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Please note: All finishing times are approximate

Outline order of play

Thursday 5th: 0900hrs-2200hrs - 5 courts - Qualification

Friday 6th: 0900hrs-2200hrs - 5 courts - Rounds 1 & 2

Saturday 7th: 0900-1430 - 4 courts - Quarter finals 1530-2130 - 2 courts - Semi finals

Sunday 8th: 12.00hrs-18.00hrs - 1 court - Finals and medal ceremonies of all events.



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THE SCOTTISH OPEN HRH WELCOME

Welcome to this year's Scottish Open Badminton Championships.

We are delighted, as ever, to be holding this event at the superb Emirates Arena. It really has proved to be the most **fantastic venue for Badminton**, providing great facilities for players, officials, staff, volunteers and spectators alike.



HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, KG GCVO Patron.

Badminton Scotland is indebted to everyone who helps to make this such a brilliant event, in particular our **staff and volunteers**, many of whom have been doing this for

We are always extremely lucky to attract some of the **world's top players** and I want to thank you for your ongoing support and for treating us to such **excellent displays of sporting talent**. I also want to thank all the **officials**, many of whom are regular participants in this tournament, for all your help. I wish you all the best of luck and trust that you enjoy your stay in Glasgow.

Thank you also to all our **visitors and spectators**, not just for choosing to support these championships, but also for creating such a great atmosphere. In particular, I would like to welcome the thousands of **children and young people** who will have the opportunity to try the sport for the first time, or to improve on their basic skills, through the Play Badminton Festival. This is now an integral part of the Scottish Open and I would like to thank the **coaches** who work so hard to **inspire this next generation of young badminton players**.

I trust you enjoy not only the festival, but also the competition and will encourage the players with lots of noisy support!



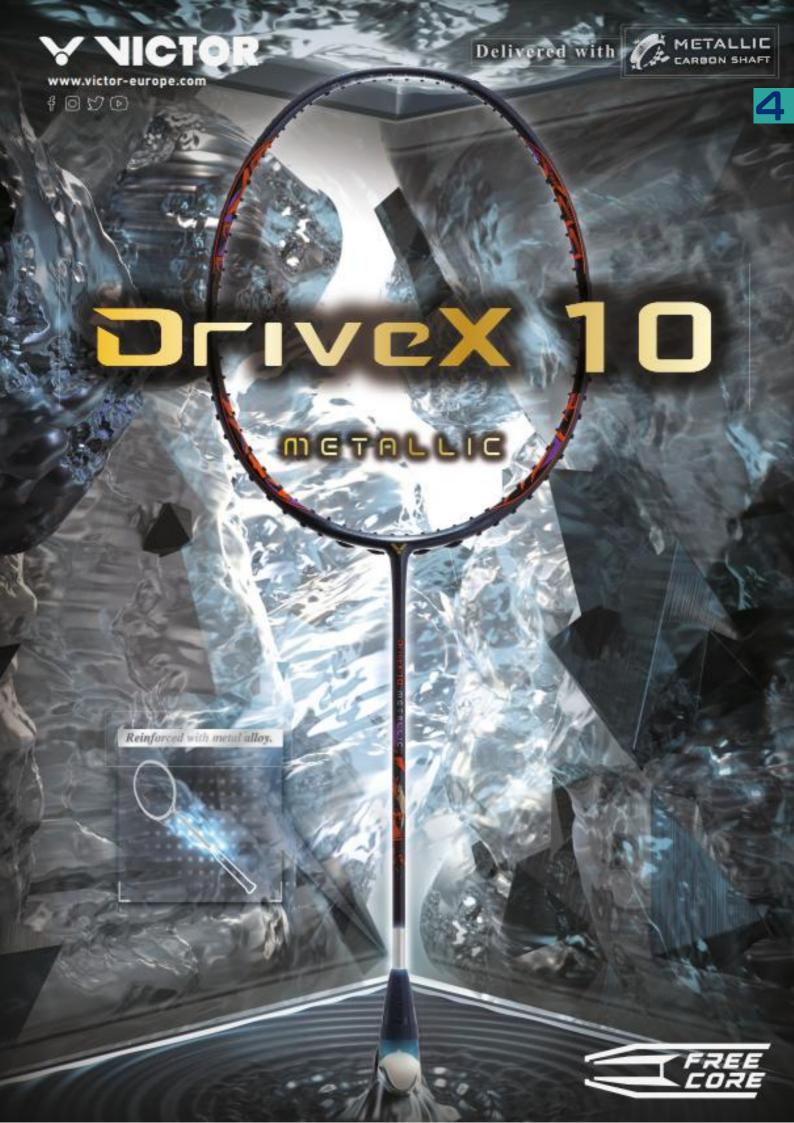
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THE SCOTTISH OPEN PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is fantastic to see the return of our showcase event for Badminton Scotland, **The Scottish Open** at the Emirates Arena after a 2 year break. The tournament is steeped in history having first taken place in 1907. It's the world's **third oldest badminton tournament** so it's great to see this back in the calendar for 2023. Not only does the Scottish Open present an opportunity to win a prestigious title but players will also be chasing ranking points for qualification to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



