

Welcome

This guide includes handy tips to help you get to your event and make the most of your Olympic experience. So have a good read – and don't forget to bring it on the day!

Arriving at the venue

Please aim to be at Wembley Arena 90 minutes before your session starts.

When you get there, you'll be asked to go through airport-style security screening. With thousands of people arriving at the same time, there may be a queue.

One soft-sided bag is allowed per person – for example, a medium-sized handbag or small backpack (maximum 25 litres).

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Games, so there are some things you can't bring into the venue. Go to london2012.com/security for the full list, which includes water and other liquids.

Unless your session is the first of the day, you'll only be able to enter the seating area after all spectators from the previous session have left.

There's no readmission to the venue.

Games Mobility

Inside the venue you can use our free Games Mobility service, which loans out mobility vehicles on a first come, first served basis. Audio description and guiding are also available. Find out more at london2012.com/accessibility

Top tips

- 1 Check the London 2012 website for the latest information** before you travel
- 2 Remember your tickets!** Everyone needs a ticket for entry
- 3 You may have to wait in an outdoor area before the session starts – so check the weather forecast and come prepared**, whether that means bringing a sun hat or rain jacket
- 4 Aim to arrive at the venue 90 minutes before your session starts**
- 5 The transport system and venue will be very busy so leave plenty of time to travel and be prepared to wait** – it may also take a while to exit the venue once your session is over
- 6 Your bag must fit under your seat or on your lap**. If you can manage without one, even better – it will help speed up security checks
- 7 You'll need to go through airport-style security when you arrive so make sure you've read the list of items that aren't allowed inside the venue at london2012.com/security**
- 8 There's a wide variety of healthy and tasty food** inside the venue
- 9 You can pay by Visa (debit, credit or prepaid) or cash (£) only**
- 10 If you have any questions on the day, just ask a member of London 2012 staff or visit an information point**



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Badminton

Wembley Arena



London 2012 Olympic Games
Official spectator guide

Plan your travel

Getting to Wembley Arena

Great news! You can use the Games Travelcard sent to you with your ticket for free travel on public transport in London zones 1–9 on the day of your event, including to and from Wembley Arena. The recommended stations are:

Wembley Park – around 10-minute walk

Wembley Central – around 20-minute walk

Wembley Stadium – around 5-minute walk

London will be very busy so leave plenty of time to get to your venue and be prepared for crowds.

Plan and book your journey at london2012.com/travel and check it before you set off as things may change. You'll also find plenty of walking and cycling routes on the website.

Been to Wembley Arena before? This venue will be operating differently during the Games so please follow the signs and directions from staff.

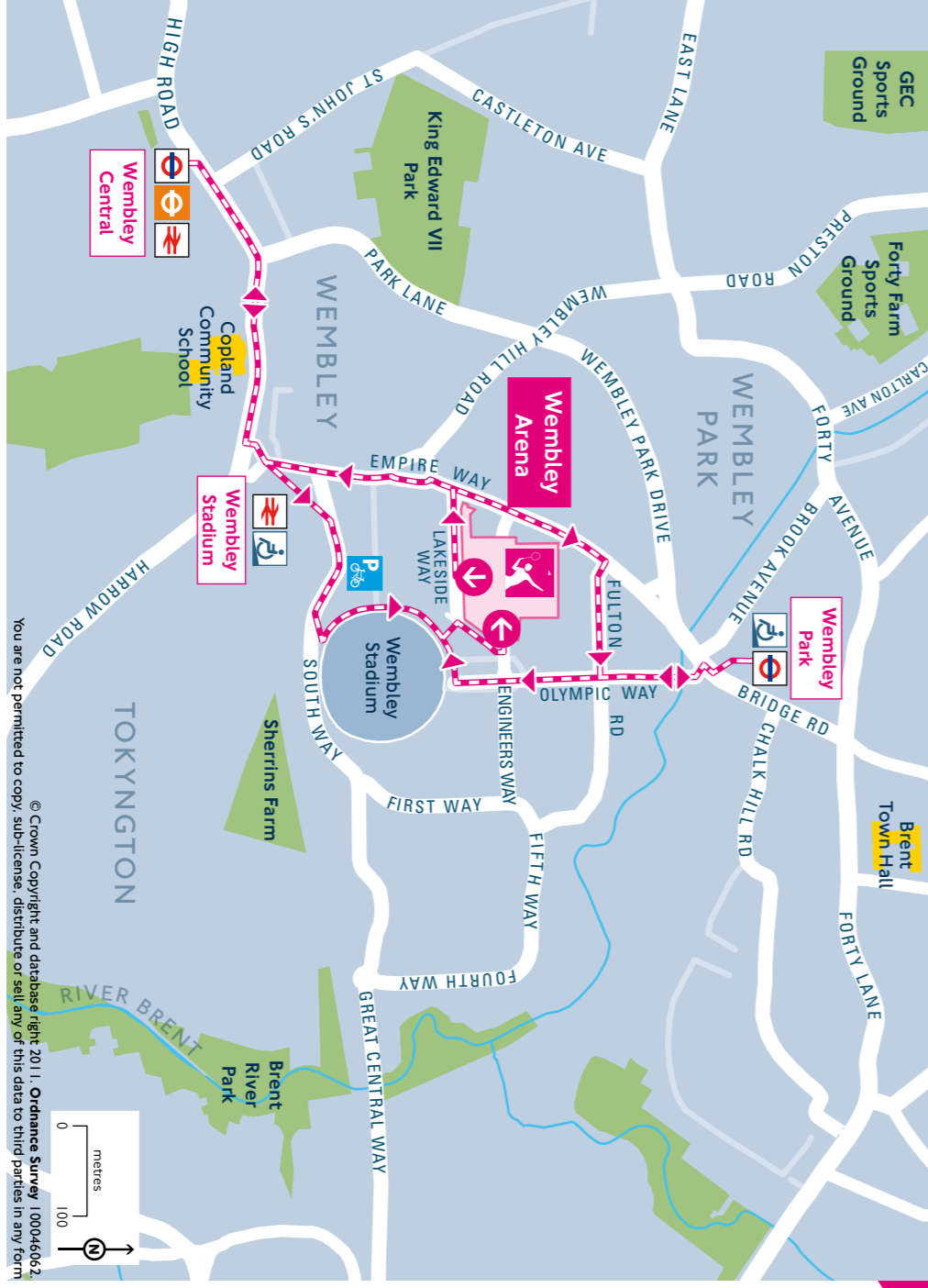
There is no spectator parking at the venue, except for pre-booked Blue Badge spaces.

