

# Event Information



# BRITISH JUNIOR OPEN



# Birmingham

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## **WELCOME**

Birmingham and the four host clubs are looking forward to welcoming you to the British Junior Open in January 2024.

Players wishing to enter should register online - [British Junior Open 2024 \(Platinum\) - European Squash Federation](#).

Nations wishing to enter and pay for a group of players need to download and enter through the National Group Entry Form on the same link as above.

## **EVENT WEBSITE**

<http://www.britishjunioropen.com/>

## **STREAMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

We are delighted to announce that Squash TV will be -broadcasting the event.

Please follow our Facebook page leading up to the event which will have lots of information daily (search: British Junior Open on facebook or @bjosquash on Twitter).

By entering this event you agree to appear in images and social media posts as well as being streamed by SquashTV

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## KEY CONTACTS

### General information:

Mike Edwards

[mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com](mailto:mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com)

### Hotel and transport information:

Danielle Stackhouse

[danielle.stackhouse@cseplc.com](mailto:danielle.stackhouse@cseplc.com)

### Tournament software and online group entry information:

England Squash

[competitions@englandsquash.com](mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com)

## VENUES

### Edgbaston Priory Club

Sir Harrys Road, Edgbaston  
Birmingham B15 2UZ

[www.edgbastonpriory.com](http://www.edgbastonpriory.com)

### Solihull Arden Club

Sharman's Cross Road  
Solihull B91 1RG

[www.solihullarden.co.uk](http://www.solihullarden.co.uk)

### University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness

Birmingham, B15 2TT

[www.sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk](http://www.sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk)

### West Warwickshire Sports Club

Grange Road,  
Solihull, B91 1DA

[www.westwarwicks.co.uk](http://www.westwarwicks.co.uk)





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### **HOTEL & TRANSPORT**

We are delighted to partner with Corporate and Sporting Events (CSE) to provide participants with some special package rates at the Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express, Birmingham.

**Note:** Transport is only provided free of charge as part of the hotel packages. If the hotel package is not purchased, then an additional fee of £100 will be charged to use transport.

The organising committee strongly encourages players to book an official hotel accommodation package to benefit from the extensive daily multi-venue transport service.

Return airport transfers from Birmingham airport and transport to and from all training and competition venues is included.

For further information about hotel and transport packages, please contact Danielle Stackhouse - [Danielle.Stackhouse@cseplc.com](mailto:Danielle.Stackhouse@cseplc.com)

Note: If you do not take an accommodation package but need to use the transport you can pay this separately by contacting Danielle Stackhouse or Mike Edwards

### **ENTRY FEE AND CLOSING DATE**

The entry fee is £105 if paid by 31<sup>st</sup> October, after which the entry fee will increase to £115.

\*The fee includes an event t-shirt and welcome bag.

Entries will only be accepted with a valid and ESID and for the U17 and U19 categories a World Squash SPIN is associated to the player.

Details can be found at the following links:

SPIN – World Squash: [www.worldsquash.org/spins](http://www.worldsquash.org/spins)

ESID - European Squash Federation: [www.europeansquash.com/page/25661/ESID](http://www.europeansquash.com/page/25661/ESID)

The closing date is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at midnight UK time.

### **CATEGORIES**

Boys and Girls under-19 / U17 / U15 / U13 / U11 championships (Players may only enter one category).

All matches will be played as best of 5 games.

All matches will be played PAR (point a rally) to 11. Should the score reach 10-all a player needs to win by 2 clear points.





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**ELIGIBILITY AND MATCHES**

Any player may enter providing:

- They are under the appropriate age on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Entries will only be accepted if a valid ESF ESID and for the U17 and U19 categories a World Squash SPIN is associated to the player.  
[www.europeansquash.com/page/25661/ESID](http://www.europeansquash.com/page/25661/ESID)  
<https://www.worldsquash.org/spins/>
- Entry is endorsed by their National Governing Body (appointed/approved coach/manager). This must be emailed to [competitions@englandsquash.com](mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com) before the closing date.
- Have completed a WSO officiating course: [Player Certificate – Tournament Level](#) for U15s, U17s and U19s or [Player Certificate – Introductory Level](#) for U11s and U13s. Each course is US\$15 and provides a certificate valid for 3 years.  
<https://worldsquashofficiating.com/customer-dashboard/checkout/>
- The best 32 players (girls and boys) the U17 and U19 categories with a valid World Squash SPIN can claim points with the PSA.
- All players of the U13/15/17/19 categories are rewarded with ESF ranking points. The U11 categories are not recognised for ranking purposes of ESF.