Carolyn Young, Badminton Scotland President.

We welcome all visitors and players over **4 days of competition** and hope you enjoy the badminton on show. There will be plenty of games to cheer with **252 players** entered from **36 countries** including some of our top Scottish players. Christopher and Matthew Grimley will be looking to defend their Men's doubles title from 2021, hoping to make it a hattrick of Scottish wins for this event. Julie MacPherson and Ciara Torrance, seeded 2, are aiming to win the Ladies doubles title.

As well as **top international badminton** there is a packed programme of development activities being held, including BIG HIT festivals, a session for disability players, SSF activities, a women's only session on double tactics, 'What It Takes To Win' coaching session (with athlete Q&A) as well as a club forum to discuss club development.

Following the successful launch and presentation of the **Badminton Scotland Awards** last year, we will be announcing award winners for season 2023/24 as part of the Civic Reception. This is a great opportunity to celebrate, thank and recognise the contribution of our incredible players, coaches, volunteers, officials and those that make a difference to badminton in Scotland. The progress and growth of the game just wouldn't be possible without them.

We also welcome **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh** who will be visiting on Friday and will get a chance to view the development activities and watch the players in action.

I would like to especially thank everyone involved; volunteers, staff, court officials who have put in a tremendous amount of work into the organisation and running of the Scottish Open. I can't wait to watch the badminton and to cheer on our Scottish players!









WELCOME TO GLASGOW

What an honour to host this year's Scottish Open Badminton Championships at the Emirates Arena. As a sporting City, Glasgow is delighted to be the first city to be named the **European Capital of Sport** for the second time in 2023.

Sport is an integral part of life in Glasgow, from **community clubs and volunteers** to our **world class facilities** and the hosting of international events such as UCI World Championships in August and the World Athletics Championships in 2024.



The Right Hon. The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Cllr Jacqueline McLaren.

Jaqueline Mares

We know everyone attending the Championships will have an **experience to remember**. Can I also take the opportunity to extend my **thanks to all the volunteers and staff** who work tirelessly to ensure this event is a great success. Without their time and dedication, we would not be able to deliver this wonderful event. Thank you for being here and please **enjoy this wonderful competition**.



Bailie Annette Christie, Chair of Glasgow Life.

The Scottish Open Badminton Championships brings some of the **best players** back to Glasgow to compete at what is always a **spectacular showcase** for the sport.

Glasgow Life is **committed** to helping people experience the **life-changing benefits of sport**, and The Emirates Arena is the perfect backdrop for the Scottish Open Badminton Championships.

Competitions like this have the power to **inspire people to get active**, try something new and live healthier lives. Welcome to all the athletes and spectators for what promises to be a very exciting championships. I hope you enjoy your time in Glasgow and everything our city has to offer.









WELCOME TO THE SCOTTISH OPEN

VICTOR Europe is absolutely happy to support the Scottish Open 2023.

It is the first **big event** after the agreement with Badminton Scotland was signed and we are wishing all participants, team officials, umpires, volunteers, the organising team and all players from 36 different countries an **unforgettable event**.



Andreas Sievers Managing Director VICTOR Europe GmbH

I hope the numerous spectators will enjoy some **top class badminton** in this fantastic venue!



Jon Doig
CEO of Commonwealth Games Scotland

We are **delighted to support** the Scottish Open Badminton Championships.

It has always been an **important stage for Scottish athletes** to perform and to test themselves against top class opposition on home soil, and many players have used the Open as a **springboard to success** for Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games and elsewhere.

We look forward to supporting not only the Scots who competed for us at Birmingham 2022 last year but also the **next group of upcoming stars** who harbour ambitions to compete on the Commonwealth and Olympic stage in the future.











ONES TO + WATCH

The 2023 edition of the world's third oldest badminton tournament will provide a **feast of high quality badminton**. This year's tournament has an entry of **252 players from 36 countries** with a strong Scottish representation, including an impressive contingent of our exciting **young talent** in the qualifying tournament, competing across all five disciplines.

