

NEJO 2010 FACTS

- **The New England Junior Open 2010 [NEJO] is hosted by Marblehead Youth Badminton (www.marbleheadyouthbadminton.org) and is a USA Badminton sanctioned event (www.usabadminton.org)**
- **Tournament Director is MYB's Head Coach, Nick Vered, a former NEJO winner in 1999 and 2000**
- **There are 110 registrants competing at the Marblehead High School on November 20-21, 2010**
- **Age categories of males and females range from Under 9 to Under 22 [U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U19, U22]**
- **First Place, Second Place, and First Place Consolation medals will be awarded**
- **Junior players have arrived from 9 states: CT, MD, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, as well as from 14 towns in MA**
- **The first NEJO was held March 9-10, 1996, on 4 courts in the Swampscott High School gymnasium, started by Gut 'n Feathers Club members Beth Sopka and Barb McKinley, a former Junior National champion**
- **Former NEJO events have attracted international participation from Canada, Peru, Russia, Germany, Hungary, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Kenya, Uganda**
- **The Badminton World Federation in England establishes the rules and standards for international competition and manages the world's player ranking system**

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