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YONEX
All England Open
Badminton Championships



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Invitation to the

YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2021

Grade 2 / Level 2 / Super 1000

17 – 21 March 2021
Utilita Arena Birmingham

Prize Money: **US\$850,000**

Dear Colleagues,

In March 2021, Badminton England will be welcoming the world to Birmingham for the YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2021, a HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000 event. In these exceptional and unprecedented times, we are excited to support the restarting of international badminton, 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 111th year. 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 ahead of the Tokyo 2022 Olympic Games. 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 – **particularly the COVID-19 Protocols in Section 4** - as there are many changes to previous years. Any further questions should be directed to 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










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1. General Details

Organiser	<p>Badminton England National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes MK8 9LA</p> <p>T: +44 (0)1908 268400 E: enquiries@badmintonengland.co.uk W: www.badmintonengland.co.uk</p>	
Sanction	Badminton World Federation (BWF): HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000	
Date	Wednesday 17 th to Sunday 21 st March 2021	
Competition Venue	<p>Utilita Arena Birmingham King Edward's Road Birmingham B1 2AA England</p> <p>Venue website: www.utilitaarenabham.co.uk</p>	
Media Links	<p>Championships website: www.allenglandbadminton.com</p> <p> @AllEnglandOfficial  @YonexAllEngland</p> <p> AllEnglandBadminton  @AllEnglandOfficial</p>	
Referee Team	<p>Referee: Pencho STOYNOV (BUL) / Email: p.stoynov@abv.bg</p> <p>Deputy Referees: Julien NYS (BEL) / Email: julien@badmintonvlaanderen.be Artur ZALUZHNOI (EST) / Email: artur.zaluzhnoi@gmail.com</p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Heather CRUMP (ENG) / Email: refereeuk@yahoo.co.uk</p>	
Useful Contacts	<p>Chris Miller, Championships Director: E: chrismiller@badmintonengland.co.uk</p> <p>Mark Downie, Assistant Championships Director: E: markdownie@badmintonengland.co.uk</p> <p>Martin Haxton, Championships Secretary: E: majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk</p>	





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General Tournament Information:

E: majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk

Accreditation Support:

E: accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk

Practice Requests and Queries:

E: practice@badmintonengland.co.uk

Transport Requests and Queries:

E: transport@badmintonengland.co.uk

Team Liaison Officer (TLO) Requests and Queries:

E: teamliaison@badmintonengland.co.uk

Media Enquiries:

E: media@badmintonengland.co.uk

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

Insurance coverage

Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence. Badminton England and BWF holds no liability for losses due to tournament cancellation, as a result of pandemics or other causes beyond their control. Visitors are liable for all costs incurred, including hotel fees, travel expenses, medical care and associated costs.

Due to COVID-19, it is a requirement for international attendees to have in place appropriate medical insurance and/or funding to cover routine medical and performance related healthcare such as musculoskeletal injuries, including outpatient investigation. Insurance must include COVID-19 care if reciprocal home country arrangements do not apply. This should include the whole delegation for the duration of their stay in the UK, in order that all such medical care is provided outside the National Health Service (NHS).

Indemnity

To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation to the Tournament.

Participant Agreement for Use of Photographs and Videos

Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.





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2. Entry Details

Regulations (Conditions of Play)	<p>The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 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>This tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>																								
Scoring System	Best of three games to 21 points, as per the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statute 4.1)																								
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Online Entry – International Entries

Entries for this tournament must be done by the Member Association using the BWF Online Group Entry system, using the following link:

<https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament?id=F25CD30E-3F46-4AAF-843A-EBA0677FF99C>

If the Member Association requires a username and password to access the system, please contact the BWF at the following email address:

s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org or hj.yee@bwfbadminton.org

The entry deadline is Tuesday 09 February 2021 at 23:59, BWF Headquarters time (+08:00 hrs GMT). Late entries will not be accepted.

After the entry deadline, the BWF Online Group 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.

Member Associations should contact BWF immediately if such notice is not received by Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 12:00 hrs BWF Headquarters time.

If no objection is received by BWF by Thursday 11 February 2021 at 23:59 hrs BWF Headquarters time, the entries shall be deemed to be correct. No complaints/objections will be entertained after this point.

Online Entry – English Entries

Eligible English players wishing to enter through Badminton England must follow a different process to international entries. Players should complete entry by the closing date using the following link:

[ENGLISH PLAYER ENTRY LINK](#)

The closing date for entries is **Monday 01 February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)**.

An entry fee of £40 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.

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.

Any queries relating to English entries should be directed to:

E: internationalentries@badmintonengland.co.uk





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Withdrawals

The management of withdrawals will be run in accordance with BWF GCR 13 and 14.

Member Associations can withdraw their entries through the BWF Online Group Entry system until the last date of withdrawal without penalty (see Key Dates Section).

Withdrawals made after this date will incur a penalty in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Please ensure that the Championships Referee and Secretary are notified immediately in writing, clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

If a Member Association needs to withdraw any entries once players have arrived in the host city, notification of withdrawal must be made by the Team Manager in person to the Tournament Referee, or Deputy Referee(s), and must also be confirmed in writing to:

Host Organiser Contact: Martin HAXTON / Email: majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk

19 Feb update:

It is mandatory for players on the reserve list that wish to be considered for promotion to submit the pre-arrival negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate to majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org. The test must have been taken in the three days before the start of the journey to the UK i.e reserves need to complete the same pre-arrival procedure as main draw players however do not need to physically be in Birmingham. Reserves residing in the UK also need to submit a negative certificate. If the 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 15 March in order to complete the arrival COVID-19 PCR test to be eligible to play on Wednesday 17 March.

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





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3. Tournament Details

Prize Money

A prize fund of **USD\$850,000** will be distributed in accordance with BWF Statute 5.3.5, and awarded as per the table below.

UK Income Tax of 20% may be deducted from the prize money in accordance with British Inland Revenue regulations.

	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Last 16	Last 32
Men's Singles	\$59,500	\$28,900	\$11,900	\$4,675	\$2,550	\$850
Women's Singles	\$59,500	\$28,900	\$11,900	\$4,675	\$2,550	\$850
Men's Doubles	\$62,900*	\$29,750*	\$11,900*	\$5,312.50*	\$2,762.50*	\$850*
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* – per pair

Competition Schedule

Day	Event	Round	Courts	Matches	Start	End
Wednesday 17 March	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R32	5	80	09:00	23:00
Thursday 18 March	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	R16	3	40	10:00	20:00
Friday 19 March	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	QF	2	20	10:00	20:00
Saturday 20 March	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	SF	1	10	10:00	20:00
Sunday 21 March	MS/WS/MD/WD/XD	F	1	5	10:00	15:00

Times and order of play may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Referee, and all end times are approximate

Official Shuttle

YONEX Tournament Grade (F-90) feather shuttles will be used.

Practice Facilities

Date	Main Arena	Sport & Leisure Centre
Monday 15 March	Not Available	12:00 – 22:00
Tuesday 16 March	10:00 – 22:00	08:00 – 20:00
Wednesday 17 March	06:00 – 08:00	08:00 – 20:00
Thursday 18 March	06:00 – 09:00	08:00 – 20:00
Friday 19 March	06:00 – 09:00	08:00 – 20:00
Saturday 20 March	06:00 – 09:00	08:00 – 20:00
Sunday 21 March	Not Available	08:00 – 15:00





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Practice Courts:

- Location: Utilita Arena Birmingham (Sport & Leisure Centre)
- Number of Courts: 8
- Practice in the Sport & Leisure Centre will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, taking into account the number of entries per Member Association, and any date and start time preferences. Requests should be submitted using the Practice Request Form at the link below.

Competition Courts:

- Location: Utilita Arena Birmingham
- Court Mat Colour: YONEX / Green
- As per BWF guidelines, each competing player will be allocated a minimum of 30 minutes practice in the Main Arena prior to the start of competition. Member Associations may request a preferred start time by completing the Practice Request Form (link below), and if no preference is stated, a time will be allocated by the Championships.
- Main Arena practice from Wednesday onwards can only be requested upon arrival in Birmingham, and priority will be given to competing athletes.

Final Warm-Up Courts:

- Only athletes called to compete will be allowed in this area. Support staff will be limited, and no entry is allowed post-match.
- Court Mat Colour: YONEX / Green

Practice Shuttles Information:

- Each player will be provided with 3 new shuttles for practice, which can be collected and signed for from the Athlete Services Team.

Although every effort will be made to meet practice preferences, we cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests.

The deadline to complete and return this form is **Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)**. We will confirm allocations up to and including Tuesday 16th March 2021 prior to the Championships, once BWF Referee approval is provided.

