



The Northumberland Senior Gold

A Tournament in the BADMINTON **ENGLAND**  Senior Gold Circuit

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th January

**Benfield Centre for Sporting Excellence
Benfield Road, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**

NE6 4NU

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EVENTS:

Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles

All Semi Finals and Finals will be played on Sunday



Prize money of £1700 will be distributed



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Entries Close: 23rd December 2011

Senior Gold Circuit Conditions

1. The tournament will be run in accordance with the Tournament Regulations of BADMINTON England.
2. Competitors must be a member and in good standing with BADMINTON England or a National Association affiliated to the BWF.
3. Each host association reserves the right to include up to two wildcards in each event not normally qualifying under the limitations of entries.
4. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to alter or modify the programme in any way it sees fit. The restriction of entries in tournaments shall be done on merit, however the Tournament Committee reserve the right to restrict entries using other criteria if it is in the interest of the tournament or where standard of competitors is not known. Its decision on all matters shall be final.
5. Entries must be made on the official form or via the online entry system when available and must be received by the Tournament Secretary listed on the prospectus cover, with entry fees, by the stated closing date. Each competitor must send in a separate entry form, doubles entries will not be accepted without an entry from both players. Competitors wanting a partner should enter "partner wanted" in column 3 on the entry form. If at its discretion the Tournament Committee should accept entries and/or fees after this date, there will be a surcharge of £5.00 per player.
6. All rounds will be played as a knock-out. Entry is at the competitor's own risk, and by signing the entry form the competitor undertakes that to the best of their knowledge they are healthy to compete.
7. BADMINTON England is committed to providing equal treatment for all its staff, members, associated members, prospective members, guests and prospective guests in compliance with the Equality Act 2010. By entering this tournament you agree to comply with BADMINTON England's Equality and Diversity Policy. A copy of the policy can be downloaded from the BADMINTON England website.
8. **WITHDRAWAL.** Notification of withdrawal must be given immediately to the Referee or Tournament Secretary and confirmation must be sent in writing. The Committee may require documentary evidence to support the withdrawal because of injury or illness or for any other reason. Withdrawal during the Tournament must be notified to the Referee. All withdrawals are subject to the Tournament Regulations of the Association, and are therefore applicable to an admin fee being deducted. No refund is due if withdrawal is within 36 hours of the start of the tournament.
9. No player/pair shall enter or be entered in two competitions if the published dates of the competitions overlap. A player is deemed to have entered, for the purpose of this regulation, if the entry has been made and not withdrawn on the closing date. Any subsequent withdrawal by a player/pair accepted in the draw of a tournament will not allow the player/pair to enter in any other event with overlapping dates. For the purpose of this regulation match selection will be treated as an event.
10. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times stated for the commencement of each event. Competitors will be advised by post or email of the time they are required for their first match in each event for which their entry has been accepted. If no such notification has been received four days prior to the tournament it is the responsibility of the competitor to enquire from the Referee or Tournament Secretary (see front of the prospectus). Competitors must report to the Referee immediately upon arrival, and must not leave the hall without the Referee's permission, until eliminated from all events. **ANY COMPETITOR NOT READY TO PLAY WHEN CALLED UPON WILL BE LIABLE TO BE SCRATCHED AND/OR PENALISED.**
11. Play shall not take place on days other than those sanctioned and no competitor shall be obliged to commence a match before 9.00 a.m. or after 11.00 p.m. on any such day. Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside these times of play shall be entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
12. The draw will be seeded and rally point scoring will be used. The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed THREE minutes, and intervals will be as per the laws of badminton. 'County' seeding will be applied i.e. the top two players from any county will be in opposite halves for the draw. If there are more than two, the remainder will be drawn at random except that, where possible, players from the same county will not meet in the 1st round of an event.
13. **CLOTHING.** The BADMINTON England Tournament Regulations for clothing and advertising apply. The decision of the Referee on the suitability of clothing and advertising is final. All clothing must be acceptable badminton sports clothing. Tracksuits may be worn for knocking up only.
14. **PRIZE MONEY.** The BADMINTON England recommendation for prize money distribution as per the Regulations for Tournaments will apply. Prize money of at least £1700 will be distributed:

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles (per pair)	Women's Doubles (per pair)	Mixed Doubles (per pair)
Winner	160	160	140	140	125
Runner-Up	95	95	85	85	75
Losing semi-finalists	60	60	50	50	50

15. **RANKING POINTS** - English National Ranking points will be awarded. See the BADMINTON England website.

CIRCUIT POINTS - can be scored in all five events at each of the Senior Gold Circuit Tournaments. In doubles events they can only be scored by a pair, and not by individual players. No substitution will be permitted in doubles pairs. In the event of injury or illness affecting one partner, and the Referee or relevant tournament committee permitting a substitution for that tournament, in accordance with Regulations for Tournaments, the newly constituted pair would score its own circuit points quite separately. Points at each Circuit Tournament will be as follows:

Winner	Runner-Up	Losing Semi-Finalist	Losing Quarter Finalist	Loser Round of 16	Loser Round of 32
180	120	85	60	35	20

16. **OFFENCES / PENALTIES.** The BADMINTON England Tournament Regulations for offences / penalties apply.
17. **DRUG TESTING.** Drug testing may take place at domestic tournaments, as well as international tournaments. If you enter a BADMINTON England sanctioned tournament you can be tested. Athletes should make themselves aware about the UK Sport anti-doping initiative, information is available through the Anti-Doping Section of our website.
18. Yonex AS50 feather shuttles will be used.

ENTRY FORM

THE 2011 NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR GOLD



This Form together with entry fees must be sent to the Tournament Secretary by the closing date shown on page 1.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: Forename:

Date of Birth:

Male

Female

Players must be EITHER:

- i. A member of BADMINTON England (not including Courtside or No Strings membership) OR
- ii. A member of another association in membership with the BWF

Players must be in good standing with their national association at the time of entry.

BE Membership Number:

County you represent:

If you answer 'No' please enter the County for which you are eligible & which you want to be regarded as representing for county seeding

Address:

Postcode: Email:

Telephone - Home: Mobile:

ENTRY DETAILS

Event	Tick here for Entry	Partner's name IN CAPITALS	Entry Fee (per person)
1. Men's Singles		(Not Applicable)	£18.00
2. Women's Singles		(Not Applicable)	£18.00
3. Men's Doubles			£16.00
4. Women's Doubles			£16.00
5. Mixed Doubles			£16.00

Surcharge (Condition 5) £

Total (cheques payable to 'NBA') £

Are you willing to be a nominated reserve if your entry is not accepted in a particular event,
which would mean being present at the advertised time for the commencement of the event?

PLAYER DECLARATION

By signing below you confirm that all details are correct and all conditions of entry have been met.

Date Signature

CLOSING DATE: 23rd December 2011