

LEAGUE RULES OF THE EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

- 1.** The management of the league shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee or of a Sub Committee if so appointed.
- 2.** The league shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the District and County Badminton Associations, subject to the approval of the Committee. New clubs desiring to take part shall forward their application in writing before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.** The A.G.M. shall arrange competing clubs into divisions and the policy of automatic promotion and relegation will be adopted, except in exceptional circumstances. Current League scores and positions will be available on the Eastbourne Badminton Website for all competitions as soon as the first matches are played.
- 4.** The dates, start times and venues of all fixtures, as soon as arranged or as amended during the season, shall be sent to the Hon. Fixture Secretary as soon as possible. The result of each fixture shall be forwarded to the Hon. Fixture Secretary by the Home Team as soon as possible.
- 5.** All matches shall be played according to the laws of Badminton.
- 6.** All clubs in each division shall play each other two fixtures (home and away). The home club shall bear all expenses of the fixtures (excepting the visiting teams travelling expenses). The dates of the fixtures shall be arranged at a meeting of club representatives. Fixtures may take place at a neutral hall if both clubs agree. In the event of any dispute as to the date or place the Executive Committee will confirm the agreed arranged details. In the event of a fixture not being played or completed, the Executive Committee or Sub Committee shall have the power to order a replay or to award the match to either club on such terms as it shall think fit.
- 7.** The winning club in each division shall hold the cup for the ensuing year and be responsible for its safe custody.

In the Mixed Division the winning team of each tie with a result of 7 - 2 or better shall be awarded three points. If the result is 6 - 3 the winning club shall be awarded 2 points, if the results is 5 - 4 the winning club shall be awarded two points and the losing club one point. Final positions will be decided in favour of the club with the most points. Should two or more clubs be equal on points the total number of rubbers won shall decide, and should the total number of rubbers won also be equal, the total number of games won in all fixtures shall decide.

In the Men's and Ladies Divisions each team shall score one point for each rubber won. Final positions will be decided in favour of the club with the most points. Should two or more clubs be equal on points the total number of matches won shall decide, then games and finally, points won.

- 8.** Matches shall comprise rubbers consisting of the best of 3 games to 21 points.

Teams In the Mixed Division shall be composed of 6 players (3 men and 3 ladies) playing 9 rubbers in total with each pair playing each of the opposition's pairs.

Teams in the Men's and Ladies Divisions will be composed of 4 players playing 6 rubbers in total with each pair playing each of the opposition's pairs and then switching partners for the final two rubbers.

- 9.** No player may represent more than one club in the league in any one season and any player must be a bona fide member of the club represented and must be affiliated to Sussex Badminton and Badminton England.

10. Any member of a club playing 3 times in the club's first team in a league fixture shall be called a first team player and no longer eligible to play in a second or lower team fixture during the current season. The same ruling shall apply in the case of second or third teams, etc.

In the Mixed Division clubs entering more than one team shall nominate 4 players (2 men and 2 ladies) for all but their lowest team. The nominated players shall at no time be eligible to play for a lower team.

In the Men's and Ladies Divisions clubs entering more than one team shall nominate 2 players for all but their lowest team. The nominated players shall at no time be eligible to play for a lower team.

11. Any complaint should be sent to the Hon. Secretary within 14 days in writing and the Committee is empowered to act on any matter not covered by these rules.

12. Any proposed amendment to the League Rules must be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least 14 days prior to a general meeting.