

Lancaster, Morecambe & District Badminton League

Annual Tournament

To be held at the Carnforth High School Sports Centre, Kellet Road, Carnforth, LA5 9LS.

The tournament will be organised by the Tournament Secretaries.

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Proposed Programme

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the proposed programme subject to entries received.

Events will be either a round-robin or knock-out competition depending on the number of entries. All events will be played with feather shuttles. Finals will be played on the same night as the event. Please see rule 5 below for definitions of 'Open doubles', 'Ladies doubles', etc. clarifying who can enter.

Monday 24th March 7.30 pm start	Championship Mixed doubles Championship restricted Div 2 & 3 Mixed doubles
Tuesday 25th March 7.30 pm start	Championship restricted Div 2 & 3 Ladies doubles Championship restricted Div 2 & 3 Open doubles
Wednesday 26th March 7.00 pm start	Handicap section 'B' Mixed doubles
Thursday 27th March 6.00 pm start	Handicap Veterans (45 or over) Mixed doubles Handicap singles (open to all)
Saturday 29th March 10.00 am start 12.00 pm start	Championship singles (open to all) (start time 10am) Handicap Veterans (45 or over) Open doubles (start time 10am) Handicap section 'B' Ladies doubles (start time 12pm)
Monday 31st March 7.30 pm start	Championship Open doubles Handicap section 'A' Ladies doubles
Tuesday 1st April 6.00 pm start	Handicap section 'A' Mixed doubles
Wednesday 2nd April 7.00 pm start	Handicap section 'B' Open doubles Handicap Veterans (45 or over) Ladies doubles
Thursday 3rd April 6.00 pm start	Handicap section 'A' Open doubles Championship Ladies doubles
Friday 4th April 6.00 pm start	Handicap Mystery mixed

Conditions of Entry

1. The 'Championship' events are open to registered members of clubs in Lancaster, Morecambe & District League (Divisions 1, 2 and 3) who have played a minimum of 3 matches this season (September 2024 – March 2025). The Tournament Committee will consider entries from individuals who have previously played in the Lancaster, Morecambe & District League but who have been unable to play this season. Please email the Tournament Secretaries prior to entry with details of the extenuating circumstances.
2. The 'Championship Restricted Div 2 & 3' events are for players as described in point 1 above who play in Divisions 2 and 3. Any player who is a 'starred' player for a team, of whom The Committee deem to be of too high a standard, shall be debarred. There are no handicaps applied to events in these two sections.
3. The 'Handicap' events are open to all registered members of clubs in the Lancaster, Morecambe & District League. Handicap section 'A' events are open to all, Handicap section 'B' events are restricted to players from Divisions 2 and 3.
4. Players from other leagues can enter the 'Handicap' events with a player from the Lancaster, Morecambe & District League provided they a) can provide a current Badminton England Membership Number for verification, b) be handicapped by The Tournament Committee and c) be registered to a club in the Lancaster, Morecambe & District League (this will incur a County fee of £5 which should be paid to the registering club), by the closing date of Sunday 16th March 2025.
5. Pairing definitions per BE regulations:
 - Open doubles – either two males at birth or two females at birth
 - Ladies doubles – two females at birth
 - Mixed doubles – one male at birth and one female at birth
 - Open singles and Mystery mixed – open to allNo competitor can enter both the Open doubles and Ladies doubles events.
If you wish further clarification of these issues, please contact Badminton England on inclusion@badmintonengland.co.uk as The Tournament Committee are following Badminton England guidance.
6. Entries should be made via the online Entry Form (which will be issued soon) by the closing date of Sunday 16th March 2025. **Payment of £9 per adult or £6 per student / junior (under 18) for each event entered** should be made via BACs transfer with your **SURNAME** as the reference to **Lancaster & Morecambe Badminton, SORT CODE: 01-04-92, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 35566639**. Any entrants who have not paid by BACs by the closing date (16th March 2025) will not be included in the tournament. No refunds will be given except as described in point 9 below. Engraving costs are included in the entry fee.
7. Veterans events are for players who are **45 years of age or older** by the closing date of 16th March 2025.
8. No entry will be accepted from players not having a partner for any event apart from the Mystery Mixed and Singles competitions, and any entry form submitted without the correct fee will be considered void.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to restrict entries or to cancel events with less than six entries, in which case players will be offered the possibility to switch to another event or be given a refund.
10. Players are required to play on the dates and times shown in the Programme, and **any player not in attendance will be scratched**. Once play has commenced, competitors should not leave the building without the approval of a tournament official.
11. From the time of the draw, all communications between the players and the organisers regarding withdrawal, late arrival, etc, must be with the Tournament Secretaries.
12. All players must score if requested to do so by a tournament official. Refusal to score a game could result in disqualification from the tournament.

13. Play will normally cease at 10.30 pm but may continue later if required. Finals will be played on the same night as the event.
14. Competitors and spectators will not be allowed into the Sports Hall in high-heeled shoes, black plimsolls, or training boots. Please wear non-marking footwear. Pets are not allowed. Hot drinks are not allowed.
15. The use of foul or offensive language or unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated, and offenders may be disqualified from the tournament at the first offence.
16. No photographs or video can be taken of the competitors, or posted on social media, without their prior consent.
17. Competing juniors (under 18) must be accompanied by a non-competing parent or guardian.
18. The Tournament Referee and Tournament Secretaries decision is final.