

# GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

## Badminton Championships

Under 13  
& Under 15

2016



## Organisation

Glasgow and North Strathclyde Group, Glasgow Sport and Glasgow School of Sport joined forces to host the Glasgow International Youth Badminton Championships 2016. 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 of the Under 15 Medallists from the European Championships held in Russia back in March. 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 a world-class standard.

## Venues

Due to the increase in entries of 39% on last year, The National Badminton Academy at Scotstoun played host to the under 15 events and Glasgow School of Sport hosted the under 13 events with the addition of the 6 court Sir Craig Reddie Badminton Centre and the 8 court hall at Scotstoun Leisure Centre. All semi-finals and finals took place at the National Badminton Academy. 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.



## Team Event



This year's Glasgow International Youth Badminton Championships was a huge success attracting 228 shuttlers from 11 countries. 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. The under 13 event, held at Glasgow School of Sport, produced a great final match between England's Team Skyfall and Team All Stars. Skyfall proved too strong on this occasion taking the title 3-1. The under 15 event saw a final between Denmark's Viby Badminton Klub and Scottish NJS. Viby BK included some of Denmark's National Team players and proved to have the edge with a 3-0 win.

## Denmark and England Medal Haul



64 medals were won at the championships. In total 4 nations were represented at the top of the podium with Denmark and England leading the way. The sole Scottish Gold Medal came from recent European Championships Medallists Adam Pringle and Joshua Apiliga, who delighted the home crowd with a Gold Medal in the final match of the day.

Denmark and England were the most successful Gold medallists with a total of 4 each while players from France, Scotland and Wales were also on the podium collecting medals.



<b>Players</b>	228	<b>Countries</b>	11
<b>Individual Entries</b>	432	<b>Matches</b>	518
<b>Points Played</b>	36697	<b>Games Played</b>	1098
<b>Average Match</b>	25.95 Minutes	<b>Playing Duration</b>	220.6 Hours
<b>Courts Used</b>	28	<b>Participation increase</b>	39%

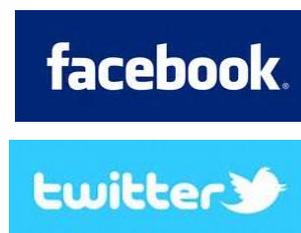
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# 228 Players - 11 Nations



## Social Media

Facebook and Twitter were the main avenues for the 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. Finally the Tournament Software site showed the event in the most popular list which is impressive and competes with events worldwide.



## 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 forty 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 event 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. The organisers on match control gained a huge amount of valuable experience that can be used in competitions during the season's ahead.

## See you in 2017 – Come and Join Us!

**Team Event** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Individual Event** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

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