For days when you're not going to a London 2012 sports event or ceremony, beat the queues for travel tickets and buy a Visitor Oyster card before you leave home at fti.gov.uk/visitorshop

Accessible travel

If you've already reserved Blue Badge parking, you'll receive details in the post soon. For more information, go to london2012.com/bluebadge

Wembley Park and Wembley Stadium stations have step-free access and staff assistance available.



Key

- Wembley Park Recommended station for spectators
- Event area during the Olympic Games
- Venue entrance or exit
- Spectator access route
- London Underground
- London Overground
- Station with step-free access and staff assistance
- Cycle parking
- National Rail

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Badminton

Badminton players need lightning-fast reactions to keep up with shuttlecocks travelling at speeds of more than 400km/h.

Events

- Singles
- Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Men's event Women's event

Session timetable

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Date	Sat 28 Jul	Sun 29 Jul	Mon 30 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	Wed 1 Aug	Thu 2 Aug	Fri 3 Aug	Sat 4 Aug	Sun 5 Aug	Mon 6 Aug	Tue 7 Aug	Wed 8 Aug	Thu 9 Aug	Fri 10 Aug	Sat 11 Aug	Sun 12 Aug
Morning	08:30-11:00	08:30-11:00	08:30-11:00	08:30-11:00	09:00-11:00	09:00-11:00	09:00-12:00	09:00-12:00	09:00-11:00							
Afternoon	12:30-17:00	12:30-17:00	12:30-17:00	12:30-17:00	12:30-15:30	12:30-15:30	13:30-17:00	13:30-17:00	13:00-16:00							
Evening	18:30-23:00	18:30-23:00	18:30-23:00	18:30-23:00	18:30-21:00	17:00-20:00										

Sessions where gold medals will be decided and/or awarded are highlighted in bold

Please note that session finish times may vary

The history

The rules of modern Badminton were developed in England, but the sport has its origins in ancient civilisations in Europe and Asia. The game known as battledore (bat or paddle) and shuttlecock probably originated more than 2,000 years ago. During the 19th century, British military officers in India adapted the game by adding a net, and brought it back to the UK.

Badminton made its full Olympic debut at Barcelona 1992. Asian countries now dominate this thrilling sport, with China, Indonesia and South Korea having won 23 of the 24 Olympic gold medals awarded.

The basics

Both singles and doubles Badminton matches are played over the best of three games, and each game is won by the first player or doubles pair to reach 21 points by a margin of two clear points. If the score reaches 29-29, the winner of the next point wins the game.

All events begin with a preliminary stage: competitors are divided into groups, and each player and doubles pair plays everyone else in their group.

The best players and doubles pairs from this stage (16 in each Singles event, eight pairs in each Doubles event) qualify for the knockout stage of the competition, which eventually decides the winners of the medals.

Find out more about Badminton – pick up an official London 2012 daily or souvenir programme at the event.

While you're watching

As a courtesy to the athletes, please remain seated during matches. Use of flash photography and devices with bright lights is not permitted.



Wembley Arena



Key

- Venue entrance or exit
 - Spectator flow
 - N5 Seating block
 - Toilets
 - Baby changing facilities
 - Ticket resolution office
 - Lift
 - Pushchair and wheelchair storage
 - London 2012 Shop
 - Food and drink
 - Drinks
 - Information, Games Mobility and lost and found
- If medical attention is required, please inform a member of staff

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Inside the venue

Please do your bit for the environment – take your rubbish home or help us recycle it by following the coloured icons on the bins, and on food and drink packaging.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in this venue.

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Out and about

Find out what's on at a London 2012 Live Site near you or discover the great range of Olympic, London 2012 Festival and other events taking place across the UK at london2012.com/joinin

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