While the event has **strong European entries** from powerhouse continental countries like **Denmark**, **Germany**, **and England** there are also challengers from the **USA**, **Japan**, **Taipei**, **India**, **Israel**, **and Jamaica**, as players from around the globe get ready to make a determined bid to add their names to an illustrious roll of honour that dates back to 1907.

With the world famous Emirates Arena ready to host what are sure to be many memorable encounters over the next few days it's time to introduce you to some of the names that may help make the 2023 Scottish Open the highlight of your badminton year.



MEN'S SINGLES

Ireland's **Nhat Nguyen** is top seeded and will be determined to build on a strong performance at the recent World Championships where his challenge was ended by **World No.1 Victor Axelsen**.

The world ranked No.39 is a former Olympian who will open against **Germany's Matthew Kicklitz**. Seeded second behind the Irish No.1 is the Czech Republic's **world ranked No.46 Jan Louda** who interestingly lost to Nguyen in the Orleans Masters back in April in straight sets.

While Louda opens against qualifier opposition, before he can set his sights on a revenge mission against the top seeded Irishman, he will have to battle his way past dangerous Dane **Mads Christophersen**.

In the top half of the draw the main rival to Nguyen will be Finland's experienced **No.3** seeded Kalle Koljonen. The former European Championship bronze medallist will open up against the Netherlands Joran Kweekel as he bids to make what would be the ninth major European final of his impressive career.













In the bottom half of the draw the No.4 seed is the **Netherlands Mark Caljouw** who faces Belgium's Elias Bracke. Caljouw, who has been ranked as high as World No.23, enjoyed the distinction of becoming his country's first men's badminton Olympian in 25 years at the Tokyo Olympics, while he is also a former double semi-finalist at the Scottish Open in 2017 and 2018.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Top seed, Spain's World No.40 ranked **Clara Azurmendi**, with seven titles and six runners-up finishes at International Challenge level will begin her bid to add the Scottish Open to that list.

Seeded second at the other end of the draw is Turkey's former World No.27 **Neslihan Arin**. The first ever Turkish badminton player to compete at an Olympics and a double European Championship bronze medallist, Arin opens up against Spain's Ania Setien.

At 19 years-old Taipei's world No.48 ranked **Huang Yu Hsun** will pose the main danger to Arin with the fast developing third seed opening against Hungary's Vivien Sandorhazi.

Returning to the top-half of the draw, home hopes will rest on the shoulders of Rachel Sugden who opens against No.7 seeded Kisona Selvuduray from Malaysia while Estonia's fourth seeded Kristin Kuuba, a multiple winner of BWF International Challenge titles, meets England's Freya Redfearn.



MEN'S DOUBLES

Scottish hopes of success are pinned firmly on **Chris and Matthew Grimley**, the defending champions, who are top seeded and look likely to open against the Danish duo of William Kryger Boe and Christian Faust Kjaer.

The main threat in the top half of the draw to the world ranked no.50 Scots are familiar foes in Ireland's fourth seeded **Joshua Magee and Paul Reynolds**. With the Scots winning in Poland the last time the pairings met their Celtic rivals will be thirsty for revenge.















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In the other half of the draw No.2 seeded **German** duo Bjarne Geiss and Jan Colin Voelker, who are at No.53 in the world rankings, will face some tough challenges to make their allotted place in the final with third seeded Czech pairing **Ondrej** Kral and Adam Mendrek their main threat.

Also flying the flag for Scotland are **Jack MacGregor and Adam Pringle** who meet
England's Rory Easton and Zach Russ

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The only place to start in the Women's Doubles draw is with the top seeded two-time former champions from Bulgaria **Gabriela and Stefani Stoeva**.

The World ranked No.20 pairing will start against England's **Abbygael Harris and Annie Ladoe** and are rightly regarded as favourites to reclaim the title they last took in 2018.

At the other side of the draw Scottish champions **Julie MacPherson and Ciara Torrance** open against Iben Bergstein and Mette Werge of Denmark as they look to justify their second seeded position and best their quarter-final run at their home open in 2019.

The German pairing of **Emma Moszczynski and Stine Kuespert** are seeded three and are the main threat to the Stoevas in the top-half while fourth seeded Dutch duo Kirsten de Wit and Alyssa Tirtosentono and the unseeded pairing of **Japan's Maiko Kawazoe**

and Haruna Konishi can't be overlooked.



