdrawals from players who are not in the main draw.</p> <p>Any queries relating to English entries should be directed to: E: <a href="mailto:internationalentries@badmintonengland.co.uk">internationalentries@badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Withdrawals:</b></p>	<p>The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 to 14.</p> <p>Member Associations can withdraw their players/pairs through the online entry system until the last date of withdrawal (without penalty) – see Key Dates above. Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).</p> <p>Please ensure that the Tournament Referee and Tournament Secretary – see contact details below - are immediately notified in writing of any withdrawal after this date, clearly stating the reason for withdrawal. If a withdrawal takes place after the draw is made, a medical certificate should also be provided.</p> <p>If withdrawal arises once your players arrive in Birmingham, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Referee, or Deputies, and must also be confirmed in writing to:</p> <p>Referee: Mojmir HNILICA (CZE) Email: <a href="mailto:Mojmir.Hnilica@seznam.cz">Mojmir.Hnilica@seznam.cz</a></p> <p>Championship Secretary: Martin HAXTON Email: <a href="mailto:majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk">majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p>

**Prize Money:**

A prize fund of **US\$1,000,000** will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5. of the BWF Statutes, and awarded as per the table below.

UK Income Tax may be deducted from the prize money in accordance with British Inland Revenue regulations. All players will be taxed at the standard rate of UK tax on gross earnings from prize money and other sources. An allowance of £50 per day whilst participating in the Championships will be taken into consideration.

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	SEMI FINALIST	QUARTER FINALIST	LAST 16	LAST 32
MEN'S SINGLES	\$70,000	\$34,000	\$14,000	\$5,500	\$3,000	\$1,000
WOMEN'S SINGLES	\$70,000	\$34,000	\$14,000	\$5,500	\$3,000	\$1,000
MEN'S DOUBLES	\$74,000*	\$35,000*	\$14,000*	\$6,250*	\$3,250*	\$1,000*
WOMEN'S DOUBLES	\$74,000*	\$35,000*	\$14,000*	\$6,250*	\$3,250*	\$1,000*
MIXED DOUBLES	\$74,000*	\$35,000*	\$14,000*	\$6,250*	\$3,250*	\$1,000*

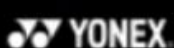
\* - per pair



## Competition Schedule:

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DAY	EVENT	ROUND	COURTS	DOORS OPEN	START	END
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R32	5	08:00	09:00	23:00
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R16	4	10:00	11:00	20:00
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH (SESSION 1)	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	QUARTER-FINALS	2	09:00	10:00	15:00
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH (SESSION 2)	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	QUARTER-FINALS	2	16:00	17:00	22:00
SATURDAY 9TH MARCH (SESSION 1)	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	SEMI-FINALS	1	09:00	10:00	15:00
SATURDAY 9TH MARCH (SESSION 2)	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	SEMI-FINALS	1	16:00	17:00	22:00
SUNDAY 10TH MARCH	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOW & FINALS	1	10:30	12:00 *	18:00
Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Referee, and all end times are approximate.						
* Championship show starts 11.30am, play starts 12 noon						

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## Part 3 – Tournament Information

<b>Team Managers' Meeting:</b>	<p>The Team Managers' Meeting will be held on <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 17:00</b> in the Quartz Level of Arena Birmingham. Your Team Liaison Officer (TLO) can direct you to this location.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> It is <u>MANDATORY</u> for all participating Member Associations/Team Managers to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Your Member Association will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statutes 2.5). Member Associations may make a request for someone to represent them at the meeting, provided the Referee is notified in advance and approves.</p>
<b>Umpire Briefing:</b>	<p>The Umpire Briefing will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 immediately following the Team Managers' Meeting (18:00 approx.) in the Quartz Level of Arena Birmingham.</p>
<b>Practice Facilities:</b>	<p>We are pleased to offer practice in both the Main Arena and Practice Hall (Sport &amp; Leisure Centre) within Arena Birmingham.</p> <p>Practice will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (taking into account the number of entries per Member Association, arrival date and time, match schedule, and Team Manager preferences), and requests should be made using the attached Practice Request Form. Although every effort will be made to meet requirements, we cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests. Please refer to Appendix 3 for further information.</p> <p>The deadline to complete and return this form is <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b>, to <a href="mailto:practice@badmintonengland.co.uk">practice@badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p> <p>All Member Associations will be allocated practice time in the Main Arena on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, and any Member Association failing to submit a Practice Request Form by the deadline will automatically be allocated a practice time. Main Arena practice from Wednesday onwards can only be requested upon arrival in Birmingham, and priority will be given to competing athletes.</p> <p>We will confirm allocations up to and including Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 prior to the Championships, once BWF Referee approval is provided (expected by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019). Allocations for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March onwards will be requested and confirmed on-site, and will be prioritised for competing players/pairs.</p>

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**Accreditation:**

Access to the Championship venue will be provided through personalised and photographic accreditation, and managed through an online system (the same system as the 2018 Championships).

