

March 2023

Dear Tournament Organiser

We are now in the process of drawing up the tournament programme for season 2023/24 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). Please try to provide this information by Monday 24 April, in order to allow us to put the draft calendar of events forward for approval at Badminton Scotland's AGM.

In order to ensure consistency across the various competitions throughout the year, each ranking competition is allocated a specific grade. The criteria for each type of grading tournament is shown below.

If your tournament is a ranking event, please indicate on your application which grade of ranking tournament you are applying for – Grade A, B or C. The Events Committee will consider all requests and advise the Tournament Organiser of the grade of tournament awarded for season 2023/24.

Following completion of the tournament an abbreviated referee's report requires to be completed and returned by the Referee of all graded events to ensure the event has complied with the criteria for the grading of the competition.

A Grade:	B Grade:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Tournaments Only (maximum of one per Group)• To be run & published on tournamentsoftware• Two day competition• 3 games to 21 with setting in main event (consolation events can use different scoring format if required)• All disciplines available• Coaching breaks: only permitted in U17 events or older and must be delivered by coaches on Badminton Scotland's Coach Register• Must have a named referee or tournament organiser and use technical officials• Minimum two matches per event• Pools or consolation event• Optional scheduling of disciplines• Contact Badminton Scotland appointed person for seedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be applied for through Group and supported by the Group• To be run & published on tournamentsoftware• One or two day competition• Optional scoring formats• Restricted disciplines allowed (eg doubles only)• No coaching breaks allowed• Must have a named referee or tournament organiser• Minimum two matches per event• Pools or consolation event• Optional scheduling of disciplines• Contact Badminton Scotland appointed person for seedings
C Grade:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be applied for through Group and supported by the Group• To be run & published on tournamentsoftware• One or two day competition• Optional scoring formats• Restricted disciplines allowed (eg doubles only)• No coaching breaks allowed• Must have a named referee or tournament organiser• Minimum two matches per event• Pools or consolation event• Optional scheduling of disciplines	
Note – Scottish National Championships will receive a National Grade higher than "A".	

Please note, re-draws should only be done in exceptional circumstances. We have received a number of queries from unhappy competitors regarding re-draws in recent years, so if you are organising a ranking tournament, please do not do a re-draw of any event without first contacting either myself or Morag McCulloch for advice.

Additionally, following feedback from players and tournament organisers we now require the closing date for entries for all ranking dates to be at least 2 weeks before the start of the competition and for start times and final information to be sent to competitors at least 3 days before the start of the event.

Finally, going forwards it will be a requirement that only players who are affiliated to Badminton Scotland will be able to enter sanctioned Badminton Scotland events. From the start of season 2023/24 we aim to have updated our Tournament Software account to link in with our JustGo membership system, so that this can be monitored and controlled automatically.

Badminton Scotland's age group qualification in season 2023/24 will continue to be in line with Badminton Europe, namely:

	2023	2024
U10	Born 2014 or later	Born 2015 or later
U11	Born 2013 or later	Born 2014 or later
U12	Born 2012 or later	Born 2013 or later
U13	Born 2011 or later	Born 2012 or later
U14	Born 2010 or later	Born 2011 or later
U15	Born 2009 or later	Born 2010 or later
U16	Born 2008 or later	Born 2009 or later
U17	Born 2007 or later	Born 2008 or later
U18	Born 2006 or later	Born 2007 or later
U19	Born 2005 or later	Born 2006 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 am enclosing a draft of the Proposed Tournament Programme. Please note, the dates of Badminton Scotland's events for next season are as follows:

- Badminton Bonanza 5-6 August 2023
- Graded International 19-20 August 2023
- U15/18 Restricted Inter-Group 1 October 2023
- Scottish Open 5-8 October 2023
- Scottish National Masters Championships 28-29 October 2023
- Senior Inter-Group 25 November 2023
- UK ParaBadminton Championships 25/26 November or 2/3 December
- Scottish National Junior Championships (U15/19) 9-10 December 2023
- Scottish International Masters Championships 19-21 January 2024
- Scottish National Disability Championships 27 January 2024
- Scottish National Championships 2-4 February 2024
- Scottish 4 Nations Disability Championships 22-24 March 2024
- Scottish National Junior Championships (U13/17) 13-14 April 2024
- BWF 4 Nations ParaBadminton International 19-23 June 2024

We have also identified a few dates on which we would advise clubs to play their Scottish Cup matches. These are listed below and highlighted in yellow on the attached calendar. Please note, these are subject to change, depending on how the calendar takes shape. The dates we advise playing Scottish Cup matches will be included on our final calendar of events.

- 26 & 27 August (week 34)
- 16 & 17 December (week 50)
- Sunday 28 January (week 4)
- Sunday 11 February (week 6)
- Sunday 28 April (week 17)
- 25 May (week 21) – provisional date for semi-finals and final

I look forward to receiving your completed tournament information sheets by Monday 24 April 2023.

Peter Dean
Head of Events

cc Group Conveners, BSCO, Head of Engagement, Regional Development Officers, National Junior Performance Network Manager