

— OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS —

# 106<sup>th</sup> YONEX All England Senior (Masters) Badminton Championships 2024



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12 – 14 April 2024  
Hertfordshire Sports Village  
Hatfield, England

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Dear Colleagues,

Badminton England are proud to be hosting these longstanding Championships once again in 2024, now the 106<sup>th</sup> year. This prestigious event welcomes many of the best players from over 35 years of age across the World and sees nearly 500 players competing from more than 20 different nations.


We hope to see as many players as possible travel to the event to take part in what is one of the biggest Seniors (Masters) tournaments outside of the World and European Senior Championships. Players can expect to enjoy a fantastic three days of competition with rivalries on court and camaraderie off court.

We look forward to welcoming you to England in April!



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# 1. General Details

<b>Organiser</b>	<p>Badminton England National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes MK8 9LA</p> <p>T: +44 (0)1908 268400 E: <a href="mailto:competition@badmintonengland.co.uk">competition@badmintonengland.co.uk</a> W: <a href="http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk">www.badmintonengland.co.uk</a></p> 
<b>Date</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Competition Venue</b>	<p>Hertfordshire Sports Village De Havilland Campus Hatfield AL10 9EU</p> <p>Venue website: <a href="https://www.hertssportsvillage.co.uk/">https://www.hertssportsvillage.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>Contacts</b>	<p>Championships Secretary E: <a href="mailto:steveemptage@badmintonengland.co.uk">steveemptage@badmintonengland.co.uk</a> (+44) 07881 314431</p>
<b>Insurance coverage</b>	<p><b>Players resident in England:</b> Must have a Badminton England playing membership and be in good standing with the association.</p> <p><b>Players not resident in England and arriving from overseas:</b> Must be a member of their home nation badminton association and be in good standing with that association.</p> <p>Players arriving from overseas must 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 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.</p> <p>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 be in place for the duration of your stay in the UK, in order that all such medical care is provided outside the National Health Service (NHS).</p>

## Regulations

The regulations for the tournament can be viewed at the link below. All tournament updates will be posted to this page, including seeds, draws and results.

<https://be.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/D56FF94F-6B77-4950-8F7D-147E2989023A>

### Important:

- The intention is that events will be played in groups where entry numbers and court time allow. However, if entry numbers are high, where necessary **SOME GROUPS OF 2 WILL BE DRAWN OR SOME EVENTS WILL BE PLAYED IN A KNOCKOUT FORMAT.**
- This event also runs in accordance with the Badminton England transgender policy. Players are required to play within their assigned sex at birth, and competition to be categorised as:
  - Female competition – players assigned female at birth.
  - Open competition – all individuals will be eligible to compete in the open category. This will replace the men’s category. Eg. Open Singles 35 (OS35).

Read more here: <https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/about-us/equality-diversity/>

- Further information on Badminton England tournament regulations can be found using the link below, including our Codes of Conduct

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/competition-regulations-and-faqs/>

## Entries

Entry deadline is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Entry fees are £35.00 per discipline in all age categories.

There are no restrictions on draw sizes for each event, and we aim to accept all complete and legitimate entries received. BOTH doubles partners must enter. Competitors wanting a partner should enter “partner wanted” on their entry (see note below on help to find a partner).

### Players resident in England:

Entries must be submitted online with payment through tournament software by the closing date.

### Players not resident in England:

Entries must be submitted by the closing date using the non-resident entry form/bulk entry template (contact [competition@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:competition@badmintonengland.co.uk)). Entry fees will be collected at the event, via cash or card payment.

### Partner Wanted Entries:

One of our players has very kindly set up a Partner Wanted list which everyone can use to help them find partners for Masters tournaments, including the YONEX All England Seniors (Masters), before the entry closes. This will be available after the entry opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

While we are circulating the link, this is not a Badminton England tool, we cannot help with any queries relating to the list and we take no responsibility for the protection of your personal data. Please note that by entering your details in the sheet you acknowledge that anyone with the link can see your details. It is also up to you to delete your details if you find a partner. We do not monitor the spreadsheet.

[Partner Wanted spreadsheet](#)

## Competition Schedule

Play will be as follows, with age groups scheduled appropriately throughout the day.

