

BRITISH JUNIOR OPEN

3-7 January 2024 | Birmingham

EVENT INFORMATION



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WELCOME

On behalf of everyone at England Squash and the Organising Committee, I would like to welcome all players, parents, coaches and guests to the British Junior Open 2024.

We are looking forward to another fantastic event featuring the best young squash players from all over the world and we are delighted that so many players are travelling to Birmingham once again to compete.

We are very proud of the prestige and heritage of the British Junior Open and it is hugely exciting to remember that the winners will be etching their names into squash history, alongside so many famous players that have gone on to excel on the world stage.

It is our objective to deliver an event experience that gets better every year and I know that this goal is shared by our fabulous partners, Edgbaston Priory Club and the University of Birmingham. I am pleased to say that the team have been working incredibly hard to make sure that the 2024 edition is no exception.

I would like to thank the other venues, our generous sponsors and particularly the volunteers that will be making sure that our guests from all over the world receive a very warm welcome.

Birmingham is a fantastic city with lots to see and do and I would encourage everyone to get out and about and enjoy the sights and the warm hospitality that the city has to offer.

I hope that you all have a fantastic stay and thoroughly enjoy your time at the British Junior Open, we look forward to welcoming you in January.

Mark Williams
CEO, England Squash



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Thank you to our headline sponsor **Dunlop!**



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ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is on Tuesday 2 January at Edgbaston Priory Club from 10am-6pm. **Non-UK players will be required to provide a copy of their passport.** Please ensure you bring this with you. No passport = no accreditation. During accreditation, you will receive your welcome bag and player accreditation pass. Each player can also collect a maximum of two guest accreditation passes to access the venues. To help us with guest accreditation please register your guests using the following link by 10th December 2023: <https://forms.office.com/e/zGTpJzv1V0>

- Accreditation passes will remain available at Edgbaston Priory Club until close of play on 3rd January, by which time, everybody should have collected them. **Entry to all venues will only be permitted with a valid accreditation pass.**
- Accreditation passes must be worn at all times (except whilst playing).
- Accreditation passes allow access into all venues, including the glass court arena and will clearly identify those with transport packages included.
- Accreditation passes are for the following: Players / Coaches / Guests / Sponsors / VIPs / Referees and Media (must be registered in advance).
- Accreditation passes provide free access to spectators at all venues including the glass court arena.
- Spectators without an accreditation pass have free access to spectate at all venues except the glass court arena. Spectators without an accreditation pass must purchase a ticket to access the glass court arena for each match day. These are available from the BJO website: [British Junior Open 2024 Tickets, Birmingham | Eventbrite](#)
- Please note that there will be a surcharge of £5 for any lost/replacement accreditation passes.

VENUES, PARKING AND CLEAN AIR ZONE

- **Edgbaston Priory Club**, Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2UZ www.edgbastonpriory.com
- **University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre**, Birmingham, B15 2TT www.sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk
- **Solihull Arden Club**, Sharmans Cross Road, Solihull, B91 1RG www.solihullarden.co.uk
- **West Warwickshire Sports Club**, Grange Road, Solihull, B91 1DA www.westwarwicks.co.uk

Parking

Edgbaston Priory Club:

Please use the Priory Road entrance

University of Birmingham:

Please use the Sport and Fitness multi-story car park which is free of charge for BJO attendees. To get free parking, you must collect a ticket on the way into the car park, then before leaving the venue, get your ticket validated at the tournament information desk (located next to the main reception).

Solihull Arden Club:

Use the club car park.

West Warwickshire Sports Club:

Use the club car park.

Please note the following information regarding the Birmingham Clean Air Zone:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20076/pollution/1763/a_clean_air_zone_for_birmingham

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

| Name | Role and Venue | Contact |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Mike Edwards | Event Director and EPC | mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com |
| Vickie Prow | England Squash Competitions Manager and UoB | competitions@englandsquash.com |
| Jen Broughall | Solihull Arden Club | NOT NEEDED |
| Sarah Harrison | West Warwickshire Sports Club | NOT NEEDED |
| Peter Hindmarsh | Tournament Referee | NOT NEEDED |

PLAYER, COACH AND FAMILY ACCESS

Access to the venues is monitored by security, volunteers, and staff throughout the event. To ensure your safety, please be patient with us when we are checking accreditation passes. **If you arrive without accreditation, you will be denied access.** This is to protect the safety of the people in the buildings and their possessions. Each accreditation pass will also have a QR code to access EPC, to save you waiting for reception to let you in.