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The standard is very high and we will need to produce our best every time we are on court. Having friends and family in the crowd and them getting right behind you really does drive you on.

Julie MacPherson, Scotland











MIXED DOUBLES

The Danish duo of **Jesper Toft and Clara Graversen** lead the way in the mixed competition and the top seeded world ranked No.43 pairing's main threat surely comes from German third seeds **Jan**

Colin Voelker and Stine Kuespert.





Gabriela & Stefani Stoeva [1] WD

In the opposite half of the draw Denmark also supplies the second seeded partnership in Mads Vestergaard and Christine Busch with Serbia's Mihajlo Tomic and Andjela Vitman seeded fourth.

Home hopes will be primarily on Scottish No.2 ranked **Adam Pringle** and **Rachel Andrew** and the home ranked three partnership of **Chris Grimley and Eleanor O'Donnell** who open against Spanish and Danish opposition respectively.



Kalle Koljonen [3] MS











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WATCH 252 PLAYERS

AUSTRALIA Jacob SCHUELER



FROM 36 COUNTRIES

AUSTRIA

Wolfgang GNEDT
Serena AU YEONG
Philip BIRKER
Katharina HOCHMEIR
Collins Valentine FILIMON

BELGIUM

Lianne TAN
Senne HOUTHOOFD
Elias BRACKE

BRUNEI DARUSSALEM

Chee Hou CHAI



BULGARIA

Gabriela STOEVA Stefani STOEVA



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DENMARK

William Kryger BOE
Rikke SØBY
Christine BUSCH
Victor SVENDSEN
Mads VESTERGAARD
Mai SURROW
Marcus RINDSHØJ
Mette WERGE
Daniel LUNDGAARD
Amalie Cecilie KUDSK
Julie FINNE-IPSEN
Amalie SCHULZ
Andreas SØNDERGAARD

Christian Faust KJÆR
Mikkel MIKKELSEN
Iben BERGSTEIN
Julie Dawall JAKOBSEN
Frederikke LUND
Jesper TOFT
Mads CHRISTOPHERSEN
Clara GRAVERSEN
Signe SCHULZ
Victor ørding KAUFFMANN
Rasmus ESPERSEN

Natasja P. ANTHONISEN

David BRANDT

ENGLAND

Kim BRUUN

Jeppe BRUUN

Adam SHEPHERD **Kar Hon LUU Iessica CHOI Muteeb DAR Ching Fen CHEN Percival CHENG** Wick KEERTHAPONGALAN **Brandon Zhi Hao YAP Chloe BIRCH** Magda-Sabrina LOZNICERIU **Felix WRIGHT Koon Fung Kelvin HO Scott CARTER Gregory MAIRS Estelle VAN LEEUWEN Abbygael HARRIS Alex DILLINGHAM Ryan Jing QUEK Nikhar GARG Harry HUANG** Samuel JONES Jamie PEARCY **Lizzie TOLMAN Chris SZE Alex GREEN Zach RUSS Paak Shing Raymond CHONG Marcus ELLIS Thomas Joseph STANFORD** Ka Wai NG **Harry JONES**

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SPAIN

Ethan ROSE

Pablo ABIAN
Paula LOPEZ
Alvaro VAZQUEZ
Jacobo FERNANDEZ
Luís Enrique PEÑALVER
Ania SETIEN
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ESTONIA

Kristin KUUBA

FINLAND

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FRANCE

Emilie VERCELOT Xuefei QI Eloi ADAM LéOnice HUET Lucas CLAERBOUT Leo ROSSI Sharone BAUER

GERMANY

Kai SCHAEFER
Matthias KICKLITZ
Emma MOSZCZYNSKI
Fabian ROTH
Bjarne GEISS
Franziska VOLKMANN
Daniel HESS
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Samuel HSIAO
Stine KUESPERT
Jan Colin VOELKER
Max WEISSKIRCHEN

HUNGARY

Vivien SANDORHAZI



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Paul REYNOLDS











ISRAEL

Ksenia POLIKARPOVA **Heli NEIMAN**

ITALY

Christopher VITTORIANI

JAMACIA

Samuel O'Brien **RICKETTS**



JAPAN

Haruna KONISHI Maiko KAWAZOE



MALAYSIA

Eugene Voon Yee LEE Selvaduray KISONA

NETHERLANDS

Joran KWEEKEL **Brian WASSINK Finn ACHTHOVEN** Alyssa TIRTOSENTONO **Mark CALJOUW Kirsten DE WIT Ties VAN DER LECQ**