Players should be prepared to play within these times. First match times will be shared 7 days before the event, via email. The full schedule of matches will be published on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 along with the draws.

Friday: Singles 9:00am – 10:30pm

Saturday: Level Doubles 9:00am – 10:30pm

Sunday Mixed Doubles 9:00am – 8:00 pm

## Key Dates

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Wednesday 6 March 2024
<b>Visa Support Application Deadline</b>	Wednesday 13 March 2024
<b>Timing Letter Received</b>	By Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Draw &amp; Full Schedule Published</b>	Wednesday 10 April 2024

## Transport

All players must make their own travel arrangements.

### Airports:

The closest airports are:

Luton Airport	30 minutes Peak Time 40 minutes
Central London	45 minutes Peak Time 60 minutes
Stansted Airport	50 minutes Peak Time 65 minutes
London City Airport	50 minutes Peak Time 65 minutes
Heathrow Airport	60 minutes Peak Time 75 minutes
Gatwick Airport	80 minutes Peak Time 95 minutes

### Taxis/transfers:

Black taxis are purpose-built vehicles which can be any colour, not just black. These do not necessarily need to be pre-booked, so you can find one and take a trip.

Private hire taxis (and minicabs) must be pre-booked, and you can often find that these are cheaper than black taxis unless you use a more premium and executive service.

More information can be found here on taxis in England and in and around London:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/taxis-and-minicabs/>

For taxi transfers to/from the airport, there are many options which can be found online, through the airport websites or using Hatfield based taxi companies such as:

- <https://www.airporttaxihatfield.co.uk/>
- <https://www.hertsairporttransfer.com/>
- <https://www.1stairporttaxi.co.uk/hatfield-airport-taxi.html>

For local taxi trips in Hatfield, we would recommend using a local company (will also do airport transfers), such as:

- Uber <https://www.uber.com/jp/en/ride/ubertaxi/>. There are Uber drivers in Hatfield, and you may find this the easiest way to book and pay for taxis as it is all done through the mobile app which you can download.
- Intu Taxis <https://intutaxi.co.uk/>
- Hello Taxis Hatfield <https://hellotaxihatfield.com/>

## Trains:

Hatfield Train Station

- There are direct trains to/from Hatfield and London Kings Cross St Pancras, which takes approximately 25-30 minutes if you wish to visit London.
- It is about 30 minutes' walk/8 minute drive from Hatfield Train station to the venue.

## London Underground (Tube) station:

Hatfield is not on the London underground. The closest tube station you would find to Hatfield is High Barnett or Cockfosters Underground station on the Northern line. These are about 25minute drive from Hatfield, and then take another 25 minutes into central London. It would be more direct and quicker to go to central London on the train from Hatfield to Kings Cross and St Pancras and then use the tube for accessing specific sites you may wish to visit in central London.

## Accommodation

There is no official accommodation, and hotels can become quickly fully booked so we recommend you secure this with a refundable booking.

The closest hotel to the venue would be The Comet Hotel, which is over the road from the venue (3-5 minute walk). <https://comethotel.co.uk/>

Other accommodation is available at Travelodge, [Hatfield Central](#), which is a 14-minute walk to the venue. Or [Premier Inn Hatfield](#), which is a 24-minute walk.

Other hotels may be found here [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

## Visas

If a visa is required to enter the United Kingdom, Badminton England can provide a letter of support to assist with your application.

These can only be provided to players, if they are a member of their home badminton association which in turn is a member association of the Badminton World Federation. The home badminton association must confirm that you are in good standing and submit a visa request form on your behalf to Badminton England

Badminton England will only provide a visa letter of support if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested. The final decision is made by UK Visas and Immigration.

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.

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>

VISA SUPPORT REQUEST FORM – Request a form at [competition@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:competition@badmintonengland.co.uk)

**Covid 19 – UK Entry Requirements**

The UK Government has updated its guidance for people travelling to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19) The full details can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

When you travel to England, you:

- do not need to complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel
- do not need to take any COVID-19 tests before you travel or after you arrive
- do not need to quarantine when you arrive

This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. It includes people who are transiting through England.

Other countries may have rules about what you need to do to leave the country to travel to England. You should check travel advice for the country you are travelling from.