

March 2024

Dear Tournament Organiser

We are now in the process of drawing up the tournament programme for season 2024/25 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 22 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. **Please note that one change we are making from season 2024/25 onwards is that Grade C events now need to be seeded. Tournament organisers are responsible for creating the seedings for their Grade C events and the seeds should be based on the Scottish ranking lists. Tournament organisers are granted the flexibility to apply their judgement in cases where there is a clear anomaly. Tournament organisers can contact Badminton Scotland's Head of Events or Chair of Events for further information and/or support with this if required.**

Tournament organisers should continue to contact Badminton Scotland's appointed person for seeds for Grade A and Grade B events.

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 2024/25.

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.

Please note that any tournament which is included in our calendar must divide prizes equally between male and female events. We believe this will ensure that prizes are distributed in a way that is equitable and fair to all competitors.

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• Tournament organiser to do seedings based on Scottish ranking lists	

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 in recent years, so if you are organising a ranking tournament, please do not re-draw any event without first contacting either myself or Morag McCulloch for advice.

Additionally, please remember that from last season we introduced the need for 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, if you are running your event in groups, on Tournament Software please ensure you change the settings in Tournament Properties / Round Robin to "BWF" to ensure the final group placings are correct.

Badminton Scotland's age group qualification in season 2024/25 will continue to be in line with Badminton Europe:

	2024	2025
U10	Born 2015 or later	Born 2016 or later
U11	Born 2014 or later	Born 2015 or later
U12	Born 2013 or later	Born 2014 or later
U13	Born 2012 or later	Born 2013 or later
U14	Born 2011 or later	Born 2012 or later
U15	Born 2010 or later	Born 2011 or later
U16	Born 2009 or later	Born 2010 or later
U17	Born 2008 or later	Born 2009 or later
U18	Born 2007 or later	Born 2008 or later
U19	Born 2006 or later	Born 2007 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 3-4 August 2024
- U15/18 Restricted Inter-Group 29 September 2024
- Scottish National Masters Championships 26-27 October 2024
- Senior Inter-Group 2 November 2024
- Scottish Open 21-24 November 2024
- Scottish National Junior Championships (U15/19) 7-8 December 2024
- Scottish International Masters Championships 17-19 January 2025
- Scottish National Championships 31 January - 2 February 2025
- Scottish National Junior Championships (U13/17) 12-13 April 2025
- U15 Quadrangular 25-27 April 2025 (date tbc)
- Scottish National Disability Championships event tbc

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.

- 24 & 25 August (week 34)
- 31 August & 1 September (week 35)
- Sunday 17 November (week 46)
- 21 & 22 December (week 51)
- 4 & 5 January (week 1)
- Sunday 26 January (week 4)
- Sunday 9 February (week 6)
- 26 & 27 April (week 17)
- 3 & 4 May (week 18)
- 24 & 25 May (week 21) – provisional date for semi-finals and final

I look forward to receiving your completed tournament information sheets by Monday 22 April 2024.

Peter Dean
Head of Events

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