

Invitation to the



An International Challenge tournament, part of the



To be played at the Glasgow International Arena (formerly called Emirates Arena), from 19-22 November 2026

Prize fund: \$20,000

FOR THE ATTENTION OF SCOTTISH PLAYERS ONLY

Scottish players cannot enter this event online. Any Scottish player who would like to enter should submit their entry to Robert McLean (robertm@badmintonscotland.org.uk) no later than Thursday 15 October 2026, using the form at the end of this document



BADMINTON SCOTLAND

Host Organiser	Badminton Scotland, Sir Craig Reddie Badminton Centre, 40 Bogmoor Place, Glasgow, G51 4TQ Website: https://badmintonscotland.org.uk/	
Director	Peter Dean: peter@badmintonscotland.org.uk +44 7923 229560	
Deputy Director	Emma High: emma@badmintonscotland.org.uk +44 7842 314668	
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Deputy Referees	Colin Campbell (SCO) Colin.s.campbell@blueyonder.co.uk Ryan McCuaig (SCO) ryan.mccuaig@me.com	
Venue	Glasgow International Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow G40 3HY	
Shuttles	Li Ning G900	
Courts	5 Taraflex courts (main hall), 1 Taraflex court (warm up hall)	
Key dates	05/10/26	Visa support letters
	20/10/26	Closing date for entries (2359hrs BWF HQ-time)
	23/10/26	M&Q Report publication
	25/10/26	Deadline for booking accommodation (1200hrs GMT)
	10/11/26	Seeding date
	30/10/26	Accreditation requests submitted
	30/10/26	Arrival transport request
	09/11/26	Last day to withdraw without penalty
	10/11/26	Draw date
	18/11/26	Team managers meeting (1800hrs)
	18/11/26	Umpire briefing (1900hrs)

Every country should send a representative to the team manager meeting. Independent players may choose to attend in addition to the Team manager.

Provisional Schedule	18/11/26: 1800hrs: Team managers meeting (Glasgow International Arena)
	19/11/26: 0900hrs-2200hrs: 5 courts: Qualification
	20/11/26: 0900hrs-2200hrs: 5 courts: Rounds 1 & 2
	21/11/26: 0900hrs: 4 courts: Quarter-finals
	21/11/26: not before 1400hrs: 2 courts: Semi-finals
	22/11/26: 1200hrs: 1 court: Finals

This schedule is provisional and subject to change depending on entries received and approval of the referee and the Chair of the Badminton Europe Events Committee. The final frame schedule shall be made at least 20 days before the start of the tournament and shall be published on Badminton Europe's website.

Competitors must be ready to play 20 minutes before their scheduled time. Players not ready to play at the scheduled time will be disqualified. Alterations to the competition schedule due to Television coverage are possible and will be announced by the Referee as soon as it is known. Warm-up on court is limited to 2 minutes.

Players shall not plan their departure less than 2 (two) hours after their last match is planned to conclude. If a player is unable to compete due to early departure, he/she shall be penalised by Forfeiture of rewards (removal of Elite Circuit ranking points and shall not be awarded prizes or prize money). Badminton Europe shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are also removed.

Draw	The draw will be conducted by Badminton Europe.
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Competition Regulations

The tournament will be played in full accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) as well as the Badminton Europe Elite Circuit Regulations. In the event of any dispute, the Referee's decision shall be final.

Format

Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles (32 in main draw for singles events, 24 in main draw for all doubles events).

In accordance with regulation § 9.2 and § 9.3 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, an event must contain at least 8 (eight) competitors in the first published version of the main draw. If the required number of competitors is not met in the first published version of the main draw, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking, i.e. BEC Elite Circuit Ranking and BWF World Ranking.

In accordance with regulation § 9.4 in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, the first published version of the main draw of an event must contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member. If an event does not contain at least 1 (one) entry from a Member other than the hosting Member, this particular event shall not count towards any ranking.

Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.) because of an event not having enough competitors to count for the rankings.

Eligible players

All badminton players who are eligible to play for BWF Members.

Entries

Please submit your entry to robertm@badmintonscotland.org.uk by Thursday 15 October 2026 using the form at the end of this document.

Entry fees

Singles: £75 per player, Doubles: £65 per player in each event.

