

May 2023

Dear Colleague

#### **4 Nations Para Badminton Championships 2023 – Umpire Invitation**

In August 2023, Badminton England will be welcoming the world to Sheffield for the '4 Nations Para Badminton International 2023', a Grade 2 Level 1 tournament in the BWF Para Badminton World Circuit, and part of the series being delivered by Badminton England, Badminton Ireland, Badminton Scotland and Badminton Wales (hence the '4 Nations'). It's with great pleasure that we invite you to nominate an Umpire to join our team.

The tournament will also form an important part of the Paris 2024 Paralympic qualification period.

There are no COVID-19 protocols planned (BWF Phase 4 will expire in June 2023), but you should also consider the important following information when making your nomination:

- The tournament will be taking place at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) Sheffield between Wednesday 02 and Sunday 06 August 2023.
- Umpires should be a minimum of Nationally qualified, but Continental Confederation Certificated, or Badminton World Federation (BWF) Accredited, or BWF Certificated being preferable.
- Umpires are expected to arrive by 12:00 on Tuesday 01 August 2023, and depart following the Finals on Sunday 06 August 2023 (not before 16:00), unless agreed otherwise with the Manager of Umpires.
- Complimentary transport will be provided to/from Manchester Airport, Sheffield Coach Station and Sheffield Train Station.
- The Umpire Briefing will take place Tuesday 01 August 2023 @ 18:00.
- Non-smoking twin occupancy accommodation, meals and refreshments, and travel within Sheffield will be provided by Badminton England for the duration listed above. Travel to and from England 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.
- The UK Government has updated its guidance for people travelling to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19) The full details can be found at the following link:
  - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
- 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.

- 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 Thursday 15 June 2023, to:

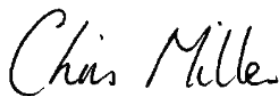
**David Evans, Badminton Umpires Association of England (BUAofE) National Selection Secretary**

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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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