

Tournament Conditions

1. Competitors must be in good standing with their National Association and, since 1st August 2023, have been playing members of clubs affiliated to Badminton England. Competitors, at the date on which entries close, must be qualified by the Regulations of the County Championships to represent Lancashire.
2. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, to limit the entries for any event and to alter or modify the programme in any way it sees fit. Its decision on all matters shall be final.
3. Entries (via the Badminton England Tournament Software) shall be received, with entry fees, by **Saturday, 20th September 2024**. If the Committee should accept entries and/or fees after this date there will be a **Mandatory Surcharge** - see Rule 3. Each competitor must submit a separate entry. All claims for refunds must be in writing to the Honorary Referee to arrive not later than 1 day after the date of the tournament. The Committee reserves the right to refuse refunds if insufficient notice or reason is given. A £5 administration fee will be deducted from any refund given. Payment within the Tournament Software process is required. Entries will not be accepted or placed in the draw without the appropriate entry fee having been paid. Competitors requiring a partner should enter 'partner wanted' in the 'Partners Name' column of the entry form.
4. Competitors must be prepared to play at the times stated for the commencement of each event. If a later time is requested in the entry submission, the Committee will consider this, but no guarantee can be given. Competitors will be advised by email of the time that they are required for their first match in each event for which their entry has been accepted. If no such notification has been received by Tuesday, 1st October 2024, it is the responsibility of the competitor to enquire, from the Honorary Referee, the times of their events. **ANY COMPETITOR NOT READY TO PLAY WHEN CALLED UPON WILL BE LIABLE TO BE SCRATCHED.** Competitors must report to the referee immediately upon arrival, before changing, and must not leave the hall without the Referee's permission until eliminated from all events.
Play shall not take place on days other than those sanctioned and no competitor shall be obliged to commence a match before 9.00am or after 11.00pm on any such day. Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside these times of play shall be entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed three (3) minutes.
5. The Championships are promoted by the Lancashire County Badminton Association and are subject to the Regulations for Tournaments of Badminton England. Normal Clothing Regulations will apply.
6. The draw will be seeded and feathered shuttlecocks will be used. The Rally Points Scoring system will be used. **The Alternative Service Laws shall apply.**
7. All trophies are perpetual and may not be taken out of the care of the Lancashire County Badminton Association.
8. Prizes will be presented as follows:

Singles events:	Winner £50.00; Defeated Finalist £25.00
Doubles events:	Winners £80.00 per pair; Defeated Finalists £40.00 per pair
9. All competitors must be prepared to act as line judges, if so required.
10. PENALTIES. The following penalty system will apply (maximum penalties stated):

Failure to arrive without notification	£100
Failure to arrive with notification within a reasonable period but without proper reason	£50
Late arrival on court without proper reason	£20

NOTE A player who has been penalised has the right of appeal. All appeals must be in writing to Badminton England and made within one month of the close of the tournament.

From the time that the draw for the tournament is made, all communications between players and the Tournament Committee MUST BE WITH THE REFEREE, where withdrawal, late arrival, etc are concerned.

THE LANCASHIRE RESTRICTED BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024