



ENFIELD BADMINTON LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

AND

RULES

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CONSTITUTION

1. The League shall be called the Enfield Badminton League.

The League shall affiliate to the Middlesex County Badminton Association and the Badminton Association of England. In addition, each club which is a member of the League shall affiliate to the Middlesex County Badminton Association (or the County Association in which the club's playing premises are located) and the Badminton Association of England.

2. The League shall be confined to Badminton clubs having their halls in the London Borough of Enfield. Clubs wishing to join the League whose halls are outside the Borough of Enfield can apply under item 3 of the Constitution. In accordance with item 13 of the Constitution, the applicant club should be nominated in writing to the Secretary of the League, before 1 August, by a representative of an existing affiliated club.
3. Applications to join the League must be made in writing to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting in each year. The acceptance or rejection of such applications shall be at the absolute discretion of the League Council.
4. The annual subscription for each club shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due on 1 October in each year or on joining.
5. Any club wishing to withdraw from the League shall give written notice to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting, failing which it will be liable for the subscription for the ensuing season.
6. The management of the League shall be vested in a league Council consisting of the Chairman and one representative from each club, who must be a member of the club he or she represents.
7. The Officers of the League shall be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Two Honorary Auditors are to be appointed who are not Officers of the League.

All Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. Except in the case of retiring Officers, nominations for Officers must be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be proposed by a member of an affiliated club and seconded by a member from another club. The nominations must have the written consent of the nominee. In the event of no such written nominations and the retiring members not wishing to stand for re-election, nominations may be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.
9. Any member of an affiliated club may attend General Meetings. Only Council members shall be entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
10. The Secretary shall call a meeting of the League Council upon written request of three members hereof or at any time at the discretion of the Chairman or Secretary.

- 11.** Secretary's duties: to take minutes at meetings and conduct all correspondence on behalf of the League.
- Treasurer's duties: to be responsible for all matters of finance.
- Match Secretary's duties: to receive all nominations of players and to collect all match results, collate into tables and publish.
- 12.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the second week in September for the purposes of receiving the Secretary's report, passing the accounts, electing the Officers of the League and other general business.
- Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretaries of clubs at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 13.** The Constitution of the League may from time to time be amended at the Annual General Meeting. Any representative of a club desiring to propose an alteration in the Constitution of the League shall submit such suggested alterations in writing to the Secretary of the League before 1 August in each year.
- The quorum for all meetings shall be five Council members and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairman a member shall be appointed to act as the Chairman for the meeting who shall then have a casting vote.

RULES

1. QUALIFICATION NEEDED BY PLAYERS

- (a) Players shall be bona-fide members of the club prior to the date of the match in question.
- (b) No player shall be allowed to play for more than one club in any discipline (ie Mixed Doubles, Mens/Ladies Fours, Mixed Doubles Fours or Mixed Doubles Hybrid) in any one season.

2. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS (FOR MIXED DOUBLES MATCHES ONLY)

- (a) Each team shall consist of three mixed pairs.
- (b) No change shall be made during a match in the composition of any pair after it has begun to play.
- (c) No player shall play with more than one partner in the match.

3. NOMINATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) If a club enters more than one team for any competition it shall nominate the six players (or four players in the Mens/Ladies Doubles and Mixed Fours competitions) it intends to play in each team except the last.
- (b) A club must notify the Match Secretary in writing of the names of all nominated players before it plays any match in the competition concerned.
- (c) A player who has not played for his or her nominated team more than once may play for any junior team or teams, but may not subsequently, during the current season, play for any team senior to that which he or she last played.
- (d) A member (whether nominated or not) of a team may play for a senior team or teams, but if he or she plays for any senior team more than twice he or she may not subsequently, during that season, again play for his or her original team or any team junior to that team.
- (e) Any club shall have the right to apply to the League Committee to change a nominated player. Any change is at the discretion of the Committee whose decision is final and which has the right to take steps against the abuse of the regulations.

