

Summer sealed handicap Badminton tournament
5 Rivers Leisure Centre – Sunday 10th August 2025 – 10am to 2pm
Sponsored by SMART performance

The tournament will be played with 4 groups of 5 pairs (subject to minor changes)

Draws for the groups will be based on a seeding system determined by the referee's knowledge of all players (where applicable) and will be provided on the day, possibly beforehand providing the referee has the time to create and publish them!

Handicaps will be based on the referee's experience of the relevant standard of EACH PAIR (where applicable), handicaps will be created and sealed before the tournament begins so all to play for!

Each pair will play all other pairs in their group, therefore all pairs will play a minimum of 4 games, all games will be to 21 points with no setting (sudden death at 20-20)

There will be a coloured 'joker' shuttle by the side of each court, each pair must use their joker shuttle once (and only once) during each game. At the **start** of the chosen rally the pair playing the joker shuttle will notify their opposition with the winner of the rally scoring 3 points, this can be used tactically at the start of the game to hopefully get off to a good start or if you're feeling brave at 18-18, extra effort will be required by the team using the joker shuttle to make the most of the 3 points.

Once all games are completed, each pairs points will be added together along with their handicap to decide group places, the decision of the referee is final

Semi-finals will be played as follows: Winner of group 1 will play winner group 3 and winner of group 2 will play winner of group 4

The final will be played between winning semi-finalists with the winning pair receiving £50 and the losing pair receiving £25

3rd and 4th place play offs will be played between losing semi finalists

Time allowing a plate event will be held between all 2nd placed pairs from each group, 3rd placed pairs from each group etc in the same group format as the semi finals

There is a very wide range of abilities but one shared passion 'to play badminton', it is intended to be a fun tournament, therefore **yellow** and **red** cards will be used by the referee for offences such as

- Unnecessarily hitting a much weaker player with the shuttle
- Doughnuts are **unacceptable** and will result in an immediate red card (unless they are filled with jam and used as a bribe to the referee)
- Swearing or racket abuse
- Arguing with the referee or the organisers
- Cheating

There will be Badminton England coaches on hand for advice plus a registered BE referee at the event.

Magnum shuttles will be used throughout, as this is a carefully budgeted, not-for-profit tournament, there will be 10 tubes of shuttles, once they are gone they are gone, good quality used shuttles will be available should we run out of new ones.

A small selection of rackets, bags and grips will be on sale by SMART performance

If you haven't paid already, please can EACH PLAYER pay £15 to the following account before the event, cash on the day is acceptable as long as Haydn knows

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Can't wait to see you all

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