

# 105<sup>th</sup> All England Senior (Masters) Badminton Championships 2023



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14 – 16 April 2023  
Hatfield, England

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Dear Colleagues,

Badminton England are proud to be hosting these longstanding Championships once again in 2023, now the 105<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 15 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 14 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
<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) 07881314431</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>	
<b>Regulations</b>	<p>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. <a href="https://be.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/CF335685-BDAB-4A43-9B5D-F7874D20FAB1">https://be.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/CF335685-BDAB-4A43-9B5D-F7874D20FAB1</a></p> <p>Further information on Badminton England tournament regulations can be found using the link below, including our Codes of Conduct <a href="https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/competition-regulations-and-faqs/">https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/competition-regulations-and-faqs/</a></p>	

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## Entries

Entry deadline is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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.

### 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> April along with the draws.

Friday: Singles 9:00am – 10:30pm

Saturday: Singles 9:00am – 10:30pm

Sunday 9:00am – 8:00 pm

## Key Dates

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Wednesday 8 March 2023
<b>Visa Support Application Deadline</b>	Wednesday 15 March 2023
<b>Seeding Published</b>	TBC
<b>Timing Letter Received</b>	By Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Draw &amp; Full Schule Published</b>	Wednesday 14 April 2023

## 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 Barnet 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.

### TRAVEL FROM MAINLAND CHINA

From 5 January 2023, there are different rules if you travel to England from mainland China:

- If you're aged 12 or older, you will need to take a COVID-19 test no more than 2 days before you travel.
- You will need to show notification of a negative COVID-19 test result when you depart mainland China for England. This will be checked by your airline.
- This applies to all direct and indirect flights originating from mainland China. An indirect flight involves stops in one or more other countries or territories before arriving in England. This includes if you are travelling through Hong Kong or Macao.
- It applies if England is your final destination, or if you will be transiting through England.
- You must provide the original test result notification. Your test result must be in either English, French or Spanish.
- Your test result can be provided as: - a printed document - an email or text message you can show on your phone – make sure your device is charged.
- It must include the following information: - your name, which should match the name on your travel documents - your date of birth or age - the result of the test - the date the test sample was collected or received by the test provider - the name of the test provider and

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their contact details - confirmation of the type of test taken, this can be a lateral flow or PCR.

- You cannot use an NHS-provided test as a pre-departure test.
- Failure to comply with these travel rules may incur a fine.
- From 8 January 2023, some passengers will be invited to take a voluntary test on arrival to monitor for potential new variants. This applies to passengers aged 18 or over who are travelling from mainland China and arriving at Heathrow Airport only.

#### **RED LIST COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES**

There are currently no red list restrictions in place for travel to England. You are advised to regularly check the link above for updates.

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