

# Thornlee 2026 Category Regulations

## Purpose

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To increase participation from across the Langside Badminton League by creating two entry categories while protecting fairness and competitive balance.

## Definitions

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- Competitive: Players who play in their club's first division in the current or most recent Langside season or who regularly compete in Badminton Scotland Bronze-level ranking events and above.
- Social: Players who play in their club's second division and do not regularly enter Badminton Scotland sanctioned ranking events.

## Eligibility Criteria

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1. Automatic Competitive classification if a player:
  - Is listed in a club's first-division roster for the current Langside season; or
  - Regularly competes in Badminton Scotland sanctioned ranking events.
2. Self-declaration: All entrants must select either the Competitive or Social category at registration. Players who choose Social will have their selection provisionally accepted, pending verification. Players who choose Competitive will remain in that category without further review.

## Verification Process

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- The organising committee will verify declarations using club rosters, league records, match sheets, and Badminton Scotland membership and tournament records. The committee may consult Badminton Scotland's tournament listings and ranking records to confirm ranking-level participation and membership status.
- If verification shows a mismatch between declaration and records, the committee will reassign the entrant to the appropriate category and notify the player. Reassignment is binding.

## Registration, Evidence and Deadlines

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- Registrations must include category selection.
- The committee will complete verification within the entry period and before the draw is published.

## Finality

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- The decision of the organising committee is final. Entrants may submit evidence at registration but there is no appeal beyond the committee's ruling.