(See also the note at the end of this document)

4. PENALTY FOR PLAYING AN UNQUALIFIED PLAYER

If a player takes part in a match when not qualified to do so under these regulations, each event in which he or she has played shall be regarded as having been won by the opponents to love.

5. LAWS OF BADMINTON

- (a) These competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton Association of England.
- (b) Any local rules (for example, lets, faults and hall time limits) shall be explained to the visiting team before play begins.
- (c) All matches shall be played without umpires, unless otherwise agreed between the teams.
- (d) If the services of umpires are desired, their appointment shall be the responsibility of the teams and shall not be referred to the Match Secretary.

6. COMPOSITION OF MATCHES

- (a) Subject to the following exception, each pair shall contest the best of three games of 21 points (a rubber) against each pair of the opposing team.
- (b) In exceptional circumstances, such as shortage of time, the teams concerned may agree at any time that all or any events not yet played shall consist of one game of 21 points.

7. PROVISION AND COST OF SHUTTLES

- (a) The cost of shuttles shall be borne by the home club.
- (b) Feather shuttles must be used. Nylon or plastic shuttles may only be used by agreement between two club representatives fourteen days prior to the fixture.
- (c) The speed of the shuttle shall be suitable for the hall in which the match is being played.

8. ORDER OF PLAY (FOR MIXED DOUBLES MATCHES ONLY)

- (a) The respective pairs shall, regardless of their normal strength, be numbered 1, 2 and 3, according to the order in which they play their first round events and, unless otherwise agreed between the teams, shall play their subsequent events in the following order:

	Visitors	Home Team
1st Round	1 2 3	1 2 3
2nd Round	1 2 3	2 3 1
3rd Round	1 2 3	3 1 2

- (b) When more than one court is available, each visiting pair shall, so far as is practicable, play all their events on the same court.

9. PENALTY FOR UNPUNCTUALITY

- (a) Each team shall be responsible for having ready to play at the agreed starting time one pair for each court to be used for the match, but a period of grace of 20 minutes from the starting time shall be permitted to any pair.
- (b) At the expiration of this period of grace, any pair that are due and ready to play but lack opponents may claim a 'walk-over' and shall be regarded as having won one event to love.
- (c) Thereafter, any pair that are due, in accordance with the regulation Order of Play, and ready to play but lack opponents may claim a 'walk-over' after the expiration of a period of grace of five minutes from the time when they should have begun play (ie the completion of the previous rubber) and shall be regarded as having won the event to love.
- (d) Any 'walk-over' not claimed at the appropriate time may not be claimed subsequently, and, should there not be time to finish the match, it must be decided in accordance with Rule 10.

10. ASSESSMENT OF MATCH RESULTS

Uncompleted matches shall be decided by the number of events won or, should these be equal, as follows:

- (a) When all events have been played as 'best-of-three' games of 21 points the result shall depend upon the number of games won or, should these be equal, upon the number of points won. Should there still be a tie, the match shall be halved.
- (b) When all events have been played as single games of 21 points, the decision shall depend upon the number of points won. Should there be a tie, the match shall be halved.
- (c) When some of the events have been played as 'best-of-three' games of 21 and some as single games of 21 points, Rule 10(b) shall apply.

11. REPORTING OF MATCH RESULTS

- (a) One result card should be completed and sent to the Match Secretary in respect of each match within 48 hours of the date of the match. It shall be the responsibility of the home club to complete and deliver the result card, but the card must be signed by representatives of both clubs.
- (b) Club Secretaries shall send a copy of the club's fixture list to the Match Secretary before any matches are played.

12. CALCULATING LEAGUE POSITIONS

Points shall be awarded as follows:

6 - 3	Win	3 points
5 - 4	Win	2 points
4 - 5	Loss	1 point
Uncompleted matches	Tie	1 point

See Rule 14(d) for awarding points in 'Fours' matches.

In the event of two clubs having an equal number of points, the club with the best average of rubbers shall be placed higher. If these are still equal, the average of games shall decide.

Promotion and relegation shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting each year.

13. COMPLETION OF MATCHES

All matches should be played by 30 April.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR MENS/LADIES 'FOURS' MATCHES

- (a) Each team consists of four players who must be listed, before the start of the match, in order of their individual strength.
- (b) A match consists of six rubbers, each rubber being the best of three games to 21 points. If the score is even after six rubbers, a deciding rubber is played. This is a single game to 21 points¹ and ends should be changed when one pair reaches 11 points. For this game, each team may nominate any pairing.

¹ Normal RallyPoint rules apply, ie two points clear at 20-20 or one point clear at 29-29

- (c) The order of play is as follows:

Players 1 and 2
Players 3 and 4
Players 1 and 3
Players 2 and 4
Players 1 and 4
Players 2 and 3

The playing order may be changed with the agreement of **both** teams but each player must retain his or her respective position in the ranking order, 1 to 4, as required by Rule 14(a) above.

- (d) Points will be awarded in accordance with the following schedule:

6 - 0)	
5 - 1)	3 points
4 - 2)	
4 - 3	-	2 points
3 - 4	-	1 point
2 - 4)	
1 - 5)	0 points
0 - 6)	

- (e) League positions will be calculated according to the number of points won. If these are equal, the matter will be decided by the higher average of rubbers and, if necessary, the higher average of games.
- (f) All other League Rules apply, where appropriate, to matches played in this format.

15. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR MIXED DOUBLES 'FOURS' MATCHES

- (a) Each team consists of two men and two ladies who must be listed, before the start of the match, in order of their individual strength.
- (b) The six rubbers in a match, each rubber being the best of three games to 21 points, comprise four mixed doubles, one mens doubles and one ladies doubles. If the score is even after six rubbers, a deciding rubber is played. This is a single game to 21 points² and ends should be changed when one pair reaches 11 points. For this game, each team may nominate any mixed pairing.
- (c) The order of play is as follows:

Man 1 and Lady 1
Man 2 and Lady 2
Man 1 and Lady 2
Man 2 and Lady 1
Man 1 and Man 2
Lady 1 and Lady 2

² Normal RallyPoint rules apply, ie two points clear at 20-20 or one point clear at 29-29

The playing order may be changed with the agreement of **both** teams but each player must retain his or her respective position in the ranking order, 1 to 4, as required by Rule 15(a) above.

- (d) Rules 14(d), (e) and (f) also apply to matches played in this format.

16. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR MIXED DOUBLES ‘HYBRID’ MATCHES

- (a) Each team consists of three mixed pairs which must be listed, before the start of the match, in order of their strength.
- (b) There are nine rubbers in a match, each rubber being the best of three games to 21 points.
- (c) The order of play is as follows:

Man 1 and Man 2
Lady 1 and Lady 2
Man 1 and Man 3
Lady 1 and Lady 3
Man 2 and Man 3
Lady 2 and Lady 3
Man 1 and Lady 1
Man 2 and Lady 2
Man 3 and Lady 3

The playing order may be changed with the agreement of **both** teams but each player must retain his or her respective position in the ranking order as required by Rule 16(a) above.

- (d) League positions will be calculated in accordance with Rule 12 above
- (e) All other League Rules apply, where appropriate, to matches played in this format.

CLARIFICATION OF RULE 3 – NOMINATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) A club running two teams in any one discipline must nominate the four or six players it intends to play in the first team.
- (b) If a nominated player plays twice or more for the first team, he/she cannot play for the second team.
- (c) If a nominated player plays once, or has not played at all, for the first team, he/she can play for the second team but cannot thereafter play for the first team.
- (d) If an unnominated player plays three times or more for the first team, he/she cannot thereafter play for the second team.
- (e) If an unnominated player plays once or twice for the first team, he/she can play for the second team.
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