The deadline to complete this online application is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)**.

One accreditation account is permitted per Team, and this should ideally be managed by a nominated employee of your Member Association. The system can be accessed using the link below:

<http://badmintonaccreditation.co.uk>

If your Member Association has previously created and used an account, please login using the same 'Group Admin' credentials - this will display the details of your previous accredited personnel. If you cannot remember your 'Group Admin' login and/or there has been a change of staff, please email [accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk)

If your Member Association has not accessed the system before, please register as a 'Group Admin' through the link to create an account. Once your account has been approved by Badminton England, you will be able to login and submit details for all individuals within your Team who require accreditation (this includes players and team officials).

Please note, the Group Admin does not automatically receive Accreditation – an application must be made for this individual, if required.

Accreditation will be available for collection from your Team Liaison Officer upon your arrival in Birmingham, or from the Accreditation Desk within Arena Birmingham. Accreditation should be collected and signed for from your Team Liaison Officer (TLO) or from the Accreditation Team within Arena Birmingham.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be £100 on each occasion, charged to your Member Association. The Championships reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited area as a result of damaged or missing accreditation. The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same National Association:

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<b>Non-Official Personnel:</b>	Visitors attending the Championships in a non-official capacity will be required to purchase tickets for the required sessions. Tickets can be purchased through The Ticket Factory using the following link: <a href="http://www.allenglandbadminton.com">www.allenglandbadminton.com</a> or please speak to your TLO upon arrival in Birmingham.										
<b>Presentation Ceremonies:</b>	<p>All Prize Ceremonies will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019, immediately after the conclusion of each event Final. Medals will be presented by the Championships to all winners and runners-up.</p> <p>It is expected that each finalist will participate in an on-court interview in English after the match completion, but prior to the ceremony (interpreters will be provided if required).</p> <p>Clothing worn during prize ceremonies must be in accordance with the GCR advertising regulations, "Advertising on Players' clothing", GCR Regulation 24. Players may wear tracksuits, but headgear, rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. Failure to comply will result in a penalty being applied by the BWF.</p>										
<b>Medical Services:</b>	<p>A Medical Officer and Physiotherapy service will be available during your stay in Birmingham, and contact details will be provided upon your arrival in Birmingham.</p> <p>For any other medical support or emergencies, we strongly recommend that the appropriate insurance is obtained prior to arrival in the UK.</p>										
<b>Anti-Doping:</b>	<p>Anti-Doping will be conducted in accordance with BWF and WADA Regulations. Please consult the BWF website for further information, and to view the current WADA Prohibited List.</p> <p>Please note that players must complete a TUE application process to apply for authorisation to take medications which fall under the Prohibited List, before they take medication.</p>										
<b>Insurance:</b>	Please ensure that the appropriate insurance cover is provided for all visitors to Birmingham.										
<b>Official Shuttle:</b>	YONEX Tournament Grade (F-90) feather shuttles will be used throughout.										

## Part 4 – Travel & Visa Information

<p><b>Transport:</b></p>	<p>The Championships offers a dedicated complimentary transport service for Teams within Birmingham between our Official Venues: Arena Birmingham, Official Accommodation (booked through Crème Conferences) and selected Transport Hubs – see below. All other destinations are at the discretion and cost of your Member Association.</p> <p>To request transport, please complete and return the Arrival Transport Request Form by <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b>, but no later than 48 hours prior to arrival, to <a href="mailto:transport@badmintonengland.co.uk">transport@badmintonengland.co.uk</a>. Please refer to Appendix 2 for further information.</p> <p>If travelling by <b>AIR</b>, <a href="#">Birmingham Airport</a> is the closest and preferred airport.</p> <p>If travelling by <b>RAIL</b>, <a href="#">Birmingham New Street Station</a> (BHM) is the closest and preferred station, but you may also use <a href="#">Birmingham International</a> (BHI).</p> <p>If travelling by <b>COACH</b>, <a href="#">Birmingham Coach Station</a> is the closest and preferred station.</p>
<p><b>UK Visas:</b></p>	<p>The United Kingdom has strict regulations about who needs a visa to enter the UK. If you are a citizen of a country that requires a UK visa (a visa national) you will NOT be allowed to enter the UK without one.</p> <p>If you are a national of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland or a national who does not require a visa to visit the UK, you do not need to apply for a visit visa to participate in UK hosted events. You can apply for entry on arrival in the UK to a Border Force officer. If you are not sure if you require a visa for the UK, please check the website at: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa">www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</a>.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge. On request, Badminton England can provide a letter of invitation to support visa applications by your athletes, support staff and officials, but accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications. Any letter of invitation does not guarantee entry into the UK - the final decision is made by UK Visas and Immigration.</p> <p>If you require a visa to participate in the Championships, and are seeking an invitation letter from Badminton England to support your application, we recommend you contact Badminton England no later than <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b>, to <a href="mailto:majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk">majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p>

### **Important Information:**

All applications will be subject to the UK's Immigration Rules which are available at [www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-index](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-index).

