

2021 European Mixed Team Championships – Qualification Group 1

10-12 December 2020

National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes, England (MK8 9LA)

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Venue	<p>National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes MK8 9LA England</p> <p>W: www.badmintonengland.co.uk/nbc E: ShannonCrawford@badmintonengland.co.uk</p>
Referee Team	<p>Ilkka VAINIO, FIN (Referee) Ross BLYTH, ENG (Deputy Referee)</p>
Court Surface	<p>Gerflor Taraflex Sport M Plus</p>
Shuttles	<p>YONEX AS-50</p>

Schedule	<p>Thursday 10 December 2020 @ 10:00: Sweden vs Estonia Thursday 10 December 2020 @ 14:00: England vs Hungary Friday 11 December 2020 @ 10:00: Sweden vs Hungary Friday 11 December 2020 @ 14:00: England vs Estonia Saturday 12 December 2020 @ 10:00: Estonia vs Hungary Saturday 12 December 2020 @ 14:00: England vs Sweden</p>
Meetings	<p>Team Managers Meeting: National Badminton Centre @ 19:00 Wednesday 9th December</p> <p>Umpire Briefing: National Badminton Centre @ 20:00 Wednesday 9th December</p>
Practice:	<p>Courts will be allocated for practice throughout Wednesday 9th December at the National Badminton Centre. More information will follow.</p>
Accommodation and Catering	<p>The Lodge National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes MK8 9LA England</p> <p>W: www.badmintonengland.co.uk/nbc</p> <p>Single room B&B – £75.00 per night Twin room B&B – £80.00 per night Triple room – not available Lunch / Dinner - £8.50 per person</p> <p>Badminton England will organise a shopping delivery service to the NBC on a daily basis for any other food/drink requirements. Details will be provided upon arrival.</p> <p>To book accommodation and catering, please complete and return the attached form no later than Monday 9th November 2020.</p>

<p>Accreditation</p>	<p>Photographic accreditation will be provided and strictly monitored, for elite sportspersons and ESSENTIAL sport ancillary staff. The non-exhaustive list of ancillary sportspersons includes:</p> <p><i>operational staff essential to the running of an elite sports event; event officials and referees; sports team medical, logistical, technical and administration staff; individual sportsperson medical and technical support staff; horse grooms and trainers; motorsport mechanics and technical staff; and the parent or carer of an elite sportsperson under the age of 18. The Regulations explicitly include incoming international media who are accredited to cover specified competitions in the UK, but do not include domestic media looking to cover overseas events which take place in (or involve travelling through) a non-exempt country or territory.</i></p> <p>To apply for accreditation, please complete and return the attached form with a digital head and shoulders passport photo, with the filename as [Givenname_FAMILYNAME_COUNTRY].</p> <p>To request Accreditation, please complete and return the attached form no later than 17:00GMT on Tuesday 24th November 2020.</p>
<p>Transport</p>	<p>Badminton England will provide booked non-public transportation between London Luton Airport to the National Badminton Centre, and it is strongly advised that public transport is avoided during your stay.</p> <p>London Luton Airport (LU2 9LY) 44 km / 40 min from the official hotel</p> <p>Transportation may be possible between alternative locations for an additional cost. Applications should be received by Badminton England no later than 17:00GMT Tuesday 24th November 2020 by completing the online form at:</p> <p>Transport Request Form</p>

COVID-19 Testing

All travellers entering the UK must obtain a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of departure – this should be emailed to Badminton England prior to departure.

All travellers entering the UK are to undertake a COVID-19 rapid antigen test upon arrival at the National Badminton Centre. There is no charge for this.

Teams will be required to arrive no later than 16:00 on Tuesday 8th December 2020. Tests will be scheduled per team (based on arrival times), and attendees will be required to isolate in the allocated accommodation until the time of the test, and following the test until a negative result is received.

Event officials will be required to arrive no later than 16:00 on Wednesday 9th December 2020. Tests will be scheduled (based on arrival times), and attendees will be required to isolate in the allocated accommodation until the time of the test, and following the test until a negative result is received.

If a positive test is received, alternative protocols will be followed, and attendees should be prepared to isolate within the accommodation, in the UK, in accordance with UK Government requirements (expected to be 10 days).

International travellers are able to book a 'Safe to Fly' COVID-19 test whilst at EMTCQ-1 for the return journey home, if required by the relevant authorities. This will be charged to the team or individual. Please contact Badminton England for costs and booking details.

COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly developing situation and it is likely that this guidance and the reference sources it refers to will be regularly updated.

Badminton England will be delivering EMTCQ-1 in accordance with the UK Government '[Elite Sport - Return to Cross Border Competition – No Spectators \(RTCBC\)](#)' and Badminton Europe Regulations.

Linked with this, Badminton England has secured 'Specified Event' status, which '***...subject to meeting strict criteria, accredited attendees may be exempt from self-isolation requirements.***' However, there may be exceptions from time-to-time where the level of risk is unacceptable, which we will closely monitor.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel corridors \(countries, territories and regions\)](#)

In accordance with these requirements, Badminton England will provide a detailed set of protocols for all attendees. The following key principles will be included:

- Social distancing (SD). Where SD is not possible, including on the field of play and in team areas, additional risk and mitigation strategies must be put in place.
- Attendance at the Competition should be restricted to those individuals that are essential to the delivery of the Competition, and which are accredited by the Competition Organiser. Spectators will not be permitted.
- All User Groups, including any attendees from outside of the UK, should be appraised of risk and mitigation plans and given the opportunity to actively 'opt in' to RTCBC by way of written consent.
- Competition Delivery Partners retain the right to remove any individuals from the Competition Venue if their actions are viewed to breach any health and safety protocols (COVID-19 related or otherwise) and
- Appropriate risk mitigation through screening of individuals prior to entry into the Competition Venue must be implemented.

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The protocols will also provide mandatory requirements, including:

- On arrival in England international attendees are required to proceed directly to the event site (NBC) and remain in isolation with other people within that sporting 'bubble', until they leave England. All accommodation and catering must therefore be booked at the National Badminton Centre (NBC) for the full duration of your stay.
- All travellers entering the UK must complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#) prior to arrival in the UK.
- All travellers entering the UK will be provided with written confirmation of participation from Badminton England (based on the accreditation application details), which should be available for UK Border Control, along with the negative COVID-19 test result, and evidence of the Passenger Locator Form.
- Once testing has taken place, approved attendees will be expected to remain in the secure GREEN or AMBER zones at the official venues until the departure date.
- Temperature checks, sanitisation and face coverings (not provided) will be required upon each entry into the NBC.
- A physio service will be provided free of charge for competing athletes.
- All international attendees must 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 NHS.
- Travelling athletes and support staff will be expected to abide by the laws and guidelines of the UK Government for the duration of their stay, and zero tolerance policy will be applied to anyone breaching the protocols in place. This may result in removal of access to the official venues and accreditation privileges.