



GZD BADMINTON

P R E S E N T S

Summer Badminton Tournament 2026

Official Tournament Handbook

Format & Competition Guidelines v3.0

Date: Saturday 12 September 2026

Time: 09:00 – 18:00

Categories: 1, 2 & 3

Venue: Sugden Sports Centre, Hall C & D Court 1 – 8

Address: 114 Grosvenor St, Manchester M1 7HL

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Welcome to GZD Badminton 2026

Welcome to the **GZD Badminton Club Internal Tournament 2026**! This handbook brings together everything you need for the day, the tournament format, categories, scoring rules, schedule, officiating structure, and club information, in one place.

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This year's tournament expands to three parallel categories: **Cat 1 Internal Doubles**, **Cat 2 Open Doubles**, and **Cat 3 Women's Doubles**, run across a single day with a coordinated knockout stage. Please read this handbook carefully before the event.

Note: Ladies (internals), you are welcome to join TWO categories (1/2 & 3) at the same time.

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Categories

56

Maximum Pairs

12

Groups

1

Day Event

Tournament at a Glance

Every category follows the same two-stage structure, run across a single day: Group Stage → Knockout Stage. C1 & C2 group stages run in parallel first, followed by C3's group stage, then a coordinated knockout stage for all three categories sharing the same courts.

Stage	Pairs	Format	Decides
Group Stage	C1/C2: 20 (4×5) C3: 16 (4×4)	Round robin, 21pts, 1set, no deuce	Wins, then pt. diff.
Quarterfinals	8/category	Bo3, 21pts, no deuce	Match wins
Semifinals	4/category	Bo3, 21pts, no deuce	Match wins
Bronze Match	2/category	Bo3, 21pts, no deuce	Match wins
Final	2/category	Bo3, 21pts, deuce (cap30)	Match wins

Note: If a mixed doubles is playing against a men's doubles, a 4-point will be applied to the mixed doubles at the start of all games.

Please refer to **GZD 2026 Tournament Rulebook** for full tournament details.

Categories & Eligibility

Category 1 · Internal Doubles

Discipline:	Men's Doubles / Mixed Doubles
Eligibility:	Internal players only. Paring will be random, determined by draw.
Capacity:	Max 20 pairs Groups A, B, C, D (5 pairs/group)

Category 2 · Open Doubles

Discipline:	Men's Doubles / Mixed Doubles
Eligibility:	Internal + External / Internal + Internal / External + External. All pairs may freely mix.
Capacity:	Max 20 pairs Groups E, F, G, H (5 pairs/group)

Category 3 · Women's Doubles

Discipline:	Women's Doubles only
Eligibility:	Internal + External / Internal + Internal / External + External. All pairs may freely mix.
Capacity:	Max 16 pairs Groups I, J, K, L (4 pairs/group)

**Advanced / Intermediate standard is determined primarily from eBadders records; not a general skill rating.*

Note: Please refer to **GZD 2026 Tournament Rulebook**, Section 1 : Categories and Eligibility

Participation Fees

Category	Status	Fee Per Person	If previously purchased any GZD 2026 shirt
Cat 1 — Doubles	All GZD internal players	£25	£23
Cat 2 — Open Doubles	All internal and external players	£25	£23
Cat 3 — Women's Doubles	All WD entries	£25	£23

Participation fees must be **paid upon registration**. The registration fee is non-refundable. Once the draw has been completed, teams cannot be changed. Players may be replaced only under unforeseen circumstances and at the discretion of the organiser and coordinators, only internal players for Cat 1 and open for Cat 2 and Cat 3.

Insurance & Liability Policy

GZD Badminton Club (Club Registration No. CL008385) is an affiliated club of Badminton England, the national governing body for badminton in England. As such, the club is covered under Badminton England's insurance policy for the duration of its affiliation, until 31 October 2026.

All participants are responsible for their own personal health and wellbeing. Organisers are not liable for injuries, accidents, or losses beyond the scope of the Badminton England insurance policy.

*Full coverage details are in the **Appendix** at the end of this handbook, or contact the club directly.*

AFFILIATION STATUS

Active

Club Reg. No.

CL008385

Governing Body

Badminton England

Affiliated Until

31 October 2026

Group Stage Format

Within each group, every pair plays every other pair exactly once. Top 2 pairs from each group advance to the Knockout Stage.