Visa nationals and non-visa nationals can enter the UK as visitors for the purpose of taking part in sporting events, including as participants, officials, team support staff, accredited media and VIPs, as permitted by the visitor rules. You can find UK Immigration visitor rules at [www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor-rules](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor-rules).

### **What Type of Visa?**

If you are a visa national and are coming to the UK to participate in a sporting event, you need to apply for a Standard Visitor visa (this has replaced the previous Sports Visitor visa). A Standard Visitor visa is valid for six months from date of issue. You can find out more about the Standard Visitor visa at [www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/overview](http://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/overview).

### **When to Apply?**

You can apply for a Standard Visitor visa a maximum of three months prior to your date of travel. UK Visas and Immigration aim to process visit applications within 15 working days, and the end to end process could take up to 20 working days. For current processing times, select your country on using this link: [www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times](http://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times). In addition to these times, please allow a further 3 working days for Badminton England to issue a letter of invitation electronically, and longer for a hard copy by courier (courier costs will be charged to your Member Association).

### **How to Apply?**

You can apply for any type of visit visa at any of visa application centres around the world. You can find details of visa application centres here ([www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre)).

Standard Visitor visa applications can be submitted using the new online application service at [www.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/uk-visit-visa](http://www.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/uk-visit-visa).

Please refer to Appendix 1 for further information.

## Part 5 – Accommodation Information

<b>Contacts:</b>	Accommodation for the Championships will be managed by Crème Conferences through an online reservation service, subject to availability:  T: +44 (0)1908 612690 E: <a href="mailto:badminton@crememk.co.uk">badminton@crememk.co.uk</a>
<b>Accommodation Options:</b>	For details of the Official Accommodation of the Championships, please visit:  <a href="http://www.cremeconferences.co.uk/yonexallengland">www.cremeconferences.co.uk/yonexallengland</a>  The deadline to reserve Official Accommodation is <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b> . Reservations should be made online, or by contacting Crème Conferences only.  After the deadline, any requests must continue to be directed to Crème Conferences, but we cannot guarantee the special rates offered. We cannot provide transport to and from other hotels, or those booked independently.  To speed up hotel check-in, Team Managers may provide a list of their squad prepared in advance showing the rooming list. This must include forename, family name, passport number and date of birth of every member of their party.  Crème Conferences will confirm payment details at time of booking confirmation.

## Part 6 – Media Information

<b>Media Obligations:</b>	<p>It is essential that we do all we can to secure maximum publicity for our sport, and It is a condition of entry into BWF Sanctioned Tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, the Media Manager or other Tournament officials, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to BWF Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statutes 5.3.6) for further details.</p> <p>It is expected that Member Associations will help facilitate, but not be limited to, Autograph Signings and Player Appearances for fans attending the Championships. The Championships will work closely with Member Associations, in accordance with BWF Regulations, in order to achieve this. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being applied.</p>
<b>Media Accreditation:</b>	<p>Any Media wishing to attend the Championships should apply through the following, no later than <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12:00 (GMT)</b>:</p> <p><a href="https://badmintonvolunteer.co.uk/vk/accredit/registerMember.htm?event=Yonex_All_England_Open_Badminton_Championships_2019">https://badmintonvolunteer.co.uk/vk/accredit/registerMember.htm?event=Yonex_All_England_Open_Badminton_Championships_2019</a></p>
<b>Host Broadcaster:</b>	<p>Sunset &amp; Vine</p>
<b>World Feed Broadcast:</b>	<p>All days of the Championships will be broadcast through the World Feed, in accordance with BWF requirements.</p>
<b>Video Recording and Photography:</b>	<p>Photography is not permitted within the playing arena at any time, and the Championships reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the playing arena is only permitted by players and Team Officials of competing Member Associations from clearly defined points using video accreditation passes. There are a limited number of these positions and passes available, and prior authorisation <u>must</u> be obtained in advance from the Information Office, and accreditation must be clearly displayed on the cameras. The Championships reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> 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.</p>
<b>Press Conference:</b>	<p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s) if requested.</p>