

MARC Open, Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles badminton tournament - 2026



Date: March 7th, 2026, Saturday

Time: 9 AM to 6 PM

Registration Fee: £45 per team (Early bird discount before 31st Jan 2026: £40 per team). Fee shall be transferred before you submit the registration

Account details: Sort code: 51-81-22, Account Number: 93378742, Account name: MARC. Please use your team's name as reference and share the screen shot of the transaction to below provided mobile number.

Event Address: Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Avenue, Reading, RG1 8EQ(TBC)

ALL UK OPEN INTERMEDIATE MEN'S DOUBLES BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

**Organised by: Malayalee Association
of Reading Community (MARC)**

Event Date and Location

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Shuttlecock: Tournament grade Feather Shuttles

Rules and Regulations

1. Toss: A shuttle will be used for the toss. The team that wins the toss can choose either to serve or to select a side of the court. The side of the court will be changed when any team reaches 11 points.
2. Decisions by Umpire: Service errors, shuttle changes, double touches, carrying, clashes, blocking the opponent, falling or crossing the net will be adjudicated by the umpire. The umpire's decisions are final.
3. Line call disputes will be final call by the umpire
4. Distraction Warning: The umpire will give only one warning for any deliberate attempt to distract opponents. Repeated offenses will result in the opponent being declared the winner of the match.
5. Footwear and Attire: Players must wear proper badminton shoes and attire for safety and court maintenance. In case of any dispute, the umpire's decision will be final.
6. All participants acknowledge that participation in a sporting event involves inherent physical risks. By entering the tournament, players accept full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage to themselves or their property arising during the event. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Organising Committee, venue management, sponsors, officials, volunteers, and associated parties shall not be liable for any injury, illness, death, loss, or damage to persons or property arising out of or in connection with participation in the tournament, whether occurring before, during, or after the event. Participants agree to assume full responsibility for their own health, safety, and personal belongings. In the event of injury or medical emergency, players are solely responsible for arranging and covering any medical treatment, insurance, or related expenses.

By registering for the tournament, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organising Committee and associated parties from and against any claims, demands, liabilities, costs, or expenses arising from their participation in the event.

7. Registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances
8. No Substitutions: No player substitutions are allowed during the tournament. If a player is unable to continue, the opposing team will be declared the winner. The opposing team's score will remain as is at the point of cessation.

9. Badminton England Grade F or above(Grade A, B, C, D, E, F) are not allowed in the tournament. If a team is found to have Badminton England Grade F or above players, before or after the tournament begins, the team will be disqualified from further participation, and the registration fee will not be refunded.

10. Tournament Structure

- a. Group Stage: Each team will compete against every other team within the group stage.
- b. 16 top teams will be selected for the knockout stage. Criteria for selecting top 16 teams will be notified to all the teams before the start of the tournament.
- c. Knockout Stages – Pre-quarter, Quarter Finals, Semi Final, Loser's Final & Final
- d. Each team in the tournament will get a minimum of 4 games to play in group stages
- e. Final, Semi Final, Loser's final: Best out of 3 games will decide the winner

Scoring System:

- a. Match Format: The exact point structure for all the games will be decided by the organising committee on the day, based on the time available and will be notified to the teams.
 - b. Group Stages, QF and Pre-Quarter Finals: Depending on the available time, these matches will be played as either:
 - A single game to 21 points
 - A single game to 15 points
 - c. Final, Semi-Finals, Losers' Final: Depending on the available time, these matches will be played as either:
 - Best of three games, each to 21 points
 - Best of three games, each to 15 points
11. Ceiling and Structural Interference: If the shuttle touches the ceiling, the point will be awarded to the opponent. If the shuttle touches any other part of the roof structure, a let will be called.
12. Shuttle change during the game shall be authorised by umpire
13. The reporting time at the venue for each team on the tournament day will be notified in advance.
14. Walkover Points: If a team fails to show up within 5 minutes of reporting time, the opposing team will be declared as won with maximum points allocated for the game.
15. Timing and Schedule Adjustments: Tournament organising committee reserve the right to adjust match times and formats for smooth operation, including switching to a round-robin format if necessary.
16. Photography: Photos may be taken by the organising committee during the tournament for record and promotion.
17. Food: Food cannot be consumed in the sports hall
18. All equipment, such as rackets, must be brought by the players. The organising committee will not be responsible for providing or arranging any equipment.
19. Player Responsibility: Players must take care of their belongings; The organising committee is not responsible for any loss.
20. Damage to Property: Any damage caused to the facility by a player will be the responsibility of that player.
21. If a game is interrupted by a shuttlecock from a nearby court, the point will be replayed.
22. Players who are currently or have previously been officially graded, ranked, or recognised by any national or international badminton governing body may be deemed ineligible at the discretion of the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee reserves the right

to verify player eligibility and to disqualify any team if it determines that the team does not meet the intermediate-level criteria. All decisions made by the Organising Committee shall be final.

23. **WARNING:** We will not tolerate any Physical or Verbal Abuse towards organising committee members or umpires or other players. This will result Immediate disqualification and reporting to Police.

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These rules ensure fair play, smooth event flow, and clear guidelines for participants in the tournament.

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