The event is a monrad format, but due to the anticipated entry numbers it is likely that not all playoff draws will be fully completed. For example, players may have a finishing position of 33 / 34 or 93 / 96.

Any player not selected for their chosen draw will be placed on a reserve list. Player withdrawals prior to first round matches will be filled, where possible, from the reserve list. The organisers reserve the right to reschedule matches at any time.

**NOTE: Non-British Squash Federations may enter up to 5 players in each category**

#### **Additional International Entries**

If any draw is incomplete at the closing date, the organising committee will add players from the reserve list of participating nations already submitted on the group entry form in addition to the guaranteed 5 players, so please include more than 5 if you are interested in sending more players.

The reserve player list will be seeded, and spaces will be filled by taking the highest ranked player from each nation on a rotation basis, i.e. if there are three spaces, the highest seeded players from three different nations will be added to the draw.

#### **DRAW SIZES**

Draws will be released on 19<sup>th</sup> December. We anticipate the following draw sizes:

GU11 – 48. GU13 – 48. GU15 – 64. GU17 – 64. GU19 – 64.

BU11 – 48. BU13 – 64. BU15 – 96. BU17 – 96. BU19 – 96





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### **SEEDING**

The seeding panel will be chaired by the host nation, the ESF Junior committee and include representatives from each continent. The seeding will be carried out in accordance with the ESF Junior Circuit Guidelines.

The panel's seedings will be issued on 27<sup>th</sup> November, enabling a feedback window for evidence to be submitted to justify a requested change to seeding. Any requested changes must be submitted via email by midnight UK time on 30<sup>th</sup> November to [competitions@englandsquash.com](mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com).

Strong justification for any changes must be provided and should include the following information: head-to-head results against fellow players in the draw, tournament finishing positions and/or other relevant ranking information. A requested change must include a player changing seeding bracket e.g. from 9/16 to 5/8 for example. All requested changes to seedings within the same seeding bracket will be dismissed.

Following the evidence given, the seeding panel will meet again to review all requested changes. The final seedings will be communicated after this meeting and no further changes will be made.

For all questions on seedings please email [competitions@englandsquash.com](mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com)

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

By entering the tournament all competitors, parents and coaches confirm their agreement to abide by the England Squash [Code of Conduct](#), [Rules and Regulations](#) and [ESF Code of Conduct](#).

Parents and coaches must refrain from interference in matches and any breach of the Code of Conduct may result in action being taken. Any complaints should be addressed formally to the tournament desk.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for everyone to play squash at the BJO. It's our shared responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk and protect them from poor practice, abuse and bullying. We recognise that everyone has a responsibility to safeguard and protect all young people and adults at risk and have therefore developed policy, procedures and guidelines in safeguarding and protecting young people and adults at risk in squash. These apply to all individuals involved, paid or in a voluntary capacity in squash. Please see the England Squash website for the safeguarding policy statement and for more information on our approach to safeguarding at the event.

[www.englandsquash.com/about-us/governance/safe-squash](http://www.englandsquash.com/about-us/governance/safe-squash)





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**PLAYER WITHDRAWAL**

### 1.1 Tournament Specific

- In the event of a withdrawal prior to the closing date, a full refund of tournament entry fees will apply.
- In the event of a withdrawal within 2 weeks after the closing date, a 50% refund of tournament entry fees will apply.
- No refunds will be given in the event of a withdrawal after Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### 1.2 General

Withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to the Event Director as soon as possible by email to [competitions@englandsquash.com](mailto:competitions@englandsquash.com) with a valid reason provided. The reason for withdrawal should then be confirmed and supported by evidence within 7 days. In the event of illness or injury, this confirmation should be accompanied by a letter of explanation from a parent / coach or by a doctor or qualified physiotherapist certificate.

Any player who fails to turn up without reasonable advance notice (which would enable their place in the draw to be filled by a reserve) will NOT be allowed to enter the following British Junior Open, and a fine of £80 will be sent to the players national federation.

### FINALLY

All partners involved in delivering this event are extremely excited to welcome everyone and we look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

Good luck and enjoy the event!