Cat.	Groups	Max Pairs/Grp	Max Matches	Max Games/Pair	Total Matches
C1	A,B,C,D	5	10	4	40
C2	E,F,G,H	5	10	4	40
C3	I,J,K,L	4	6	3	24

Match Format

Single set, first to 21 points, no deuce, a straight race to 21. The first pair to reach 21 points wins the match outright.

Qualification & Ranking Tie-Breaks

1. Match wins
2. Point difference (if tied on wins)
3. Head-to-head (among tied pairs)
4. Draw of lots (if still tied)

If a registered pair withdraws before/during the group stage, remaining matches are recorded as byes for scheduled opponents; standings are based on matches actually played.

Knockout Stage Format

Top 2 pairs from each of the 4 groups within a category (8 pairs total) contest an independent bracket: 4 QF → 2 SF → Bronze + Final.

Quarterfinal Pairings

Match	Pairing
QF1	Grp 1 Winner vs Grp 2 R-Up
QF2	Grp 2 Winner vs Grp 1 R-Up
QF3	Grp 3 Winner vs Grp 4 R-Up
QF4	Grp 4 Winner vs Grp 3 R-Up

For C1: Group 1–4 = Groups A–D. For C2: Groups E–H. For C3: Groups I–L.

Semifinal Bracket

Match	Pairing
SF1	QF1 Winner vs QF2 Winner
SF2	QF3 Winner vs QF4 Winner

Match Format by Round

Round	Format	Deuce
Quarterfinal	Bo3, 21 pts	No deuce (cap 21)
Semifinal	Bo3, 21 pts	No deuce (cap 21)
Bronze Match	Bo3, 21 pts	No deuce (cap 21)
Final	Bo3, 21 pts	Deuce, cap 30

Walkover Policy

If a pair retires or withdraws from a knockout match, their opponent receives an automatic walkover into the next round (e.g. a Semi-finalist withdrawal sends their opponent straight to the Final; Bronze is contested by the two semi-finalists not advancing to the final, unless reassigned at the Tournament Director's discretion).

Quick Reference

Scoring at a Glance

Stage	Pts	Sets	Deuce
Group Stage (all)	21	1	No deuce
QF / SF / Bronze	21	Bo3	No deuce, cap 21
Final	21	Bo3	Deuce, win by 2, cap 30

Category Snapshot

Rule	C1	C2	C3
Discipline	MD + XD	MD + XD	WD only
Level	All GZD Internals only	Open	Open
Eligibility	Internal	Int. + Ext	Int. + Ext.
Max Pairs	20	20	16
Groups	A B C D	E F G H	I J K L

SECTION 4

Courts & Full-Day Schedule

8 courts 9:30am–3pm (Hall C+D)

4 courts 3pm–6pm (Hall C)

Start: 9:30am sharp

Time	Crts	Phase	Matches
9:30–11:30am	4	Grp Stage A (C1)	C1 group stage (~120 min, sets the pace)
9:30–11:30am	4	Grp Stage A (C2)	C2 group stage (~120 min, sets the pace)
11:30–12:30pm	8	Grp Stage B	C3 group stage
12:30–1:15pm	8	Wave 1	C1 QF ×4, C2 QF ×4
1:15–2:00pm	8	Wave 2	C1 SF ×2, C2 SF ×2, C3 QF ×4
2:00–2:45pm	4	Wave 3	C3 SF ×2, C1 Bronze, C2 Bronze
2:45–3:00pm	—	Buffer	Absorbs upstream schedule slippage
2:45–3:45pm*	2	Wave 4a	C3 Final + C3 Bronze
3:45–4:45pm	1	Wave 4b	C2 Final
4:45–5:45pm	1	Wave 4c	C1 Final

**Wave 4a begins 2:45pm if on schedule. Estimated finish ~5:45pm, ~15 min buffer before 6pm venue cutoff (worst-case assumptions).*

Tournament Officials

1 Tournament Director – Brenda JM

Oversees the tournament, including implementation of format, schedule, and enforcement of the rules. Decisions on tournament matters are final.

2 Technical Advisors – Deep S.

Non-participants appointed to advise on the tournament system, regulations, and procedures. Participant feedback is informal only and confers no decision-making authority.

3 Head Referee – Deep S. & Lavin

Overall authority over officiating matters. Ensures matches follow the rules and rules on disputes or interpretations during play.

4 Lead Umpires

Supervise the umpiring team during matches and coordinate other umpires, ensuring consistent application of the rules.

5 Umpires

A pool of 20 rotating umpires officiates matches, enforces rules, and reports issues to Lead Umpires or the Head Referee. Not assigned to matches involving their own category or team.

