

# TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

## THORNLEE 2024

### 1.0 OVERVIEW

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Thornlee is the end of season event for the Langside Badminton League. Full information can be found by visiting [www.langsidebadminton.co.uk/thornlee](http://www.langsidebadminton.co.uk/thornlee)

For the 2023/24 season, it will take place on Saturday 11 May and Sunday 12 May at the Sir Craig Reddie (Cockburn) Badminton Centre.

#### 1.2 EVENTS

There are six events taking place across the tournament. They will be taking place as follows:

- Men's Singles (6 entries) – Saturday 11 May, 9.30am
- Women's Singles (2 entries) – Saturday 11 May, 10.30am
- Mixed Doubles (14 entries) – Saturday 11 May, 11.10am
- Balloted Mixed Doubles (10 entries) – Saturday 11 May, 1.50pm
- Women's Doubles (10 entries) – Sunday 12 May, 10.30am
- Men's Doubles (6 entries) – Sunday 12 May, 11.30am

The full schedule of events can be found on [Tournament Software](#).

### 2.0 OUR PEOPLE

#### 2.1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Thornlee is being organised by members of Langside's Committee. They will also act as lead referees for all events. If you need to contact someone prior to the event taking place, or on the day due to any emergencies, please contact:

- Claire Rae – Tel: 07834 418650
- Keegan Friel – Tel: 07528 804512

#### 2.2 MATCH CONTROL AND REFEREES

Claire and Keegan will be acting as joint match controllers for the overall tournament. Their role will be to plan and schedule games appropriately to ensure everything can be completed in a timely manner, allocating courts, and inputting the results on to Tournament Software.

In addition to this, they will act as referees when required. This is to ensure fair play to all involved, collect scores after games are concluded and to make rulings or act as a mediator for any on-court disagreements. They will work with each other in ensuring there is a continuation of games taking place by putting on matches when games end.

They will not act and make decisions for games they compete in. This responsibility will be delegated to the other referee.

## **2.3 SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY**

Players must always treat their fellow competitors with respect both on and off the court. Langside is proud of its reputation as a friendly and social badminton organisation, renowned for being welcoming and fair to all players.

During every game, players should clearly call out and agree the score after every point to ensure there is no confusion or disagreement at a later stage.

There will be no umpires or line judges at Thornlee 2024, therefore all players must be truthful and honest in their judgments of line calls. The call will be made by the player closest to where the shuttle lands on their side of the net.

In the event of a dispute taking place, players are encouraged to either resolve this themselves through constructive discussion, agree to play a let, or alert a tournament referee. For the latter case, the referee will make the final decision on the course of action to be taken. We hope that referee involvements are not required during the event, but they will be in place for the benefit of all players.

## **3.0 COMPETITION RULES**

### **3.1 REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL TIMES**

Players must check in with the match control desk, located behind courts 3 and 4 on the adjacent side of the hall, on their arrival. Players should arrive no later than 20 minutes before group stages begin to register their attendance. This will be as follows:

- Men's Singles – no later than 9.10am on Saturday
- Women's Singles – no later than 10.10am on Saturday
- Mixed Doubles – no later than 10.50am on Saturday
- Balloted Mixed Doubles – no later than 1.30pm on Saturday
- Women's Doubles – no later than 10.10am on Sunday
- Men's Doubles – no later than 11.10am on Sunday

Langside reserves the right to disqualify players and void their games if they do not register their attendance by the times stated above. Should an emergency take place on the day which will prevent you from arriving at this time, please see item 2.1.

### **3.2 MATCH TIMINGS**

We will be using Tournament Software to plan and schedule matches. Tournament Software provides timings to schedule events. However, these timings will be used for guidance only and will not be strictly adhered to.

We will be putting on games as soon as we can, following suitable rest between matches. This may mean games being much earlier than the scheduled time, therefore the registration and arrival times noted in 3.1 are important to stick to.

It is also worthwhile to note that the times may be running late, particularly if there is a requirement to allow for adequate breaks between particularly challenging games.

### 3.3 GROUP STAGES

Except for women's singles, all events will start in groups. The scoring format of group events will follow BWF group regulations: one point for a win, and no points for a loss. In the event of a tie of points within the group stages, the order will then be determined by games won, thereafter by points won across all games in the group. The referee's decision will be final.

Following completion of all group games, depending on the size of the group, players will either be placed in the main draw championships, consolations or will be eliminated from the draw as per section 3.4.

### 3.4 KNOCK OUT STAGES

Players who move on to the main draw championships or consolations will compete in knock-out matches. The group placements for each knock out stage has been published on [Tournament Software](#):

- Men's Singles
  - Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Semi Finals)
  - Consolation – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Finals)
- Mixed Doubles
  - Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Quarter Finals)
  - Consolation – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Semi Finals)
- Balloted Mixed Doubles
  - Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Semi Finals)
  - Consolation – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place (Semi Finals)
- Women's Doubles
  - Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Quarter Finals)
  - Consolation – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place (Semi Finals)
- Men's Doubles
  - Championships – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Semi Finals)
  - Consolation – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Finals)

Across group and knock out stages, all players will be guaranteed a minimum of three games for each category, except for Women's Singles due to the small number of entries.

### 3.5 SCORING FORMAT AND LETS

Group and knock out stages, up to and including semi-finals, will consist of one set to 30 points with no setting (i.e., if the score reaches 29-all, the next point wins the game regardless of service).

