



Center Parcs National Schools Championships

Rules & Regulations

Each individual School may enter up to 3 teams per event (unless receiving a bye to the second round). The number of teams accepted will be at the discretion of the organiser of Round 1 [SSP].

Entry

- o Entries must be made on an official entry form.
- o The person signing the entry form agrees that they have full agreement of the Head Teacher(s) of the school(s) participating, and on their behalf have read the Rules & Regulations and agree to abide by them, and understand that the decisions made by BADMINTON England are final.
- o The signer of the entry form agrees to be the point of contact / organiser for the SSP round.
- o The closing date for entries is 20 September 2009.
- o All entries will be confirmed by 16 October 2009. If you have not received confirmation by then please contact BADMINTON England: nationalschoolschampionships@badmintonengland.co.uk or by post to the National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA. Telephone: 01908 268400.

School & Player Eligibility

- o The Championships are open to all schools in England (inc. Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight).
- o Selected players must be on the Register of the school they represent. If a player changes school during the Championships they are eligible to represent their new school once registered.
- o Players within the Key Stage 3 competition **must** be in school years 7, 8 or 9.
- o Players within the Key Stage 4 competition **must** be in school years 10 or 11 (**Years 7, 8 or 9 are not eligible to play in the Key Stage 4 event. If an ineligible player(s) is/are fielded their scores will be discounted**).

Team & Match Format

- o If a school has entered 2 or more teams then the '1st' or 'A' Team shall be considered the strongest. A player may only play for one team per round.
 - A player may play up into a stronger team provided that they have not already played for another team in that same round.
 - A player may not play down into a weaker team if they have already represented a stronger team in a match or have been nominated for a stronger team.

- o Players participating in the final must have represented their school in at least one previous round. Appeals for a new player(s) to represent the school in the final must be made in writing (see Appeals section).
- o Teams will consist of 5 players with any 4 taking part in each match. The 5th player can be used in any match and not just as a reserve in case of injury. If a player is injured during a game then that game is conceded, but the 5th player may be substituted for further games in that match.
- o Each match will consist of 5 games: 2 x singles and 3 x doubles, with each player playing 2 games. This is shown in the playing format for a match below:
 - 1st Game:** Singles (higher ranked player chosen to play singles)
 - 2nd Game:** Doubles (the 2 players not selected for a singles game)
 - 3rd Game:** Singles (second player chosen for singles)
 - 4th Game:** Doubles (first singles player + either one of non-singles players)
 - 5th Game:** Doubles (second singles player + the other non-singles player)
- o For each match a Score Sheet (provided) must be completed and signed by **both** Team Managers. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that the results on the sheets are correct.
- o Group winners will be decided as follows:
 - Most matches won
 - If 2 teams are tied, the winner of the match between them
 - If 3 or more teams are tied, the team with greater games difference
 - If 2 teams are then tied, the winner of the match between them
 - If 3 or more teams are still tied, then the team with greater points difference
 - If 2 teams are then tied, the winner of the match between them
 - If teams are still tied, then the results will be reviewed following the match by the Center Parcs National Schools Badminton Championships Policy Group
- o Each game will be 1 set to 21 points, using Rally Points scoring, with no extended scoring or setting. The first (SSP) and second (County) rounds may be played to fewer points (minimum of 11 points) if time is restricted.
- o If a team cannot play all of the matches within a round, then they will be scratched and their scores discounted. Any appeals may be made in writing (see Appeals section).
- o The winner of each event in each round will progress to the next round. In the case of two SSPs (or an SSP and Independent Schools) running a combined first round, one winner will progress from each (SSP/Independent School).
- o If a team drops out of the Championships at any point then the next best placed team from the last round will progress.

Shuttles

- o Schools to provide shuttles for the first (SSP) round, BADMINTON England to provide shuttles for the following rounds.

Appeals

- o Appeals must be made in writing (within 7 days) by post to: Center Parcs National Schools Badminton Championships Policy Group, BADMINTON England, National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA.