



YONEX ALL ENGLAND 2026



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Dear Colleague

YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2026 – Umpire Invitation

In March 2026, Badminton England will be welcoming the world to Birmingham for the YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2026, a HSBC BWF World Tour Super 1000 event, and it is with great pleasure that we invite you to nominate an Umpire to join our team.

The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships is the world's oldest and most prestigious badminton tournament, now in its 127th year. We've presented the world's best athletes within our sport since 1899, including many outstanding performances and rivalries. We are one of just four Super 1000 events within the HSBC BWF World Tour – the highest grade possible for an Open tournament - and we take huge pride in showcasing our sport to the highest standards.

It's important that you read and understand the important following information when considering your nomination:

- The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships will be taking place at Utilita Arena Birmingham in England between Tuesday 03 and Sunday 08 March 2026.
- Umpires should be a minimum of Continental Confederation Certificated, with Badminton World Federation (BWF) Accredited, or BWF Certificated being preferable.
- Umpires are expected to arrive by 12:00 on Monday 02 March 2026, and depart following the Finals on Sunday 08 March 2026 (not before 16:00), unless agreed otherwise with the Manager of Umpires.
- The Umpire Briefing is expected to take place Monday 02 March 2026 @ 16:00.
- Non-smoking twin occupancy accommodation, a per diem (to cover daily expenses and meals), and travel within Birmingham will be provided by Badminton England for the duration listed above. Travel to and from Birmingham is the responsibility, and at the cost of the Umpire. The cost of any COVID-19 testing will also be at the cost of the Umpire.
- Acceptance will be subject to your country not receiving a BWF selection to the Championships, as we intend to offer neutrality through a range of attending nations.
- Badminton England and BWF 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.



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- 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 include the whole delegation for the duration of their stay in the UK, in order that all such medical care is provided outside the National Health Service (NHS).

Nominations should be made as soon as possible, but no later than 12:00 GMT on Monday 01 December 2025, via email to:

Gavin Smith, Badminton Umpires Association of England (BUAofE) National Selection Secretary

Email: selectionleadbuaofe@hotmail.com

And you should provide the following information:

1. Name of Umpire
2. Umpire grade
3. Email address of Umpire
4. Mobile number
5. Clothing size

Please do not book any travel arrangements until the Umpire appointments have been confirmed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Chris Miller
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