[**PRACTICE REQUEST FORM LINK**](#)

Player Facilities

Player Lounge Information:

- Location: Utilita Arena Birmingham (Sport & Leisure Centre)
- Schedule: From start of practice to end of competition each day
- Facilities Description: Due to COVID-19, this area will offer limited facilities – water, seating, cardiovascular gym equipment and space for debrief and stretching. Social distancing and enhanced hygiene must be observed.





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Stringing Services:

- Location: Utilita Arena Birmingham (location to be announced)
- Schedule: TBC
- Cost: TBC

Player Gym:

- Location: Utilita Arena Birmingham and Crowne Plaza
- Schedule: To be announced. It is anticipated that teams will be allocated 50 minute time slots with maximum capacity based on application.

Team Managers' Meeting

The Team Managers' Meeting will be held at the following:

- Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021
- Time: 18:00hrs
- Location: TBC

It is mandatory for all participating Member Associations (represented by designated Team Manager) to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Member Associations will be penalised for failing to attend, in accordance with the BWF Table of Offences and Penalties (BWF Statute 2.5).

Member Associations are allowed to request representation by another Member Association, provided that the Tournament Referee is notified in advance and approves.

Umpire Briefing

The Umpire Briefing will be held at the following:

- Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021
- Time: 16:00hrs
- Location: TBC

Presentation Ceremonies

All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday 21 March 2021, immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals and trophies will be presented to all winners and runners-up. There will be no on-court interview at the 2021 Championships.

In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statute 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the ceremonies directly after the match and must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol.

No equipment, including rackets and flags, are allowed to be brought onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.





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Accreditation

Access to transport services and Utilita Arena Birmingham is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation which will be strictly monitored throughout the Championships. The number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing players from the same Member Association. The allowances are as follows:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three (3) or less	1
Four (4) to Seven (7)	2
Eight (8) to 15	3
16 or more	4

Where separate Academies or Groups exist, the full allowance will firstly be given to the registered Member Association representatives as referenced in the BWF Statutes. Beyond this, the Academies or Groups must agree who is responsible for the charges and pay prior to receiving the passes.

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for essential Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of £150 incl. VAT, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the Championships. The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be £150 incl. VAT on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

19 Feb update:

The cost of the COVID-19 tests for additionally accredited Team Officials must be met by the respective Member Associations. The cost is £100 per PCR test, charged to the Member Association.

The Championships reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) 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.

One accreditation account is permitted per Member Association/Organisation, and this should ideally be managed by a nominated employee. This is the same system as used at the 2020 Championships. If you require assistance with your account, please email accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk

To register for a new account, please email accreditation@badmintonengland.co.uk clearly stating your preferred Group Administrator and their email address, and you will receive a username and password for the system. 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 Administrator does not automatically receive accreditation – an application must be made for this individual, if required.

The online accreditation system can be accessed at the following link:





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[ACCREDITATION SYSTEM LINK](#)

The deadline to submit your accreditation applications is **Friday 26th February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)**.

Accreditation will be available for collection from your Team Liaison Officer upon a negative PCR test result shortly after your arrival in Birmingham. If your Member Association has incurred a charge for additional passes, this will be payable at this time – card payments only (no cash).

Medical Services

A medical officer and physiotherapist service will be available during the tournament, free of charge to players.

For any other medical support or emergencies, it is essential that the appropriate insurance is obtained prior to arrival in the UK, and follow the guidance provided in your policy.

Anti-Doping

Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.

Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

Badminton Integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code of Conduct in Relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular Match Results) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a matches.

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Compliance with General Competition Regulations Clause 7.9

GCR 7.9:

"In making or authorising entries, the Member concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the Players being entered, of the BWF's regulations and Disciplinary processes."





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4. Travel & Visa Details

Transport

Due to COVID-19, all transportation must be booked by the Championships in advance of arrival into the UK. It is essential that you do not use public transport during your time in the UK.

We kindly ask for requests to be submitted by **Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)**, and any subsequent changes or requests must be made at least 72hrs prior to requested collection.

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. Please complete the online form and we will confirm this charge prior to confirming your booking.

All transport requests should be made by completing the following online booking form:

[TRANSPORT REQUEST FORM](#)

There will be a regular transport service between the Crowne Plaza and Utilita Arena Birmingham, and teams are required to use this service at all times – timetables will be available on arrival into Birmingham.

Visas

The United Kingdom has strict regulations about who needs a visa to enter the UK. For any queries, please consult with your embassy or UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

Please also be aware that the United Kingdom has now left the European Union.

The following link provides information on visiting the UK on a business trip, which includes taking part in a sporting event:

<https://www.gov.uk/visit-uk-business-trip>

If a visa is required to enter the United Kingdom, Badminton England can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. This is only available to athletes and essential support staff in 2021.

Please complete the online form at the link below - we recommend that this is submitted no later than **Monday 8th February 2021 at 12:00 GMT**. Please allow a minimum of two working days for a response.

[VISA SUPPORT REQUEST FORM](#)





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It is the responsibility of the Member Association, Organisation or individual to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all questions regarding visas should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

Badminton England accepts no responsibility for withdrawals or non-attendance made due to late or refused visa applications, and any letter of invitation does not guarantee entry into the UK or provide sponsorship of any kind - the final decision is made by UK Visas and Immigration.

Please complete and return the Visa Support Request Form by Monday 8th February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT).

Badminton England will only communicate with a Member Association, and will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.

COVID-19 Protocols:

Pre-Travel Requirements

1. In order to enter the UK, you must have valid proof of a negative coronavirus test to travel to England. You must take the test in the 3 days before you start your journey. This should be emailed to the majorevents@badmintonengland.co.uk and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org, and also printed for UK Border Control upon arrival. Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england>
2. Visitors to the UK will need to complete a [PUBLIC HEALTH PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM](#) before travelling to the UK. This will be required at UK Border Control.
3. Badminton England will (and must) provide a letter to confirm your status as an international elite sportsperson or essential support staff attending the Championships. This will be issued to the nominated Team Manager prior to entry into the UK, and will contain personal information taken from the accreditation system. It is therefore essential that the accreditation system is completed accurately and fully, as failure could result into entry the UK being denied.
4. Obtain the necessary visa (if applicable), taking into account that the UK is no longer part of the European Union.

COVID-19 Protocols:

Quarantine / Self-Isolation

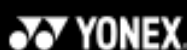
The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2021 has been awarded 'specified event' status by the UK Government.

This means that (subject to meeting strict criteria, including testing – see below), international visitors are exempt from self-isolation requirements upon entry to the country, unless they are arriving from a country under a travel ban: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transport-measures-to-protect-the-uk-from-variant-strains-of-covid-19#travel-bans-to-the-uk---banned-countries>

People who have been in or transited through the countries listed at the link above in the last 10 days will not be granted access to the UK. As of 27 January 2021, this includes:

19 Feb update:

Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Eswatini, French Guiana, Guyana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores), Seychelles, South





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Africa, Suriname, Tanzania, **United Arab Emirates**, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
You can check the up-to-date travel information from the UK Government here:
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

English law currently requires people who arrive in England from a non-exempt country, or who have travelled through a non-exempt country within the last 10 days, to self-isolate. However, the law currently allows international elite sportspersons and essential ancillary support staff to participate in a specified list of UK-based elite sports events without having to self-isolate for up to 10 days, provided they comply with certain conditions.

This is in recognition that public health risks associated with these events will be very low as a result of meticulous planning and mitigation strategies, effectively operating so far as possible within a distinct bubble, or footprint.

COVID-19 Important Information

Guidance

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly developing situation, and it is likely that this guidance and the reference sources it refers to will be regularly updated between now and the Championships.

Alongside implementing the BWF '*Safety Protocols & Operating Procedures (2021 Update)*', Badminton England will be delivering the Championships in accordance with the UK Government '*Elite Sport Stage Four – Return to Cross Border Competition*' guidelines.

Badminton England will produce and circulate the Safety Protocols for the Championships shortly which will compliment those being issued by the BWF. These will provide information and detail on the measures being taken to stage a successful and safe event, and what the obligations will be for everyone attending.

In accordance with the UK Government, all attendees will need to actively 'opt-in' by written consent to the safety protocols, risk and mitigation plans for the Championships. Failure to do so will prevent access to the Championships.

Key Principles

- Social distancing is maintained, along with good hygiene and hand washing, and the wearing of face coverings. Other measures will include screening of individuals prior to entry into official venues, COVID-19 symptom checks, temperature checks and COVID-19 testing.
- Attendance at the Championships is restricted to those individuals that are essential to the delivery of the Championships. Spectators will not be permitted.
- All attendees will need to actively 'opt-in' by written consent to the safety protocols, risk and mitigation plans for the Championships.
- Badminton England and our Partners retain the right to remove any individuals from any official venues if their actions are viewed to breach any health and safety protocols (COVID-19 related or otherwise).
- Visitors to the UK will not need to self-isolate for up to 10 days as long as you





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	<p>proceed directly to the location of the Championships and remain either self-isolated or within the Championships venues (hotel, transport services and Utilita Arena Birmingham) until your departure from the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitors to the UK will be expected to abide by the laws and guidelines of the UK Government for the duration of their stay, and zero tolerance policy will be applied to anyone breaching the protocols in place. This may result in removal of access to the official venues and accreditation privileges.• To support your time in England:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You must use transport provided by the Championships (charges may apply).- You must stay at the specified hotels, preferably in single occupancy rooms.- You must not leave the 'bubble' of official venues.- You must not leave your hotel room if you experience any coronavirus symptoms.
England COVID-19 Status	<p>As of 04 January 2021, England is in a national lockdown due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus.</p> <p>The lockdown means that the movements of people is tightly controlled, and many services are reduced or closed currently.</p> <p>The national lockdown will be reviewed over coming weeks, and if removed, it is likely that a tier system will be followed – this imposes conditions based on the spread of the virus in geographical locations. Prior to the national lockdown, Birmingham was previously in the highest tier.</p> <p>Vaccinations against the virus began being administered on 08 December 2021, and as of 17 January 2021 3,557,847 people have received the vaccine.</p>
COVID-19 Testing	<p>The Championships will follow the the BWF 'Safety Protocols & Operating Procedures (2021 Update)' which state that a COVID-19 RT-PCR Test is mandatory for all Super 1000 Tournaments for players, team officials, and selected tournament staff and volunteers. Multiple tests could be required.</p> <p>Testing will take place upon arrival in Birmingham, and visitors must remain isolated in their hotel room until the test result is provided – this could be up to 24 hours.</p> <p>With this in mind, all players (except for Semi-finalists and finalists from the German Open) should plan to arrive in Birmingham by midday on Sunday 14 March 2021 in order to be able to practice in the main arena prior to the first round. Arrival should be a day earlier if practice is required on Monday 15 March.</p> <p>Semi-finalists and finalists from the German Open should arrive no later than Monday morning, 15 March 2021. However please be aware that due to testing and subsequent quarantine, finalists may not be able to practice before their first-round match, although every effort will made to provide this.</p> <p>Details of the testing schedule, the impact of a positive test result, and the impact of being a close contact with someone who has received a positive test result will be provided shortly.</p>





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5. Accommodation Details

Rooms available	Rates	Remarks
Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre Central Square, Holliday St Birmingham B1 1HH	£135 single occupancy £150 twin occupancy	

Accommodation for the Championships will be managed by our Accommodation Partner - Crème Conferences through the following online reservation service:

[ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION LINK](#)

Due to COVID-19, all teams must stay at the Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre and complete reservation through Crème Conferences.

Although twin occupancy is available, we **strongly recommend single occupancy** to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This hotel is not exclusive to guests attending the Championships, but extensive measures have been put in place to separate service from the small number of other guests using the premises.

All meals will be provided as room service, and breakfast is included in the rates. Lunch and dinner can be ordered through the hotel, and a menu will be provided shortly.

Crème Conferences will confirm payment requirements at time of booking confirmation.

All reservations must be made using the link below, no later than **Friday 05 February 2021 at 12:00 (GMT)**.

For further support, please contact Crème Conferences on:

Annette Clare, Director / E: badminton@crememk.co.uk





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6. Media Details

Player Media Obligations

It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).

Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.

Media Accreditation

Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Championships will only provide access for individuals and agencies within the GREEN group media:

- BWF/Infront
- Host Broadcaster
- Rights Holders
- Badminton England media
- BWF and Badminton England appointed photographers

TV Broadcast Schedule

Date	Number of matches	Time
Wednesday 17 March 2021	10	09:00
Thursday 18 March 2021	10	10:00
Friday 19 March 2021	10	10:00
Saturday 20 March 2021	10	10:00
Sunday 21 March 2021	5	10:00

Host Broadcaster: Sunset & Vine

Video Recording and Photography

Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.

The Championships will record all matches and teams can make a request to obtain this footage.

Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association, who may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.

The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.