Player Welfare & Catering

Officiating & Timing

- 20 umpires rotate across the day's courts, confirmed sufficient for simultaneous match waves, including 8-court peaks.
- No dedicated lunch break in the schedule. Umpires rotate and manage meals informally.
- Players are responsible for their own meal timing around their match schedule.
- Back-to-back matches (e.g. QF immediately followed by SF) receive 2–3 minutes' rest.

ON-SITE CATERING

Great British Doner

Official Partner of GZD Badminton Club

10% OFF all food purchases on tournament day

Great British Doner will provide catering at the event. Price list details to be provided closer to the event date.

GZD will also provide light snacks and drinks for all participants.



Code of Conduct

All participants are expected to uphold a high standard of sportsmanship and respectful behaviour throughout the event, treating fellow players, match officials, volunteers, and spectators with courtesy, fairness, and integrity, both on and off the court.

Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated, including but not limited to:

- The use of abusive, offensive, or discriminatory language
- Any form of harassment, intimidation, or bullying
- Deliberate time-wasting or unsportsmanlike conduct intended to disrupt play
- Physical altercations or threats of violence
- Actions that interfere with others' enjoyment or cause disruption to the venue or public

Any violation may lead to disciplinary action, including verbal warnings, point penalties, immediate match forfeiture, or disqualification. Serious incidents may result in further review by the club committee and potential suspension from future events.

Teams & Grouping

■ All pair lists to be updated once registration closes

Category 1 — Internal Doubles

Grp A	Grp B	Grp C	Grp D
[A1]	[B1]	[C1]	[D1]
[A2]	[B2]	[C2]	[D2]
[A3]	[B3]	[C3]	[D3]
[A4]	[B4]	[C4]	[D4]
[A5]	[B5]	[C5]	[D5]

Category 2 — Open Doubles

Grp E	Grp F	Grp G	Grp H
[E1]	[F1]	[G1]	[H1]
[E2]	[F2]	[G2]	[H2]
[E3]	[F3]	[G3]	[H3]
[E4]	[F4]	[G4]	[H4]
[E5]	[F5]	[G5]	[H5]

Category 3 — Women's Doubles

Grp I	Grp J	Grp K	Grp L
[I1]	[J1]	[K1]	[L1]
[I2]	[J2]	[K2]	[L2]
[I3]	[J3]	[K3]	[L3]
[I4]	[J4]	[K4]	[L4]

Awards & Prizes

▀ Cash prize will be given to the pair to distribute within themselves.

Champion – All Categories

Trophy/Medal:	Prize:	Cash Prize:
Trophy x2 Gold Medal x2	VP Racket Sports Bag x2 (grey & black) Worth £65 per piece	£150

2nd Place (Silver) – All Categories

Trophy/Medal:	Prize:	Cash Prize:
Silver Medal x2	VP Racket Sports Socks x2 pairs Worth £8 per pair	£80

3rd Place (Bronze) – All Categories

Trophy/Medal:	Prize:	Cash Prize:
Bronze Medal x2	VP Racket Sports VP1 Shuttles x2 Worth £28.40 per tube	3rd place may choose to exchange their prize for a cash prize.

All participants will receive a complimentary participation gift from GZD Badminton Club.

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Tournament equipment, prize bundles, member discounts for VP products.



Uplift Physio

Participants and members discounts for physiotherapy services.

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Great British Doner

On-site catering on tournament day, with 10% off all food purchases for participants.
Enjoy 20% off all food at GBD's Piccadilly branch upon showing GZD Digital Member ID!

OTHER GZD CLUB SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

Not present at this tournament - included here for reference on ongoing club member perks.



MCR Stringing

Perks: Contact them directly and mention GZD, or ask the organiser to arrange your restringing with them.



Take Flight Stringing Services

Perks: Contact them directly and mention GZD, or ask the organiser to arrange your restringing with them



Manchester ANC

Perks: Networking club. Contact them for more details.



Central Sports

Perks: Use code [GZDBDMNT](#) at checkout for a discount on purchases at [centralsports.co.uk](#) (except shuttles)

APPENDIX

Affiliation & Insurance Confirmation Letter

Document Download: 23-11-2025

To whom it may concern,

This letter confirms that GZD Badminton Club (club registration number CL008385) is an affiliated club to Badminton England, the national governing body for badminton in England, until 31-10-2026.

The insurance document attached, covers the club under our insurance policy as long as the club remains affiliated.

Kind regards,



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