

March 2025

Dear Tournament Organiser

We are now creating the tournament programme for season 2025/26 so I would be grateful if you can let us know the proposed dates for your tournament(s) by completing the questionnaire at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/0afjRPtWuC> (a separate submission for each tournament). Please do so by Monday 21 April, in order to allow us to put the draft calendar of events forward for approval at Badminton Scotland's AGM.

If your tournament is a ranking event, please indicate on your application which level of ranking tournament you are applying for. Please also note that from season 25/26 onwards we are renaming our ranking events to be Gold, Silver & Bronze (replacing Grade A, B & C respectively) and adding a new level - Copper. The Events Committee will consider all requests and advise the Tournament Organiser of the level of tournament awarded.

The criteria for each level of tournament is shown below. Please remember that Bronze events now need to be seeded. Tournament organisers are responsible for creating the seedings for their Bronze 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 for further information and/or support with this if required.

Tournament organisers should continue to contact Badminton Scotland's appointed person for seeds for Gold and Silver events.

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

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

Gold: <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	Silver: <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
Bronze: <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	Copper: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be applied for through Group and supported by the Group• To be run & published on tournament software (all players members of Badminton Scotland).• One day event• Optional scoring formats• Restricted disciplines allowed (eg doubles only)• No coaching breaks allowed• Must have a named tournament organiser• Minimum three matches per event• Optional scheduling of disciplines• Round Robin/ladder or similar format• No seeding required

Note – Scottish National Championships will receive a National Grade higher than “Gold”.

Please note, re-draws should only be done in exceptional circumstances. If you are organising a ranking tournament, please do not re-draw any event without first contacting either myself or Morag McCulloch for advice.

Please also remember that the closing date for entries for all ranking dates should be at least 2 weeks before the start of the competition. Start times should 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 2025/26 will continue to be in line with Badminton Europe:

	2025	2026
U10	Born 2016 or later	Born 2017 or later
U11	Born 2015 or later	Born 2016 or later
U12	Born 2014 or later	Born 2015 or later
U13	Born 2013 or later	Born 2014 or later
U14	Born 2012 or later	Born 2013 or later
U15	Born 2011 or later	Born 2012 or later
U16	Born 2010 or later	Born 2011 or later
U17	Born 2009 or later	Born 2010 or later
U18	Born 2008 or later	Born 2009 or later
U19	Born 2007 or later	Born 2008 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:

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| • Badminton Bonanza | 2-3 August 2025 |
| • U15/18 Restricted Inter-Group | 28 September 2025 |
| • Scottish National Masters Championships | 25-26 October 2025 |
| • Senior Inter-Group | 1 November 2025 |
| • Scottish Open | 20-23 November 2025 |
| • Scottish National Junior Championships (U15/19) | 6-7 13-14 December 2025 |
| • Scottish International Masters Championships | 16-18 January 2026 |
| • Scottish National Championships | 30 January - 1 February 2026 |
| • Scottish National Disability Championships | 28 February 2026 |
| • Scottish National Junior Championships (U13/17) | 11-12 April 2026 |
| • Masters Inter Group | 2 May 2026 |

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.

- 16 & 17 August (week 33)
- 23 & 24 August (week 34)
- 30 & 31 August (week 35)
- 4 & 5 October (week 40)
- Sunday 16 November (week 46)
- 20 & 21 December (week 51)
- 3 & 4 January (week 1)
- Sunday 25 January (week 4)
- Sunday 8 February (week 6)
- Sunday 29 March (week 13)
- 25 & 26 April (week 17)
- 2 & 3 May (week 18)
- 16 & 17 May (week 20) – provisional date for semi-finals and final

I look forward to receiving your completed tournament information sheets by Monday 21 April 2025.

Peter Dean
Head of Events

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