NORWAY

Torjus FLAATTEN Markus BARTH Vegard RIKHEIM

POLAND

Michal SOBOLEWSKI **Adam SZOLC**



Moloy SARKER Andrew FLOCKHART Sheik Razeeq Mahadum ALI **Hailey HO** Soaham KULKARNI

Muhammad Ammar MASOOD Vincent CHEUNG **Adam PRINGLE**

Evan KENNY Calum FLOCKHART Iona MUIR **Abbie BROOKS**

Brooke STALKER Rachel SUGDEN

Sophie FORD

Ishbel MCCALLISTER Callum CRANGLE Katrina CHAN Lewis COGHILL

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Andjela VITMAN

Dounia PELUPESSY

Jenjira STADELMANN

Sarah SIDEBOTTOM

Amy CRAIG

SERBIA

Sen THOMAS

Finlay JACK

Eleanor O'DONNELL

Joshua APILIGA

Katie STEWART

MEN'S SINGLES

[1] Nhat Nguyen (IRL) [2] Jan Louda (CZE)

[3] Kalle Koljonen (FIN)

[4] Mark Caljouw (NED)

[5] Mads Christophersen (DEN)

[6] Luís Enrique Peñalver (ESP)

[7] Kai Schaefer (**GER**)

Salim BEN BOUDINAR [8] S.Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian (IND)

CHINESE TAIPEI

Yu-Hsun HUANG



Nazlıcan INCI Neslihan ARIN

USA

ZHI YI CHEN Presley SMITH Annie XU Kerry XU

WALES

Victor PANG Mebel MANO KURIAN Paak Yee CHONG Archie BULT Jewel MANO VARUGHESE Harper LEIGH **Andrew OATES** Saffron MORRIS

SCOTTISH OPEN 2023 SEEDS

WOMEN'S SINGLES

[1] Clara Azurmendi (ESP)

[2] Neslihan Arin (TUR)

[3] Huang Yu-Hsun (TPE)

[4] Kristin Kuuba (EST)

[5] Qi Xuefei (FRA)

[6] Tanya Hemanth (IND)

[7] Kisona Selvaduray (MAS)

[8] Jenjira Stadelmann (SUI)

MEN'S DOUBLES

[1] Christopher & Matt Grimley (SCO)

[2] Bjarne Geiss & Jan Colin

Voelker (GER) [3] Ondřej Král & Adam

Mendrek (CZE) [4] Joshua Magee & Paul Reynolds (IRL)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

[1] Gabriela Stoeva & Stefani Stoeva (BUL)

[2] Julie MacPherson & Ciara Torrance (SCO)

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[3] Jan Colin Voelker & Stine

Kuespert (GER)

[4] Mihajlo Tomic & Andjela Vitman (SBR)













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ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Once again this year we have a packed programme of inclusive participation events to encourage lifelong engagement with badminton. We have over 450 children participating this year in our Big Hit festivals.

The Big Hit school events are a great way to give primary children the opportunity to try badminton in a safe and fun environment. They are delivered by a trained workforce of Young Sports Leaders who will continue their badminton leadership by delivering badminton sessions in their local area, well after the Scottish Open 2023 has come to an end.

Likewise the children who take part in the Big Hit festivals will be encouraged and directed towards their local badminton clubs where they can continue to play.



In a further bid to create a strong pathway from taster sessions to continued involvement, we also offer **teacher training** to ensure teaching staff and volunteers can continue to deliver badminton within their local schools.















On **Thursday** afternoon, we are holding a **Disability Drop in session** for communities from all over Glasgow; this will mainly focus on beginners and provide them with an introduction to badminton and then signposted for further participation.

Glasgow Disability Badminton Club will also be in attendance to help and support any players who want to get involved.

On **Saturday** we will host a **National Coaching session**. This year it is split into two specific topics with the first hour being taken up with Darren Hide from the Scottish Institute of Sport covering "**Physical Preparation for Emerging/Developing Badminton Players**".

The second hour is a session with Ingo Kindervater, Badminton Scotland Head Coach who will cover the "What it Takes to Win Model" plus an athlete question and answer session.

ENCOURAGING LIFELONG PARTICIPATION

The Scottish Open gives us a great platform to showcase the programmes that we deliver nationally and to **encourage lifelong participation** for new players from schools and recreational players, whilst also offering opportunities for those who have been involved for many years through clubs and coaching. We look forward to seeing many new and many well-known faces over the course of the Scottish Open!



If you have any questions contact: nicky@badmintonscotland.org.uk















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