



National Badminton League (NBL)



League specifications

- 3 leagues, aimed at Gold, Silver and Bronze standard players (please refer to our guidelines for [Gold, Silver and Bronze standard events here](#)).
- Each division will contain 6 different teams.
- Within each division, all teams will play each other twice throughout the course of season 2026/27, guaranteeing a minimum of 10 ties per team.
- Each tie will consist of 7 rubbers: 3 x men's doubles, 1 x women's doubles and 3 x mixed doubles. It will be doubles only for the pilot season as our aim is to maximise court time for players. If the pilot season is successful, it's likely that singles will be added, especially in the Gold and Silver divisions.
- Players are allowed play a maximum of 3 matches per tie and teams must have a minimum of 4 males and 2 females.
- Players may not play more than 2 men's or 2 mixed doubles per tie.
- Teams may not field the same pairing more than once per tie.
- All matches to be played over the course of 3 weekends. The weekends are as follows:
 - Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October 2026
 - Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 January 2027
 - Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 May 2027
- All teams must be available to compete on all 6 of these days.
- The composition of teams can be different from one weekend to the next (as long as players are genuine members of your club).
- Each team must provide a squad list in advance of the first NBL weekend, by 9 October 2026. If a player is not included on that squad list, they may not play in the NBL at any point in Season 2026/27.
- Players can only represent 1 team each season in the NBL. Please note, if you represent one team in the NBL, you cannot represent a different team in the same season in other Badminton Scotland competitions such as the Scottish Cup and Tartan Cup.
- To be eligible, players must be individual members of Badminton Scotland and registered on Badminton Scotland's membership system as part of your club.
- Locations tbc. Likely to be at least 1, possibly 2 weekends at the Sir Craig Reddie Centre (Glasgow), and at least 1 weekend at an alternative central location.
- Scoring format will be best of 3 x 15.
- Players must have been born in 2010 or earlier to be eligible to play.
- Entry fee £400 per team. This will allow us to run the event at a break-even position, allowing us to cover our costs (including venue hire, venue operations, shuttles, volunteer expenses, prizes).

- The total entry fee works out at the equivalent of £22 per player per weekend for a team fielding the minimum of 6 players. For a team fielding the minimum of 6 players, each player can expect to play between 8-12 matches per weekend, depending on the team composition of each match.
- Entry fees will be split into three separate payments, as follows:
 - £100 deposit per team (payable by 14 September 2026)
 - £100 ahead of NBL weekend 1 (payable by 9 October 2026)
 - £200 final payment ahead of NBL weekend 2 (payable by 4 January 2027)
- Clubs can enter teams in more than 1 league, but may not have more than 1 team in the same league, at least for the pilot season.
- Clubs entering more than 1 team will receive a discount of 10% per team entered

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Format for each tie

		Team A		Team B
Men's	Match 1	Pair A	vs	Pair A
	Match 2	Pair B	vs	Pair B
	Match 3	Pair C	vs	Pair C
Ladies	Match 5	Pair A	vs	Pair A
Mixed	Match 6	Pair A	vs	Pair A
	Match 7	Pair B	vs	Pair B
	Match 8	Pair C	vs	Pair C