

National Schools Championships 2019/20 - Rules and Regulations

Each individual school may enter up to three teams per event (KS3 Boys, KS3 Girls, KS4 Boys, and KS4 Girls). The number of teams accepted will be at the discretion of the organiser of the first (local) round.

By participating in the championships, schools accept the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them, and understand that the decisions made by Badminton England are final.

Entry

- Individual schools can enter the championships online at www.badmintonengland.co.uk/nsc
- Entries will open in May and close Friday 4 October, no entries will be accepted following the entry deadline

School & Player Eligibility

- The championships are open to all schools in England (including Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight)
- The local authority recognises that the player is registered at the school they are representing. If a player changes school during the championships, they are eligible to represent their new school once registered
- Players within the Key Stage 3 competition **must be in school years 7, 8 or 9**
- 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 events. If an ineligible player(s) is/are fielded their scores will be awarded to the opposition game to love)**

Team & Match Format

- If a school has entered two 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
- Players participating in the national finals 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)
- Squads will consist of 5 players with any 4 players selected in the team taking part in each match. The selected players shall be arranged in order by their singles strength
- 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 (No.1 ranked player in the team)
- 2nd Game:** Doubles (the 2 players not selected for a singles game)
- 3rd Game:** Singles (No. 2 or 3 ranked 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)

- If a player withdraws during a game then that game is conceded, and the 5th player may be substituted in for further games in that match
- 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

👉 Group winners will be decided as follows:

Most matches won. If this does not produce a winner, the following rules apply

- 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 National Schools Badminton Championships Policy Group

- 👉 Each game will be 1 set to 21 points, using Rally Points scoring, with no extended scoring or setting. The First (local) and County rounds may be played to fewer points (minimum of 11 points) if time is restricted
- 👉 If a team cannot play all of the games within a match, then those un-played games will be awarded to the opposition game to love
- 👉 If a team cannot play all of the matches within a round, then all of their results will be discounted and the team scratched. Any appeals may be made in writing (see Appeals section)
- 👉 If a school fields an ineligible player, the games of that player shall be awarded to the opposition 21-0
- 👉 The First (local) round will be based on 2010 SSP groupings from whom a host school will be identified
- 👉 The winner of each event in each round will progress to the next round
- 👉 Where two or more SSP Groupings are combined at the first (local) round, one winner will progress from each of these groupings
- 👉 Independent schools must compete in the geographically closest SSP grouping
- 👉 If a team drops out of the championships at any point, then the next best placed team from the last round will progress

First (Local) Round

- 👉 All schools participating in this first round of competition must have entered through the Badminton England online entry system on the Badminton England website

County Round

- 👉 County round organisers must liaise with the first (local) round organisers within their county to confirm which schools have qualified through to the County round
- 👉 Badminton England delivery partners must send results within 48 hours of the event to Badminton England at nsc@badmintonengland.co.uk

Regional Round

- 👉 Badminton England delivery partners must send results within 48 hours of the event to Badminton England at nsc@badmintonengland.co.uk

Appeals

- 👉 Appeals must be made in writing (within 7 days) by post to:

National Schools Badminton Championships Policy Group, Badminton England, National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA.