

SALISBURY & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the Wiltshire County B.A. and Badminton England

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE AND CUP RULES

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1. The General Committee of the Association shall be responsible, through the Hon. Match Secretary, for the management of the League and Cup Competition.

2. ENTRY

2.1. Entry to the League shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Association. Entries must be forwarded to the Hon. Association Secretary by 1st July each year.

3. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The structure of the League shall consist of a number of Leagues, separated into Divisions, as follows:

3.1. A Senior League divided into divisions with a maximum of seven teams in each division.

3.2. A Level Doubles '4s' League divided into divisions with a maximum of seven teams in each division.

3.3. A Ladies Doubles '4s' League divided into divisions with a maximum of seven teams in each division.

3.4. A Junior League divided into one under 14 division and one under 18 division.

4. TEAMS

4.1. Senior League Teams will consist of three men and three ladies. Each player will play two level doubles and one mixed doubles.

4.2. Level Doubles '4s' Teams will consist of four men or four ladies. Each player will play three level doubles rubbers, one with each of the other three players.

4.3. Ladies Doubles '4s' Teams will consist of four ladies. Each player will play three level doubles rubbers, one with each of the other three players.

4.4. Junior League Teams will consist of four boys or four girls or a mix of boys and girls. Each player will play one singles rubber and two doubles rubbers, the doubles rubbers being with the same partner.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1. Only bona fide club members can play in matches.

5.2. All members must be registered with the appropriate County Association and Badminton England during the current season.

5.3. A player can only represent one club in each section of the League during the season.

5.4. A player in Junior League and Junior Cup matches must be under 14 or under 18 years of age on the 1st September prior to matches commencing.

6. NOMINATION

6.1. A Club with more than one team must nominate the players of each, except their lowest team, to the Association Match Secretary before any team plays their first match. The eligibility of these nominated players shall previously have been ascertained and their assent obtained.

6.2. Nominated players are not allowed to play for a lower team.

6.3. A player's lower league team status is forfeit if they play more than three league matches for higher teams.

6.4. A player's lower cup team status is forfeit if they play more than three cup matches for higher teams.

6.5. Where a Club wishes to relegate a nominated player to a lower team, this can only be done on application to the Association Match Secretary and with General Committee approval.

6.6. In the Ladies Doubles League, no more than two nominated 'A' team players from the senior league division one may play in any ladies doubles league match.

7. FIXTURES

7.1. All Clubs entering the League and Cup Competitions must send at least one representative to the Annual Fixtures Meeting.

7.2. All teams in the League shall play each other twice, once at home and once away. The home club shall bear all the expenses of playing a match except for the travelling expenses of the away team.

7.3. All league and cup fixtures, including any end of season play-offs, must be played by the 30th April.

7.4. Clubs with more than one team in each division must complete both the fixtures between these teams before the 28th February.

7.5. The earliest weekday start time for League fixtures is 7.00pm unless mutually agreed otherwise.

8. MATCHES

8.1. All matches are to be played under the Laws of Badminton as issued by Badminton England.

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- 8.2. All league and cup matches must start within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time. A team not having its players present after 30 minutes shall forfeit the game / games relevant to the absent player as they fall due. In the event of the match being incomplete due to the lateness of players the uncompleted games should be forfeited.
- 8.3. All games in the Senior League, Level Doubles League, and Ladies Doubles League shall be played to 21 points using the Rally Points system, with extended play allowed up to a maximum of 30 points. Each rubber shall consist of two games.
- 8.4. All games in the Junior League shall be played to 21 points using the Rally Points system, with extended play allowed up to a maximum of 30 points. Each rubber shall consist of one game.
- 8.5. All games in the Wessex Cup Competition shall be played to 21 points using the Rally Points system, with no extended play. Each rubber shall consist of two games.
- 8.6. Before the commencement of each match, team captains shall simultaneously exchange team lists giving details of players and pairings. Once play has commenced the players and pairings may not be changed.
- 8.7. Team players and team pairings shall be in order of strength.
9. DEFAULTED MATCHES
 - 9.1. Unless otherwise agreed by the Clubs, and every effort has been made to accommodate a change, any team conceding a complete match for whatever reason should have a points deduction of 50% of the points available. In the Senior League this will be 9, the Doubles League will be 6 and the Junior League will be 4. The team conceded to will be awarded the maximum points as now.
 - 9.2. If a fixture postponed by mutual agreement cannot be re-arranged then the team originally requesting the re-arrangement will be deemed to have defaulted.
 - 9.3. Unless both teams have consented to a re-arrangement any team not turning up or advising their opponents that they will not turn up for a fixture will be deemed to have defaulted.
10. SHUTTLECOCKS
 - 10.1. In Senior League and Senior Cup matches, cork based feather shuttlecocks shall be used. The brand of shuttlecock used shall be at the discretion of the home team provided they conform to regulation speed.
 - 10.2. In Junior League and Junior Cup matches, cork based shuttlecocks shall be used. The brand of shuttlecock used shall be at the discretion of the home team provided they conform to regulation speed.
11. CLOTHING
 - 11.1. Players must wear acceptable badminton clothing while playing Association League and Cup matches.
12. RESULTS
 - 12.1. The home team should send a copy of the completed match result sheet, signed by both team captains, within three days by e-mail (preferred) or sent by post to the League Match Secretary or other such nominated person as instructed on the match result sheet.
13. LEAGUE POINTS
 - 13.1. A point for each game won shall be awarded.
14. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION
 - 14.1. The first placed team in each division will be promoted to the next higher division. The last placed team in each division will be relegated to the next lower division.
 - 14.2. At the end of the season second placed teams can challenge the second bottom team in the division above to a match for the right to play in the higher division. The format of the one-off match will be the same as the league in which the two teams are playing and will be played at the higher teams venue.
15. CUPS AND SHIELDS
 - 15.1. Cups and Shields presented to League Winners and Cup Winners cannot be won outright and remain the property of the Salisbury & District Badminton Association.
16. DISPUTES
 - 16.1. All matters of dispute or infringement of these Regulations shall be referred by the Club Secretary to the Association Secretary in writing, with a copy of the letter to the second party, within seven days of the alleged infringement or dispute taking place. The Association will not entertain complaints from individual players.
 - 16.2. In cases of disputes or infringements, the decision of the General Committee shall be final and binding.