TICKETING

Whilst we are selling tickets to the public (glass showcourt only), coaches and family of players will not be charged for watching **provided they have a valid accreditation pass** - which is to be collected from Edgbaston Priory Club no later than the end of 3rd January.

Extra tickets are available at the following link:

[British Junior Open 2024 Tickets, Birmingham | Eventbrite](#)

PHYSIO

For the first time, we will provide an on-site Physio from 4-7th January.

There will be a small fee to make a booking and receive treatment.

More information on this new service will be available closer to the event!

PLAYER HOTEL, TRANSPORT AND FOOD PACKAGES

We're delighted to partner with CSE who provide all competitors with special package rates at both the Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express Birmingham:

<https://www.cseplc.com/events/british-junior-open-squash-2024/>

Transport

Transportation is provided free of charge with the hotel packages. Return airport transfers from Birmingham airport and transport to and from all training and competition venues is included.

Note: Transport is only provided as part of the Accommodation Package(s). If you don't take the Accommodation Packages but need to use the transport, there is a fee.

Contact Danielle Stackhouse directly to arrange this - Danielle.Stackhouse@cseplc.com

Food

Food will be available during each day at all four venues on a payment basis. Crowne Plaza Hotel will also have food on offer until late into the evening.

Any questions relating to transport / hotel / airport pick-up, please liaise with Danielle - Danielle.Stackhouse@cseplc.com

PRACTICE COURTS

Practice courts can be hired at £8 for 30 minutes. The all-glass court is £13 for 30 minutes.

All are bookable on a first come, first served basis through the following link:

[Event info & Entries – British Junior Open](#)

STREAMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

An official photographer will be taking photographs at each venue throughout the event and some of these will be posted on the official tournament website and social media, in addition to England Squash's website and social media channels. By taking part in this event, you agree to allow video streaming of your matches and photographs to be taken during the event and for England Squash to use these. If you have any concerns, please inform the tournament desk at the earliest opportunity.

- SQUASHTV will be covering the all-glass court at the University of Birmingham.
- Edgbaston Priory Club will be streaming courts 1 and 2.
- UOB will stream some courts. Details to be confirmed.
- [Watch the 2024 BJO – British Junior Open](#)
- Please follow the official BJO Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages leading up to and during the event which will feature lots of information about the tournament:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/bjosquash>
 - <https://twitter.com/bjosquash>
 - <http://www.instagram.com/bjosquash>

SEEDING, SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Follow this link for more information on seeding and schedule of play:

[Event info & Entries – British Junior Open](#)

EVENT MERCHANDISE / TRADE STANDS / RE-STRINGING

DUNLOP will have a stand the UOB where string will be available and players can collect any pre-order merchandise. All orders for merchandise must be made using the pre-order form to be returned by 10th December. For more information contact MIKE EDWARDS.

[Click here to download the Dunlop pre-order merchandise form.](#)

iPROSPORTS will provide a live printing service at the University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre from 3-7th January and are taking pre-orders now. The deadline for pre-orders is 16th December.

Stock will be limited at the event and we advise pre-ordering now.

British Junior Open - iPROSPORTS

Note: Orders will not be posted and must be collected from the IPROSPORTS stand at the University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre during the event.

For any questions on event merchandise, contact Andy Murray:

Andy@iproports.co.uk

Dunlop will have a stand at the University of Birmingham Sport next to iPROSPORTS.

Edgbaston Priory Club will provide a re-stringing service.



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND KIT DONATIONS

England Squash are committed to reducing to our impact on nature and the environment wherever possible; this includes taking steps to reduce the impact of our competitions. As part of this commitment, England Squash will plant a tree for every player taking part in the 2024 British Junior Open – that's nearly 700 trees.

England Squash recognise that this will not offset the full impact of the BJO but hope that the young players taking part appreciate that we are taking steps to reduce the impact of the event and leave a positive legacy for the planet and their future.

For more information about the tree planting initiative for the BJO, visit:

<https://ecologi.com/englandsquash>

For more information about the work England Squash are doing to reduce our impact on nature and the environment, please see our website:

[England Squash - Climate and Ecological Emergency](#)

Recycle your balls and play your part!

Did you know an average squash ball takes more than 2,000 years to biodegrade?

What's more, 50% of all the ocean's microplastics originate from rubber.

England Squash are trialling a new ball recycling initiative to save thousands of balls from landfill each year and give them a new lease of life.