Finals for all main draw championships and consolations will be the best of three sets to 21 points with setting (i.e., two points clear at 21), unless the score reaches 29-all in which case setting no longer applies and the first to 30 wins.

Players will change ends of the court when the score first reaches 15 points, regardless of service. During finals, players will change ends at the end of each set, and at 11 points in the third set.

For those who have not played at the Sir Craig Reddie (Cockburn) Centre, or may not be aware, there are beams across the middle of all six courts. These are high but can be hit

during a game. If the shuttle hits the beam during a serve, the point will be played again as a let. If the shuttle hits the beam during a rally, then the point will be conceded by the player who hit the beam.

### **3.6 WARMUPS, INTERVALS AND CONTINUATION OF PLAY**

Players are allowed to warm up before each match takes place, but this must take no longer than 2 minutes as we have many games to get through.

Players are permitted to a 20 second interval at the change of ends and end of sets but must resume their games as quickly as possible.

There must be a continuation of play in all events, and players should not add any unnecessary delays to their games.

### **3.7 STARTING YOUR MATCHES**

When beginning the match, players should spin a shuttle in the air. Whichever side the shuttle 'points' at, those players will decide if they wish to serve/receive or choose which side of the court to start on. The other players will then decide on the option that was not picked.

### **3.8 POTENTIAL CLASH OF GAMES – SATURDAY 11 MAY**

We will do our best to try to reduce any clashes of games in the schedule. If there is a clash, priority will be given to the mixed games to ensure these are concluded first. This may result in a small delay in group matches taking place in balloted mixed doubles events. To sustain this, referees may change the order of play to ensure we get the games that can be played on as soon as possible and will be supported by the match controller to do so.

Please be patient with us if this does happen – this is something that is unavoidable due to the pressure of timings and the entry received. We will do our best to resolve it quickly.

### **3.9 SEEDINGS**

Thornlee is a non-ranking event, therefore seeding is not required for this event and the draw is made at random. However, partnerships who made it to the finals of the 2023 championships will be seeded to be placed at either end of the draw to ensure they do not meet in the early stages of the competition.

For 2024, the only event that requires a seeding will be the Mixed Doubles – as both finalists in 2023 have returned for 2024.

### **3.10 MOST VALUABLE CLUB (MVC) AND PLAYERS (MVPs)**

Alongside individual competition, players will compete to gain points for their club to win the Thornlee Trophy – awarded to the best performing club at the tournament. Alongside this, players can also be awarded MVP of the tournament (for each gender) for their total accumulation of points across their events.

Points are awarded as follows:

- Champion – 6 points.
- Runner-up – 5 points.
- Semi Finalist – 4 points.
- Quarter Finalist – 3 points.
- Consolation Champion – 2 points.
- Consolation Runner-Up – 1 point.

Full points are awarded to the player in singles categories, whilst points are halved per player in doubles categories.

## **4.0 FACILITIES**

### **4.1 SIR CRAIG REEDIE (COCKBURN) BADMINTON CENTRE**

We are thankful to BADMINTONscotland for hosting Thornlee in the Sir Craig Reddie (Cockburn) Badminton Centre. All players are asked to treat the facilities with respect. When leaving the venue, please clear up any rubbish by using the bins provided in the hall.

Access to the hall will be provided between 9am and 4.30pm on Saturday, and 10am and 2.30pm on Sunday.

### **4.2 CATERING**

There will be no catering available onsite, so players are advised to bring a packed lunch and snacks with them to sustain them during the day.

Free tea and coffee will be available for all players and spectators. This will be set up as a “help yourself” in the canteen area of the Sir Craig Reddie Centre.

There will be a small fridge available in the kitchen area, and fresh water can also be found in the kitchen using the taps provided.

### **4.3 CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS AND SHOWERS**

There are changing rooms and shower areas available in the venue. Please ensure you leave these areas clean and tidy after use. The same approach should be used for the toilets.

Changing rooms, showers and toilets will be out of bounds and closed to all at the end of our booking. Players must vacate the venue by 4.30pm on Saturday, and 2.30pm on Sunday.

### **4.4 PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

We are hoping to have photography on the day to capture moments across all events. If you do not wish to be in any photos, please make sure you advise those listed in 2.1.

Players are encouraged to take photos and share with their friends and family on social media. We would love it if you could tag Langside in any of your posts on the following channels:

- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/langsidebadminton](http://www.facebook.com/langsidebadminton) (‘Langside Badminton League’)
- Twitter – [@LangsideLeague](https://twitter.com/LangsideLeague)
- Instagram – [@LangsideBadminton](https://www.instagram.com/LangsideBadminton)

You can also send any photos to [contact@langsidebadminton.co.uk](mailto:contact@langsidebadminton.co.uk) where we will share on our platforms.

We will be sharing a roundup of the event and providing photographs to BADMINTONscotland so they can promote Langside on their website and social media channels.

#### **4.5 SPECTATING**

Friends, family and supporters are welcomed and encouraged to attend Thornlee as spectators. They can also help themselves to the free tea and coffee provided but must bring a packed lunch with them as there will be no catering available.

#### **5.0 ANY OTHER ISSUES**

Should there be any other issues that arise, final decisions will be made by the organising committee as listed in 2.1. Their decision is final.