The Member that enters a player into a BEC Elite Circuit tournament is responsible for paying the entry fees for that player. The entry fees become due if a player is entered and has not been withdrawn when the entry deadline passes. It is recommended that the entry fees are paid by bank transfer, but the organisers can accept cash payment at tournaments. Entry fees should be paid to the following Account:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland
Account name: Scottish Badminton Union Ltd
Sort Code: 835200
Account No: 00167424
IBAN NO GB82 RBOS 8352 0000 1674 24
Swift code RBOS GB 2L

Please note: all bank charges should be paid by the person paying the entry fee.

The entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a withdrawal. For all the withdrawn players the organisers can invoice the entry fee to the relevant Member.

Organisers are allowed to refuse entries if Members or their players have outstanding fees from a previous year.

Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, for any reason whatsoever, renders the Member concerned liable to an amount of US\$ 150,00 for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Any player not showing up for a match at the tournament, without having been withdrawn in advance, renders the Member concerned liable to an additional amount of US\$ 500,00 for the inconvenience caused by the “no show” (as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations).

Prize money

Total prize fund £14,870 (US\$20,000)

Exchange rate \$1 = £0.74 on the 22 July 2026

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	£1185	£1185	£1340 per pair	£1340 per pair	£1340 per pair
Runner-up	£715	£715	£890 per pair	£890 per pair	£890 per pair
Semi-finalist	£300	£300	£370 per pair	£370 per pair	£370 per pair
Quarter-finalist	£120	£120			

Prize money will be paid out in cash. No tax will be deducted.

Presentations

During the presentation ceremonies, players may wear tracksuits, but rackets and racket bags are not permitted. No other form of advertising will be permitted. This will be strictly enforced.

The presentation to winners and runners-up will take place immediately after each final match. Players are reminded when booking flights home on Sunday that the finals may not finish until 1800hrs, depending on the start time, and also that they may be selected for dope testing – they should therefore book their flights accordingly. Players shall not plan their departure less than two (2) hours after their last match is planned to conclude.

Practice Facilities

Please note, practice facilities throughout the event are in a separate venue - the Sir Craig Reddie Centre, 40 Bogmoor Place, Glasgow G51 4TQ. Bookings must be made in advance, otherwise we cannot guarantee to provide players with practice facilities. Up to six courts will be available from Tuesday 17 November to Saturday 21 November. Five competition courts will also be available for practice on Wednesday 18 November from 12:00-21:00hrs.

Current availability and bookings will be published on Badminton Scotland's website here: <https://badmintonscotland.org.uk/>. During the event, bookings can be made at match control. Before the event, send bookings to events@badmintonscotland.org.uk. Courts will be allocated as fairly as possible and requests will be treated on a first come first served basis. New shuttles will be on sale throughout the tournament from the Championships Office for £40 per dozen.

Doping control

Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples. Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/>

Medical Services

A physiotherapist will be available to give assistance with injuries during the period of the Championships. For incidents outside of the playing Arena it is recommended that appropriate insurance be obtained.

Clothing & advertising

Colour, design, lettering and advertising on clothing shall be regulated by BWF General Competition Regulations § 20 to 24. Any breach of these regulations will be forwarded to BWF.

It is mandatory that partners in doubles wear the same colour of the T-shirt and shorts/skirts at all time during play in both the qualification and the main draw. Failing to do so shall result in an administrative fine of 100,00 EUR.

Visas & ETAs

The UK Government has recently updated the rules about authorisation to travel to the UK. From April 2025, **ALL TRAVELLERS TO THE UK** (except British and Irish citizens) will need permission to travel in advance using either an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) or an eVisa. For people traveling from countries which require a visa to enter the UK the process has not changed and you should apply for your visa in the usual way. Badminton Scotland can provide a letter of invitation to assist your visa application.

Anyone else who wishes to enter the UK will have to apply for an ETA BEFORE travelling. You can apply for your ETA here: [Get an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) to visit the UK: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

You can watch a short video explaining the requirements here: [What is an Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\)?](#)

You can watch a short video explaining how to apply for your ETA here: [How to Apply For a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\)](#)

If your players and officials require a visa to enter the United Kingdom, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist. Please provide us with the necessary information by returning the enclosed form no later than Monday 5 October 2026. UK Border Agency state that most decisions on VISA applications are made within 3 weeks, but the earlier you apply the more likely you are to receive a decision in time for you to travel. Please note, the letter of invitation we provide does not guarantee entry into the UK and the final decision is made by the UK Border Agency. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they apply for their visa in sufficient time. Any issues with the visa application need to be dealt with directly, by the applicant, to the Embassy who is dealing with your application. We accept no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or unapproved visa applications. Where required, special delivery costs to post letters of invitation will be recharged to your Association.

