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# NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### Tournament Information

**Venue**
<Insert Venue>

**Key Dates**
Entry Open | 50 Days Prior to Event
Entry Closes | 2 Weeks Prior to Event
Draw Published | Wednesday before Event
Event | <Insert Event Date>

**Events**
Men's Singles | Women's Singles
Men's Doubles | Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles

**Age groups |** Over 35s, 40s, 45s, 50s, 55s, 60s, 65s & 70s
*Players can play in a lower age group but not in a higher age group.*

*Players must have reached the required age for the categories entered by 31 December <Insert Year>.*

*If there are not enough entries in any of the age group players will be given the opportunity to play at a lower age group.*

***The maximum number of events a player can enter is four (maximum of two of the same event, across two different age groups).***

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**Entry Fees**
Singles | £
Doubles | £
All entries and payments are to be made online via tournament software.
Entries will not be accepted without payment.

**Draw**
The draw will be seeded.

Seedings will be made |
1) On current (Past 12 months) BWF World Ranking Points.
2) Previous National Championship results.

**Shuttles**
Feather shuttles will be used.

**Courts**
5 courts will be used during the tournament.
The courts will be available for warm up before play starts.

**Arrival**
Upon arrival, please proceed to the Badminton Wales Tournament Desk to register.

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**Trophies & or Medals**

Individual trophies & or medals shall be awarded to the Winners and Runner-Ups.

**Withdrawal**

A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

From the time of the draw all communications between the player and Badminton Wales / Referee regarding withdrawal, late arrival, etc. must be with the player listed, and not via third parties.

- Withdrawal from the tournament before deadline- Eligible for refund
- Withdrawal from the tournament after withdrawal deadline- No refund
- Failure to arrive with notification within a reasonable period but without proper reason: £35.00
- Failure to arrive without notification: £50.00

**Coaching**

Coaching is permitted.

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### Conditions of Play

**Eligibility**

A player shall be qualified to enter Welsh National Championships providing the player satisfies all of the following regulations:

- Is in good standing (see note) with Badminton Wales.
- Has not represented any other member association for a period of 3 years immediately preceding the date of the tournament.
- Has not competed in the National championships of another member association for 2 years preceding the tournament.
- Was born in Wales or one or both parents were born in Wales **and/or**
- Has had their main residence in Wales for 2 (two) years immediately preceding the date of the tournament.

*If you enter and do not meet the eligibility criteria, you will not be able to participate in the event & no refund will be issued.*

**Note |** To be "in good standing" includes:

- Not being in debt with Badminton Wales.
- Being a Badminton Wales member

**Conditions of Play**

The tournament shall be played in accordance with |

- The laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations of BWF.
- Badminton Wales Regulations.

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Matches will be played as the best of 3 games to 15 points with no extended play in group matches and with extended play in knockout matches.

The period for knocking-up before any match shall not exceed two minutes.

An interval not exceeding 60 seconds shall be permitted when the leading score reaches 11 points in each game.

An interval not exceeding two minutes is also permitted between games.

All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered; failure to do so may result in the players disqualification.

**Clothing and Advertising**

All Clothing must be suitable badminton clothing, it may be of any colour or combination of colours.

Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content.

Advertising on players kit must follow the BWF-General Competition Regulations (Regulation 24).

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### Rules & Rankings

Players not prepared to play when called will be scratched.

In the event of any disputes Badminton Wales's Events Officers decision is final.

**Group Stage Rules / Rankings**
Ranking in events played under the pool system or in groups.
Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.

- If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater positive difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater positive difference ranked higher.

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- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- If illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.

### Photography/Video

Photographs/videos taken at the event by Badminton Wales may be used for purposes including (but not restricted to) news items (both online and newspaper), marketing materials/outlets, education and training, player analysis, performance, development, selection and event promotion.

Matches may be Live Streamed with the link embedded within Badminton Website for viewing events live.

If anyone has any concerns with themselves or their child being photographed or filmed at Badminton Wales events please contact our Major Events Officer | **bethan.chamberlain-carter@badminton.wales**

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In line with Badminton Wales' Photographic/Recorded Images Policy, any person wishing to engage in any photography or videoing should inform Badminton Wales Major Events Officer before any photography/video is undertaken.

Any unauthorised photographer who will not agree to these conditions may be reported to the appropriate authority.

## Player Code of Conduct, Misconduct & Disciplinary Procedures

This tournament operates in accordance with the BWF Laws of Badminton and associated Codes of Conduct. All players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

**Financial Penalties (In Line with Badminton Wales Practice)**
**Yellow Card Offences**

- 1st offence: Written warning
- 2nd offence: £20 fine
- 3rd offence: Referral to disciplinary hearing

**Red Card Offences**

- 1st offence: £40 fine
- 2nd offence: Referral to disciplinary hearing

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**Black Card Offences**

- Automatic referral to disciplinary hearing
- Potential suspension from future tournaments

**Payment of Fines**

- Fines must be paid within 30 days.
- Failure to pay fines may result in suspension from future events until payment is received.

### Communication with Badminton Wales Staff

All communication with Badminton Wales staff, officials, and volunteers must be conducted in a polite, respectful, and appropriate manner at all times. This includes before, during and after the tournament.

We will not tolerate rude, abusive, aggressive, or threatening behaviour whether in person, by phone, email, social media, or any other form of communication. Appropriate action will be taken if required.

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**Drug Testing**

To be eligible to participate or assist any participant in any event or activity organised or authorised by or held under the rules of the association wherever held, you must comply with the current anti-doping policy of the association and shall be deemed to have agreed with and contested to these rules.

You should be advised that participants may be subject to random testing for drugs at any time during the event by agents sanctioned by the association of the BWF.

Failure to comply with a request for testing may result in you being subject to the same sanction as for a positive doping test.

For a list of banned substances you should refer to the UK sport website(www.uksport.gov.uk)

**The association reserves the right to add to, or alter, these regulations. Its decision in all matters shall be final. Any person deemed to be in breach of these regulations may be withdrawn from the event and/or asked to leave the hall.**