

## PERTH & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

### RULES FOR CAMPUS PERTH & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

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#### Campus Perth & District Badminton League

1. The Campus Perth & District Badminton League ("**the League**") is a competition in a league format between competing teams. The competition may be split into more than one division.
2. League Matches will generally take place between 1 September and 31 March each season.

#### Management Committee

3. At each Annual General Meeting of the Perth & District Badminton Association ("**the Association**"), officials of the Association will be appointed, including a Secretary ("**the Secretary**").
4. At each Annual General Meeting of the Association, a Management Committee ("**the Committee**") will be appointed. The responsibilities of the Committee will include overseeing and administering the League for the forthcoming season.
5. The Annual General Meeting of the Association and/or the Management Committee may appoint the Secretary, another individual or individuals to oversee and administer certain aspects of the League. The Secretary and/or the relevant individual(s) responsibilities may include determining league fixtures and the time of those fixtures, booking and paying for courts, recording scores and maintaining league tables etc.
6. The organisers will publish a schedule of League fixtures for the season. The first named team in each match is the Home Team and the other named team is the Away Team.
7. The organisers will appoint a match official to be present for each set of matches.

#### Team eligibility

8. Any club which is affiliated to Badminton Scotland may apply to enter one or more teams in the League. Applications for the forthcoming season will be considered at the Annual General Meeting and those at the Annual General Meeting will determine, in their absolute discretion, which teams are accepted into the League for the forthcoming season.

9. In evaluating applications pursuant to Rule 8, those at Annual General Meeting may consider factors such as a Club's geographical location, its ability to field a complete team for all of its League fixtures, its ability to meet the cost of participating in the League and any other factors that they consider to be relevant.
10. Applications to participate in the League must be received by the date specified by the organisers, or where no date is specified, by the date of the relevant Annual General Meeting. Applications received after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers.

### **Division**

11. Those teams accepted to participate in the League for the forthcoming season will be allocated to one or more divisions by those present at the Annual General Meeting in their absolute discretion. Consideration may be given to the customs in Rules 12 and 13 but those customs do not override the absolute discretion of those present at the Annual General Meeting.
12. It is customary that a team that won a division (other than the highest division) in the immediately preceding season be promoted by one division. For example, it is customary that the winner of Division 2 (where there was a Division 2) in one season will play in Division 1 in the following season.
13. It is customary that a team that finished last in a division (other than the lowest division) in the immediately preceding season be demoted by one division. For example, it is customary that the last place team in Division 1 in one season will play in Division 2 (where there is a Division 2) in the following season.

### **Clubs with more than one team**

14. Any club with more than one team in the League for a season must, prior to the first matches of that season, communicate to the League organisers:
  - a. The names of the players regarded as their top six league players (subject to ensuring that those six players could form a team in compliance with Rules 18 and 19), being **"the team A players"**;
  - b. Where the Club has more than two teams in the League, the names of the players, excluding the team A players, regarded as their top six league players (subject to ensure that those six players could form a team in compliance with Rules 18 and 19), being **"the team B players"**;
  - c. Where the Club has more than three teams in the League, the names of the players, excluding the team A players and the B team players, regarded as their top six league players (subject to ensure that those six players could form a team in compliance with Rules 18 and 19), being **"the team C players"**;
  - d. And so on.

15. In selecting players for teams:
  - a. A club's team A players may only play for a Club's A team in the League and not for any other team;
  - b. A club's team B players may only play for a Club's A team and B team in the League and not for any other team;
  - c. A club's team C players may only play for a Club's A, B and C teams in the League and not for any other team.
  - d. And so on.
16. After the commencement of the first League matches of a season, a Club is not permitted to change the players named in accordance with Rule 14 for that season.

### **Player eligibility**

17. To be eligible to play in a match for a club in the League, a player must be listed on the affiliation of the relevant club to Badminton Scotland at the start of the match, or be registered by that club with the Secretary at least three weeks prior to the time of the match.
18. Subject to Rule 19, each team for any given match must comprise six players, at least two of whom must be male and two of whom must be female.
19. The six players in a team will be designated G1, G2, G3, G4, L1 and L2. Players L1 and L2 must be female. Where three or four female players are in the team, player G4 must be female. Where four female players are in the team, player G3 must be female.
20. A team may participate in a match with five players but not with fewer than five players. Any missing player should be assigned the lowest number position (i.e. either G4 or L2). So, for example, if a team is only able to play one female player, that player should be L1 and the L2 position should be left blank. Any set involving positions which are "blank" for both teams will be deemed to be a 1-1 set draw with each team winning one set 21-0. Any set involving a position which is "blank" for one team only will be forfeited by the team with the blank position and the set will be deemed to be a 21 – 0 win by the other team.
21. A player may play for more than one team (but not more than one club) in the same season in the League, subject to Rules 14 and 15.
22. A player may play in more than one division (but not more than one club) in the same season in the League, subject to Rules 14 and 15.

## **Game play**

23. Each match between two teams will comprise of 18 sets of badminton, as shown on the score sheet provided by the organisers. All sets will be doubles.
24. Except where stated otherwise in these rules, each set will played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as most recently amended and adopted by the Badminton World Federation (or any successor organisation).
25. "Setting" applies – to win a set, a side must be first to reach 21 points or more with at least a two point lead, or be the first to reach 30 points.
26. The team winning the most sets in a match will win that match.
27. Where the two teams in a match both win nine sets, the match will be recorded as a draw.
28. The Home Team in a match shall return the score sheet to the official on duty at the end of the match.

## **Time of matches**

29. Every player in a team should be available to commence play at the designated time for the start of a match. The designated time will be 8:00pm unless communicated otherwise.
30. During a match, each player scheduled to play in a set should be available to commence that set at short notice.
31. Where a player is not available to start a set in accordance with Rules 29 and 30, the teams involved should seek to resolve the matter between them. Where that is not possible, the matter should be referred to the official on duty at the time of the match, who will determine what (if any) action to take. The official may (but is not obliged to) award any yet to played sets by unavailable player(s) to the opposing team. Where any player has not arrived within 45 minutes of the designated time for the start of a match, the official on duty will generally deem that player's team to have forfeited all sets involving that player.

## **League points**

32. Each team will be awarded 2 points for winning a League match and one point for drawing a League match.

33. Where one team is unable to attend a scheduled League match, it may be re-arranged with the agreement of both the other team and the Secretary. Where the match is not re-arranged (because the other team does not agree to it being re-arranged or otherwise), then the other team will be awarded 2 points for winning that League match and will be deemed to have won each set 21-0.
34. Where both teams are unable to attend a scheduled League match, it may be re-arranged with the agreement of both teams and the Secretary. Where the match is not re-arranged because only one team does not agree to it being re-arranged, then the other team will be awarded 2 points for winning that League match and will be deemed to have won each set 21-0. Where the match is not re-arranged for other reasons, then no points will be awarded to either team in respect of that League match.
35. The winner of a League division will be the team with the highest number of points at the end of the season. The other teams will be placed based on their number of points with the team with the fewest points being placed last in the division.
36. Where two or more teams in a division have the same number of points at the end of the season, their final positions in the division will be determined as follows:
  - a. Firstly, the team who won the highest number of sets in matches between the teams (including deemed sets won pursuant to Rules 33 and 34) will be placed as the highest of the teams;
  - b. Secondly, where Rule 36a does not resolve the tie between two or more teams, the team with the highest number of sets in all matches over the course of the season (including deemed sets won pursuant to Rules 33 and 34);
  - c. Thirdly, where neither Rule 36a nor Rule 36b resolves the tie between two or more teams, the team with the highest number of points in all sets over the course of the season (including deemed points won pursuant to Rules 33 and 34);
  - d. And fourthly, where none of Rule 36a, Rule 36b nor Rule 36c resolves the tie between two or more teams, a tie-break match or matches will be arranged.

37. The Management Committee may, in its absolute discretion, expel any team from the League for:
- a. Repeated failure to play scheduled matches or;
  - b. Failure to pay any fees required or;
  - c. Failure to comply with these rules or;
  - d. Breaching the constitution of the Association or;
  - e. Violent behaviour or behaviour that brings the Association into disrepute.

### **Costs**

38. Each team may be required to pay an entry fee to enter the competitions.
39. The court costs for a match will be paid by the Home Team.
40. The shuttles required for a match should be supplied by the Home Team.
41. All shuttles must be Yonex Aerosensa 20, Speed 3.
42. Where any team is unable to field a valid team for a match and where payment for the court hire for that match to the venue is still required, then the conceding team is responsible for paying the court costs to the Association irrespective of whether that team was designated as the home team or the away team. The Secretary may waive that requirement in exceptional circumstances including, for example, where the team was unable to travel to the venue due to extreme weather conditions.

### **Disputes**

43. Any disputes on the day of a match should be referred to the match official, whose decision will be final.
44. Any disputes at other times should be referred to the Management Committee, whose decision will be final.