



Center Parcs National Schools Championships

The 2008/09 Championships culminated with the National Final at Center Parcs Sherwood Forest on 25 and 26 April. The Championships saw 200 School Sport Partnerships entered from Truro to Newcastle, alongside 150 individual / Independent schools, attracting over 1,000 schools, and over 15,000 participants. We hope that this will grow to even more in 2009/10 with the help and support of BADMINTON England's new partner, Center Parcs. With their involvement and support we will create a best in class tournament that helps provide high level competitive badminton opportunities for schools across England.

What is our aim?

We have introduced the Center Parcs National Schools Championships to provide uniform competitive school badminton for Key Stages 3 and 4 across the whole of England. We aim to:

- ❖ Increase access to badminton and widen the choice of sports available to young people
- ❖ Increase high quality badminton competition within and between schools
- ❖ Increase participation in badminton with more opportunities across the talent ladder+
- ❖ Provide a gateway into continued badminton participation within Community Badminton Networks (CBNs) / Performance Centres (PCs)

Who can enter?

- ❖ School Sport Partnerships (SSPs) [See Appendix 1 - SSP Entry Form]
- ❖ Independent Schools [See Appendix 2 - Independent Entry Form]

What does it involve?

There will be four event categories split by gender and age as follows:

- ❖ Boys years 7 / 8 / 9
- ❖ Boys years 10 / 11
- ❖ Girls years 7 / 8 / 9
- ❖ Girls years 10 / 11

Championship Format & Dates

Round	Organiser	Dates
SSP / Independent School round:	SSP / Badminton Officer / Competition Manager (CM)	11 December 2009
Sub County round (optional*):	SSP / Badminton Officer / CM / CBA	29 January 2010
County round:	SSP / Badminton Officer / CM / CBA	12 February 2010
Regional round:	BADMINTON England HQ	1-5 March 2010
Final:	BADMINTON England HQ / Center Parcs	24 April (KS4) 25 April (KS3)

*A Sub-County round has been introduced for those counties who have a large number of entries. The Badminton Officer / Competition Manager will determine if this round is necessary.

The dates and venues for each round of the Championships will be decided locally (except for the Final which will be held at Center Parcs). Teams play one another in round robin groups. If there is more than one group, the group winners will move into a knock-out stage.

How to enter the Championships

To enter the Center Parcs National Schools Championships please complete and return the appropriate Entry Form along with the appropriate Affiliation Form and return to:

Center Parcs National Schools Championships, BADMINTON England, National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA.

The Sports College at the centre of the SSP is responsible for affiliating and organising the SSP round of the Championships. If you would like to enter your school into the Championships please contact your Partnership Development Manager (PDM) to ensure your school is included.

The deadline for entries is 20 September 2009.

A confirmation letter and CD Rom guide will be issued to the designated contact on receipt of entry. A list of entries will be displayed at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/nationalschoolschampionships

The Rules and Regulations and further information can be found at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/nationalschoolschampionships

If you have any queries please contact your Badminton Officer or Competition Manager.

Good luck!
Center Parcs National Schools Championships Team