

APPENDIX B

Senior National Championships

For the Senior National Championships, the qualification tournament should be discontinued. The entry of 64 men and 64 women in the men and women's singles, would run over three days.

Friday afternoon and evening would continue to be the Under 21 and mixed doubles. On the Saturday there would be 16 groups of 4 with the top 2 players qualifying for the men and women's singles knockout stage. This would leave 32 players, the first round of the singles being played on Saturday evening with the last 16 onwards on Sunday, together with the finals. The men's and women's doubles would be played on Saturday with a maximum entry of 32 pairs in each event, with the semi finals and finals being played on Sunday.

Basic expenses would be paid for the top 10 men and women. There would be big prize money for the winners of the men's and women's singles. The competition would be played at a venue in the centre of the country and there would be a 10:00am start on each day to avoid extra hotel costs.

An alternative to discontinuing the qualification event would be to run an open qualification competition on the Friday of the main event with groups and the winner qualifying. The top 48 player entry would be automatic in the main draw with the remaining 16 places filled by the 16 qualification group winners.

Either method would reduce the cost to the players to enter the National Championship except for the top 16 players and would reduce the cost of running the full competition for the association.

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