We encourage everyone at the BJO to play their part and help us become more sustainable by supporting the scheme. Bring along any unusable squash balls and simply pop them in the special recycling box at each venue, we'll do the rest!

Donate your old squash gear

Do you have any old but usable squash gear lying around? Give it a new lease of life by bringing it along to the BJO and pop it in the PSA Foundation's Rebound donation bin at the University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre. Your donations will support grassroots squash programmes across the world that are working with underserved communities.

Please donate the following equipment in fully functional order (please ensure clothing and shoes contain no holes):

- Squash rackets (with no frame breaks / rackets that need stringing are good)
- Court shoes
- Lightweight sports clothing
- New grips
- Spare racket string
- Kit bags
- Goggles (high demand)

You can check out where the donations go here:

<https://psafoundation.com/programmes-we-support/>

For further information contact jordan.jefferies@psaworldtour.com

Find out more about Rebound here: <https://psafoundation.com/rebound/>

CODE OF CONDUCT

By entering the tournament, all competitors agree to abide by the England Squash Code of Conduct. Parents must refrain from interference in matches. Any complaints should be addressed formally to the tournament desk.

View England Squash's Code of Conduct:

<https://www.englandsquash.com/competitions/competition-rules-and-regulations>

ANTI-DOPING

By entering this event, you agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the championships and declare that you are aware of the Anti-Doping regulations and procedures as set out in Section E and Appendix G of the WSF World Championship Regulations. You accept that you may be tested under these regulations at any stage of the championships and will be subject to the penalties set out in the World Championship Regulations if the test(s) prove positive. This declaration covers participation throughout all stages of the event, including plate rounds.

[WSF Anti-Doping Useful Information – World Squash](#)

CLOTHING

Players must wear clothing suitable for squash. If the Referee determines there's a conflict in shirt colour, the lower ranked player must change their shirt. On the all-glass court, there must be a clear difference in shirt colour.

PLAYER WITHDRAWAL

Tournament specific and refund information

In the event of a withdrawal after 1 December, no refunds will be given.

General

Withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to the Event Director as soon as possible by email with a valid reason. The reason for withdrawal should then be confirmed within 7 days. In the event of illness or injury, written confirmation should be accompanied by a letter of explanation from a parent or coach and a medical certificate.

REFEREES

Every attempt has been made to have qualified referees at this event.

Where qualified referees are not available players will be responsible for refereeing matches at all venues. Both players must mark the next match.

The University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre and Edgbaston Priory Club will have referees covering most matches from day two of the event until finals day.

All semi finals and final matches will have qualified referees and video reviews will be available for U17s and U19s matches.

At Solihull Arden and West Warwicks players will be required to referee and mark.

Please refer to the Tournament Referee Statement for full information:

<https://britishjunioropen.com/info/>

All Players must have completed a WSO officiating course to take part in this competition:

- [WSO Level 0](#) for all U11s: Free of charge.
- [Player Certificate – Introductory Level](#) for U13s and U15s: US\$15 which provides a certificate valid for 3 years
- [Player Certificate – Tournament Level](#) for U17s and U19s: US\$15 which provides a certificate valid for 3 years

<https://worldsquashofficiating.com/home/pricing/referee-pricing/>

Players who have not completed a WSO officiating course will not be eligible to take part in this event.

To find out more about refereeing visit: www.worldsquashofficiating.com

PRESENTATION

All players who finish in positions 1, 2 and 3 are required to be present for the presentations, and they will be asked to come on to the podium for the presentation of prizes and medals/trophies. Presentations will take place immediately following the boys under 19 final, which we expect to be around 5pm on 7 January.

EYE PROTECTION

It is a mandatory requirement of the championships that all players wear eye protection on court. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Eye protection must comply with one of the following National Safety Standards for Squash:

- BS EN ISO 18527-2:2021 TC
- ASTM83164-19

This includes appropriate prescriptive protective eyewear or iMask in front of spectacles. Regular spectacles are not protective eyewear.

If in doubt, please consult the Tournament Desk prior to your first match.

Further details can be found at www.englandsquash.com or www.worldsquash.org

GENERAL

Results will be updated daily on the official tournament website at <http://www.britishjunioropen.com/>

Recording and photography of matches for coaching / performance analysis purposes is acceptable provided both players and their parents / coaches have agreed beforehand.

AND FINALLY . . .

All partners involved in delivering this event are very excited to welcome everyone to Birmingham.

Good luck and enjoy the event!

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