

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME 2018-19

We are now in the process of drawing up the Tournament Programme for season 2018-19 and it would be appreciated if you could return the attached form (one per tournament please) letting us know the proposed dates for your **tournament(s) just as soon as possible but certainly no later than Monday 9 April 2018**. This will allow us to put these forward for sanction at the AGM of the Directors of Scottish Badminton Union Limited on Sunday 10 June 2018. Should you prefer to receive a copy of this communication by post please let me know.

As you are aware **BADMINTONscotland** has moved to one combined fully integrated ranking list produced on tournament software. When requesting sanction of ranking tournaments for season 2018-19 you require, as last season, to indicate the Grade of Ranking Tournament for which you are applying. The Events Committee will consider all requests and advise the Tournament Organiser of the Grade of Tournament awarded for season 2018-19. Following completion of the tournament an Abbreviated Referee's Report will require to be completed and returned by the Referee of all graded events, simply to ensure that the event has complied with the criteria for the grading sanctioned.

You are reminded of the Grading Criteria as follows:

BADMINTONscotland to determine the grading awarded to each event applying for sanction. Exceptions may be approved on application.

A Grade:	B Grade:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Tournaments Only (maximum of one per Group) • To be run and published on tournamentsoftware • Two day competition • 3 games to 21 with setting • All disciplines available • Coaching breaks • Court officials • Minimum two matches per event • Pools or consolation event • Optional scheduling of disciplines • Contact BADMINTONscotland appointed person for seedings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be applied for through Group and supported by the Group • To be run and published on tournamentsoftware • One or two day competition • Optional scoring • Restricted disciplines • Optional coaching breaks • Court officials • Minimum two matches per event • Pools or consolation event • Optional scheduling of disciplines • Contact BADMINTONscotland appointed person for seedings
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be applied for through Group and supported by the Group • To be run and published on tournamentsoftware • One or two day competition • Optional scoring • Restricted disciplines • No coaching • Court officials • Minimum two matches per event • Pools or consolation event • Optional scheduling of disciplines 	
<p>Note – Scottish National Championships will receive a National Grade higher than "A".</p>	

In Season 2018/19 **BADMINTONscotland's** age group qualification continues to be in line with Badminton Europe. Therefore for Season 2018/19 **BADMINTONscotland's** age group qualification will be:

	Season 2018/19 1 Aug 2018 – 31 Dec 2018	Season 2018/19 1 Jan 2019 – 31 July 2019
U10	Born 2009 or later	Born 2010 or later
U11	Born 2008 or later	Born 2009 or later
U12	Born 2007 or later	Born 2008 or later
U13	Born 2006 or later	Born 2007 or later
U14	Born 2005 or later	Born 2006 or later
U15	Born 2004 or later	Born 2005 or later
U16	Born 2003 or later	Born 2004 or later
U17	Born 2002 or later	Born 2003 or later
U18	Born 2001 or later	Born 2002 or later
U19	Born 2000 or later	Born 2001 or later

As Scottish Schools Events are tied to the Academic Calendar their Championships shall be defined as Primary Championships and Secondary Championships (Junior, Intermediate and Senior).

I would advise you that the **BADMINTONscotland** dates for next season are as follows:

Scottish National Championships (U15/19)	6-7 October 2018
Scottish Open Championships	21-25 November 2018
Scottish National Masters	3-4 November 2018
Scottish International Masters Championships	18-20 January 2019
Scottish Seniors National Championships	1-3 February 2019
Scottish National Junior Championships (U13/17)	6-7 April 2019
Scottish National Junior Championships (U11)	11 May 2019

Three weekends will once again be reserved for Restricted Tournaments during season 2018-19. No "Open" tournaments will be scheduled during these weeks so you are asked to consider holding restricted tournaments at these times. Other dates may, however, be sanctioned as in previous seasons. The three reserved weekends are as follows:

week ending 14 October 2018
 week ending 18 November 2018
 week ending 17 February 2019

I have been asked to remind you that permission may not be granted to Tournament Organisers wishing to hold events which will clash with the Scottish Open or Scottish National Championships. Could I therefore urge you to refrain from applying for these dates.

I look forward to receiving your completed tournament information sheets by Monday 9 April 2018.