



Rules, Terms and Conditions of 2024 Gala Academy Tournament

Please ensure you carefully read and understand the Entry Rules of the tournament.

The following rules MUST be abided for entry into the Tournament. Breaches of the rules will mean immediate disqualification of the Doubles Team (both persons in the team) from the tournament. In the unfortunate circumstance this occurs, entry fee(s) paid will be non-refundable and games played will be forfeited.

1. Age Group

- a. To qualify for the age group category, you MUST be within the age group stated by 1st July 2024. What this means is:
 - i. To enter 9-11 yrs. age group, you must have had your 9th or 11th birthday, by the 1st of July 2024.
 - ii. To enter 12-14 yrs. age group, you must have had your 12th or 14th birthday, by the 1st of July 2024.
- b. You are NOT allowed to enter an age category below your age group What this means is:
 - i. If you have had your 12th Birthday by the 1st of July 2024 you cannot enter in the 9-11 yrs. age category. You qualify to enter into the 12-14 yrs. age group
 - ii. If you have had your 15th Birthday by the 1st of July 2024 you cannot enter in the 12-14 yrs. age category. You qualify to enter the 15-18 yrs. group
- c. You can enter in an age category above your age group only ONCE. What this means is:
 - i. A player entering 9-11yrs age group can enter in 12-14yrs. group or 15-18yrs. group but NOT both
 - ii. A player entering 12-14 yrs. age group can also enter in the 15-18yrs group.

2. Entry Fee

- a. The entry fee is per person per age group and format entered.
 - i. If you are entering in a single age group category, cost of entry is £25/person (per pair is £50/pair)
 - ii. If you are entering in two age group categories, the entry fee is £50/person (per pair is £100/pair)
 - iii. All bookings made are non-refundable. If you change your mind or are unable to attend on all grounds after booking any entry fee(s) paid will not be refunded.

3. Registration

- a. 9 to 11 years Registration opens at 08:45am, 12-14 years Registration opens at 12:30pm, 15-18 years Registration opens at 4:30pm
- b. Registration times are provided for guidance, confirmed times will be provided after closing date for entry.
 - i. NOTE: 9 to 11yrs group registration time is confirmed as 08:45. Depending on entry numbers we may make changes to entry times +/- 30mins for the 12-14 yrs. and 15-18yrs group.
- c. All entrants must arrive on time for registration.
 - i. Games will be conceited if entrants arrive late and have not registered by the time they are due to play.

All games will be played as Doubles in accordance with the BWF laws of Badminton with the exception as detailed below. Please refer to - [BWF Statutes, Section 4.1: LAWS OF BADMINTON: In Force: 07/05/2022 Version 1.2](#)



4. Games

a. Warm up

- i. If required match players can have up to 3 minutes warm up time prior to starting the Match. No warmup time in between games during match play is allowed.
- ii. For games played to three a short water break is acceptable after the end of a game. No breaks allowed whilst match is played.

b. Score point Disputes during Match play.

- i. Any score point disputes during match play in the first instance should be resolved between the two sides. In the event a mutual agreement is not reached the umpire will decide either to award the point to one side or replay the point. The umpire's decision will be taken as final decision, no further undue challenges are accepted.

c. Qualifying games up and including Quarter finals (QF)

- i. All games played up to and including QF will be played as best of ONE game with NO SETTINGS. When both sides have a score of 20:20 the winner is the first side to reach 21.

d. Semi Finals

- i. Semi Finals will be played as best of one game WITH SETTING. When both opponents reach a score of 20:20, the winner will be the side with two clear points. If scores reach 29-29, the first to get their 30th point wins.

e. Finals

Finals will be played as best of THREE games WITH SETTING. When both opponents reach a score of 20:20, the winner will be the side with two clear points If it reaches 29-29, the first to get their 30th point wins.

The winner of the match will be the first side to win 2 games

5. Games format

- i. The information provided below is the intended outline of the games to be played on Tournament Day.
- ii. Gala Academy will endeavour to adhere to the guidance however, **the format may be subject to change** depending on the number of entries and unplanned constraints on tournament day.

6. An outline of the games format will be as follows.

a. First Round

- i. The first round of the tournament is a group stage. Each doubles pair will play one game in turn against each other in their respective group.
- ii. The top scoring pairs taken from all groups will go forward into the quarter finals round.

b. Quarter Final Round

- i. This will be played as best of one game, in accordance with section 4c.
- ii. The winners will go forward to the Semi-finals round.

c. Semi Final Round



- i. The semi-final round will be played as best of one game in accordance with section 4d.
- ii. The first pair to win two games will go into the finals.

d. Final Round

- i. The finals round will be played as best of 3 games in accordance with section 4e.

All games will be played as Doubles in accordance with the BWF Laws of Badminton with the exception as detailed Above. Please refer to - [BWF Statutes, Section 2.2.4: CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS: In Force: 28/02/2022. Version 2.2](#)

7. Entrants

- a. All entrants must arrive on time for registration. Games will be conceited if entrants arrive late and have not registered by the time, they are due to play.
- b. All entrant and spectators are expected to always behave in a respectful manner during the event. Not using words in any language commonly understood to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly to be heard by umpire/organisers or other spectators. Should this occur, a single warning will be issued by the umpire or organising team prior to disqualification of the doubles pair. Any matches played / to be played will be conceited.

8. Spectators

- a. Spectators must remain silent during game play, where possible the viewing gallery should be used. Coaching or advising from side-line is strictly forbidden during match play.
- b. Parents or guardians of players on court are given priority over others to view from viewing gallery or court side-line.

9. Prizes and Trophies

- i. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Gala Academy.
- ii. Ceremony for Prizes and trophies will commence after the finals match. We would like all entrants to stay and support their group by staying until the finals have been played.

Yours sincerely

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**For and behalf of
Gala Academy**

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