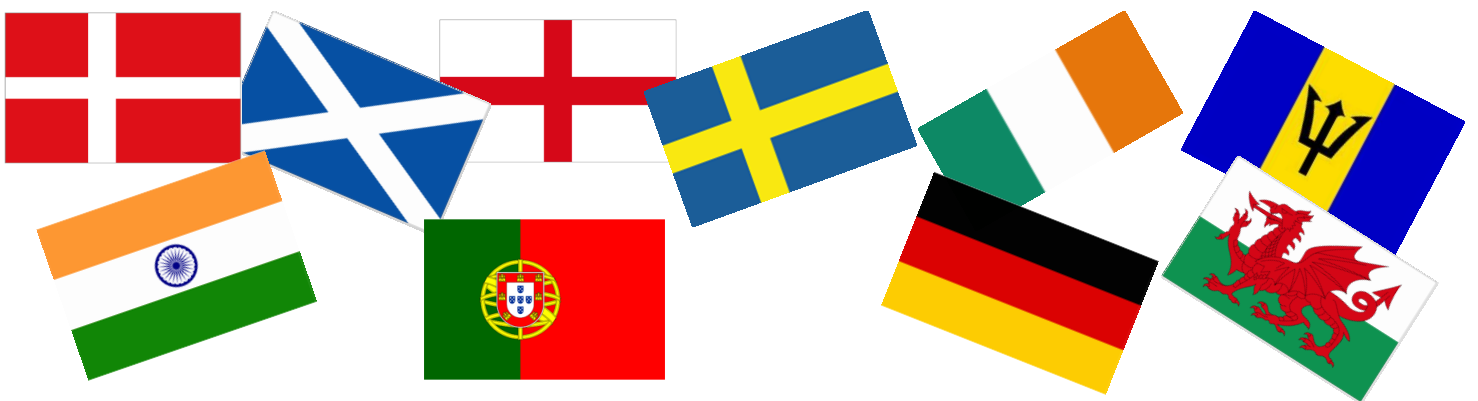




200 Players – 10 Nations



Glasgow and North Strathclyde Group, Glasgow Sport and Glasgow School of Sport joined forces to host the Glasgow International Youth Badminton Championships 2017. The mix of expertise, experience and knowledge was a huge advantage enabling existing relationships with top players, coaches and organisers from across the world to be further developed; attracting an enviable line up of competitors including many National and International Champions. An event of this size requires a huge amount of organisation and the expertise amongst the organising team together with enthusiastic volunteers ensured the event was of a world-class standard.

Venues

This is the second successive year that the event has used four key playing halls. The National Badminton Academy at Scotstoun played host to the under 15 events and Glasgow School of Sport hosted the under 13 events with the addition of the 6 court Sir Craig Reddie Badminton Centre and the 8 court hall at Scotstoun Leisure Centre. All semi-finals and finals took place at the National Badminton Academy. Considerable support from Glasgow Sport and The Sports Council for Glasgow contributed to the venue hire and ensured the courts were presented as International standard playing arenas. All four venues were outstanding and showcased the quality of facilities available within Glasgow.



Team Event



This year's Glasgow International Youth Badminton Championships was a huge success attracting 200 young players from 10 countries. The provision of a unique format led to National Teams, Club Teams and all-star teams, made up of players from different countries, competing for the titles. An example of this was in the Under 15 Team event held at the National Badminton Academy. Scotland player Fraser Sheriff joined Sweden's Team Arn who were eventual runners up to Team Stockholm after some great play. Glasgow School of Sport hosted the Under 13 Team event where Leicestershire Performance Centre took Gold over Ireland in a tough 3-2 encounter.



England and Sweden Top Finishers



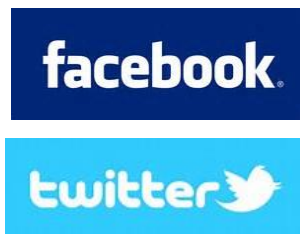
In total 4 nations were represented at the top of the podium with England and Sweden leading the way. Michael McGuire won Scotland's only Singles title at Under 15 and with Glasgow partner Alice Campbell, they took the Under 15 Mixed Doubles title.

England and Sweden were the most successful as they picked up a total of 7 titles between them while players from India, Ireland, Scotland and Wales were all represented from the semi-final stage onwards. The young Indian delegation of two players at under 13 age group had a positive impact on the competition and demonstrated the diversity and commitment by foreign players to attend this competition.

Players	200	Countries	10
Individual Entries	361	Matches	434
Points Played	32243	Games Played	941
Average Match	27 Minutes 05 Seconds	Playing Duration	19 Hours 20 Minutes
Courts Used	28	Shuttles Used	1152

Social Media

Facebook and Twitter were the main avenues for the social media fans. Videos and short films continue to attract thousands of viewers and allowed all involved in the competition to keep updated with matches, interviews, scores and final results throughout the three days of competition. The use of Live broadcasts on Facebook gave the event an increased online presence in comparison to previous years.



Finally the Tournament Software site showed the event in the most visited list for the second successive year. This is a great achievement especially in the week when the Sudirman Cup is taking place.

Court Officials

BADMINTON Scotland Court Officials played a crucial role throughout the championships. From Roving Umpires through to Linejudges their support was invaluable. During the semi-finals and finals Scotstoun Badminton Club provided scorers and a great opportunity to witness some great badminton from a court side seat.



Volunteers

With increasing demands and more venues, over forty volunteers ensured this year's event was the best to date. This event benefitted enormously from the quality and increased number of volunteers involved in a number of areas in relation to the event planning and delivery. Staff, coaches, parents and children all contributed to the warm and welcoming environment created at tournament venues and many teams commented on the friendly reception and support received throughout the event. It is hoped that the Glasgow International Youth provided great memories for everyone and will play a major role in spreading a positive word once they return to their respective countries.

Mentoring and Development



Coach mentoring and match control were specialist areas that the organisers focussed on to up skill volunteers. The programme was highly successful and provided a platform to develop specialist skills in a fairly relaxed environment. Glasgow coaches were involved in the on-court side of the event. Many of the Team Glasgow Coaches are volunteering and giving back to the younger generation and in fact some have competed in previous years in this event.

See you in 2018 Come and Join Us!

Team - Friday 18th May

Individual - Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May

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