Accommodation

The official tournament hotel is Leonardo Royal, 80 Jamaica Street, Glasgow, G1 4QG. Rates are **£145 for single rooms** and **£165 for double/twin rooms**. Rates for triple rooms are available on request. The deadline date for hotel bookings is 25 October 2026 (1200hrs GMT). Reservations should **only** be made by contacting Crème Conferences. After the booking deadline any requests must still be made only to Crème Conferences, but we cannot guarantee the special rates offered. Official transport will be available between the Glasgow International Arena and the official hotel provided the hotel booking has been made with Crème Conferences. We cannot arrange transport to and from other hotels, or those independently booked. Please **do not** pay the hotel directly. You should make payment to Crème Conferences for your accommodation.

All information is online <https://badmintonscotland.org.uk/> or for any queries and to make bookings email badminton@crememk.co.uk or phone +44 7936 036740.

Transportation

For those booking the official championships hotel with Crème Conferences, courtesy transport will be provided to and from the hotel to the Glasgow International Arena during the Championships and to and from Glasgow International Airport for arrivals & departures, which is the official arrival point for the Championships. Transport will either be by shuttlebus or car, depending on the size of the arriving group. To request transportation on arrival in Glasgow please click the link below to submit your transport requests, by 30 October 2026:

[Click here to request your transport to the hotel](#)

Please note players and officials travelling to Glasgow Prestwick Airport (approx 35 miles from Glasgow) and Edinburgh Airport (approximately 45 miles from Glasgow) will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Glasgow.

If you have any queries regarding transportation email transport@badmintonscotland.org.uk

Accreditation

Requests for accreditation must be made using the accompanying accreditation request form. The deadline for applying for accreditations is 30 October 2026.

Badminton Integrity

Section 2.4 of the BWF Statutes (Code on The Prevention of The Manipulation of Competitions) relates to anti-corruption and anti-match manipulation, and this code applies to all participants at this tournament.

To protect the integrity of BWF sanctioned tournaments, participants are not allowed to bet in any way on badminton matches, shall respect the principle of fair play, and shall not attempt to influence the course or result of a game or match.

Every person has an obligation to report to the BWF any approaches by anyone to gather inside information or to change the outcome of a match(es).

For more information, please refer to BWF's website:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-match-fixing-overview/>

Cancellation

The organising Member can cancel a tournament in case of force majeure. Such cancellation must be announced at least 15 days before the start of the tournament. If a cancellation is announced less than 15 days before the start of the tournament, then the Member organising the tournament is liable for any expenses incurred by third persons (players, coaches, umpires, team managers etc.). Badminton Europe is not liable for any costs incurred by third persons because of a cancellation of a tournament.

Insurance

The Organisers decline responsibility and covering of costs for possible injuries or other damages. It is up to participants to insure themselves.

Member and/or Organiser may be liable for claims originating from the damages incurred by the participants and/or any other persons, arising from or in connection to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament, according to local Law. Badminton Europe is not liable for any such claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or loss to person or property, arising out of or in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the particular BEC Elite Circuit tournament. It is recommended that Member and/or Organisers purchase a proper Insurance Policy that would cover their potential legal liability.



SCOTTISH OPEN: 19-22 NOVEMBER 2026 ENTRY FORM FOR SCOTTISH PLAYERS ONLY



No	Event	Name	Entry Fee	£	p
1	Men's Singles		£75.00	:	
2	Women's Singles		£75.00	:	
3	Men's Doubles		£65.00	:	
	Partner		per player		
4	Women's Doubles		£65.00	:	
	Partner		per player		
5	Mixed Doubles		£65.00	:	
	Partner		per player		

BWF No :

(mandatory)

Total :

Please accept the Entries for the Events against which I have placed my name. I enclose £.....

Signature

Name and Address

..... date of birth

e-mail address (mandatory)

Tel. (Home) (Mobile)