



 **GLASGOW** 2019
International Youth

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS
Under 13 & Under 15

REPORT



Organisation

Glasgow and North Strathclyde Group, Glasgow Sport and Glasgow School of Sport joined forces to host the 7th edition of the Glasgow International Youth Badminton Championships 2019. The mix of expertise, experience and knowledge was a huge advantage enabling existing relationships with top players, coaches and organisers from across the world to be further developed; attracting an enviable line up of competitors including many National and International Champions. An event of this size requires a huge amount of organisation and the expertise amongst the organising team together with enthusiastic volunteers ensured the event was of the highest standard.



Profile

Glasgow and North Strathclyde Group have worked hard over the years to ensure that the International Youth is one of the best events in Europe for under 13 and under 15 players. This year the organising group received and accepted the opportunity from Badminton Europe for the Glasgow International Youth under 15 event to be part of the new seeding list for qualification to the 2020 European U15 Championships. This recognition by Badminton Europe highlights the calibre of event on offer at the Glasgow International Youth.



Participants

An increase of 24% on the 2018 entry list ensured a wide spread of players were competing in Glasgow. 204 players from 13 nations took part during the three days of competition. The provision of a unique format led to National Teams, Club Teams and all-star teams, made up of players from different countries, competing for the titles.

Four Nations share Gold

England topped the podium with 7 titles in the individual event and India, Ireland and Netherlands all taking a title home. Scotland secured one silver and four bronze positions with a number of great performances from Scottish players during the three days of play. The team events saw England's Milton Keynes Badminton Academy Thunder winning at under 15 level and Fire Dragons from England winning at under 13 level. The overall diversity, style and determination on display was amazing and had a positive impact on the competition at both age groups. Results from both Team and Individual events can be viewed on www.tournamentsoftware.com



Players	204	Countries	13
Individual Entries	389	Matches	464
Points Played	32346	Games Played	983
Average Match	27 Minutes 54 Seconds	Courts Used	27



Venues

Due to the increased entry list the event was spread throughout 4 halls using a total of 27 courts. The under 15 team event took place at The National Badminton Academy at Scotstoun and the Glasgow School of Sport hosted the under 13 event. During the individuals additional courts were used at the Sir Craig Reedie Badminton Centre and the Arc, based at Caledonian University. Considerable support from Glasgow Sport and The Sports Council for Glasgow contributed to the venue hire and ensured the courts were presented as International standard playing arenas. All four venues were outstanding and showcased the quality of facilities available within Glasgow.

Social Media

Facebook was the main avenue for social media fans. Videos and short films continue to attract thousands of viewers and allowed all involved in the competition to keep updated with matches, interviews, scores and final results throughout the three days of competition.

Results pages on Tournamentsoftware again proved extremely popular and ensured families, coaches and other players were kept up to date with the exciting results as they unfolded.

Court Officials

BADMINTONscotland Court Officials played a crucial role throughout the championships. From Roving Umpires through to Linejudges their support was invaluable. During the semi-finals and finals Scotstoun Badminton Club provided scorers and a great opportunity to witness some great badminton from a court side seat.

Volunteers

With increasing demands and more venues, over thirty volunteers ensured this year's event was the best to date. This event benefitted enormously from the quality and increased number of volunteers involved in a number of areas in relation to the event planning and delivery. Staff, coaches, parents and children all contributed to the warm and welcoming environment created at tournament venues and many teams commented on the friendly reception and support received throughout the event. It is hoped that the Glasgow International Youth provided great memories for everyone and will play a major role in spreading a positive word once they return to their respective countries.

Mentoring and Development

Coach mentoring and match control were specialist areas that the organisers focussed on to up skill volunteers. The programme was highly successful and provided a platform to develop specialist skills in a fairly relaxed environment. Glasgow coaches were involved in the on-court side of the event. Many of the Team Glasgow Coaches are volunteering and giving back to the younger generation and in fact some have competed in previous years in this event.



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INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 2020

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