

# HOW TO ENTER BADMINTON ENGLAND TOURNAMENTS

Each year Badminton England (BE) run over 170 junior circuit tournaments nationwide, suitable for junior players of all gradings across five age groups. U11, U13, U15, U17, U19.

So firstly you need to find out which age group you belong in by looking at table below.

## Age Group Selector

The **2017-18** domestic competition season will run from 1 July, 2017 - 30 June, 2018. Your age group will be determined by your age on the 31 December, 2018.

The **2018-19** domestic competition season will run from 1 July, 2018 - 30 June, 2019. Your age group will be determined by your age on the 31 December, 2019.

Born	2017-18 season	2018-19 season
1998	U21 (Senior)	U22 (Senior)
1999	U20 (Senior)	U21 (Senior)
2000	U19	U20 (Senior)
2001	U18	U19
2002	U17	U18
2003	U16	U17
2004	U15	U16
2005	U14	U15
2006	U13	U14
2007	U12	U13
2008	U11	U12
2009	U10	U11

If you are a member of the Performance Centre, County or a club you will have been given a BE number. With this number and password you can login onto the Badminton England website, by following this link [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) >COMPETITION >JUNIORS, scroll down and click on 'FIND A JUNIOR CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT' Login using the button on top right. You can also search relevant tournaments by age, location, type, e.g U17 or U17 bronze or warwick  
Any problems contact BE membership 0800 023 6230 or [membership@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:membership@badmintonengland.co.uk)

The screenshot shows the Badminton England website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there's a search filter for 'u17 silver' and a 'Tournaments' dropdown menu. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Start date' and 'End date' dropdowns, 'Postal code' and 'Tournament Type' dropdowns, 'News' with a 'New Mobile Phone App' link, 'County Competition' with links to 'Senior County Championships - Premier', 'Senior County Championships - Divisions 1-4', 'U18 ICT', 'Masters County Championships', and 'Masters County Challenge', 'Last Visited' with links to 'Warwickshire U19 Bronze 2017-18', 'Badminton Gloucester Senior Bronze #2', 'University of Bristol Senior Bronze', and 'Badminton Gloucester PC U17 Silver', 'Favourites' with a note 'You have no favourite tournaments yet...', and 'Upcoming Tournaments' with tabs for 'Last week', 'This week', 'Next week', 'Leagues', 'Online entry open', and 'Last updated'. On the right side, there's a 'Rankings' section with 'National Rankings' and 'Masters Ranking' tabs, and a 'Player Gradings' section. The 'Rankings' section shows a list of players and their scores, and the 'Player Gradings' section shows a list of players and their gradings.

So, searching on U17 Silver gives the following results in the table below, you can then choose to enter online or check an upcoming draw or results. To enter online you will need a paypal account to pay for the entry.

The screenshot shows the BADMINTON ENGLAND website's search results for 'u17 silver'. The search filters are set to 'u17 silver', 'Tournaments', 'Start date: 28 November 2017', 'End date: 12 December 2018', and 'Postal code: +10mi'. The results list the following tournaments:

- Kent U17 Silver 2017**: 02 December 2017, Kent (Gillingham, England)
- DURHAM U17 SILVER - 2017**: 17 December 2017, Durham (Stockton On Tees, England)
- TEES VALLEY U17 SILVER - 2018**: 03 February 2018, Durham (Stockton On Tees, England) - Online Entry (> 1 month left)
- TheDKWay U17 Silver Hertfordshire**: 03 February 2018, Hertfordshire (Ware, England) - Online Entry (> 1 month left)
- Hampshire U17 Silver 2018**: 13 February 2018, Hampshire (Winchester, England) - Online Entry (> 1 month left)
- Devon u17 silver**: 24 February 2018, Devon (Paignton, England) - Online Entry (> 2 months left)

Entering a bronze, silver or gold tournament depends on what grade player you are. If you are new to the circuit BE will assign you a grade dependent on your age - see table below.

As a starter it is a good idea to enter bronze tournaments and possibly silver. Please check the BE website for further information on gradings and rankings. If your grade improves this may limit the tournaments you can play in - check RHS table below

If you don't have a partner for the doubles or mixed doubles and still would like to play just put partner required on your entry and the organiser will try and match you with someone of a similar standard. This is how many partnerships are formed.

## NATIONAL GRADINGS

National Grading has been introduced for players of all ages and abilities to identify their individual playing standards - and then find sanctioned tournament circuits that meet their on court levels.

For the 2017/18 season:

- All players will be eligible to receive a BADMINTON England grading
- New grading will be published on the last Friday of September, January and May TBC
- Completed tournament results by 12pm on the last Friday will be included in the grading run
- All Badminton England sanctioned events will be included in the grading system
- Players grading can be upgraded or downgraded based upon results in sanctioned tournaments in each grading run.
- U18 ICT, Shires league matches\*, Senior and Masters County matches will be included from all divisions
- U17 Players (born on or after the 1st January 2002) will qualify for Senior Silver and Gold if they are graded 'A-D' in any discipline, but they must enter that discipline of which they are grade D or above to allow them to enter other disciplines.
- Team events will not award qualifying losses in any discipline.
- There is a Starting Grade for players. See table below

Age Group	Starting Grade	Age Group	Starting Grade
U11	J	Senior & O35	F
U13	J	O40	G
U15	I	O45	H
U17	H	O50	I
U19	G	O55+	J

To adjust your grading, you must first play a minimum of four qualifying matches in each grading period.

A qualifying match is:

- A win against a player/pair\* of the same grade
- A win against a player/pair\* of a higher grade
- A loss against a player/pair\* of a lower grade

Players achieving a 80%+ win ratio will move up a grade. Players achieving a 20% or less win ratio will move down a grade.

Circuit	The following grades cannot enter
Junior - U12 Bronze	A to H
Junior - U13 Bronze	A to H
Junior - U14 Bronze	A to G
Junior - U15 Bronze	A to G
Junior - U15 Silver	A to F
Junior - U16 Bronze	A to F
Junior - U16 Silver	A to E
Junior - U17 Bronze	A to F
Junior - U17 Silver	A to E
Junior - U18 Bronze	A to D
Junior - U18 Silver	A to C
Junior - U19 Bronze	A to D
Junior - U19 Silver	A to C
Senior - Bronze	A to C
Senior - Silver	'E to J' if aged U17
Senior - Gold	'E to J' if aged U17