

DERBY & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE.

RULES (Last Amended September 2010).

1. The Competition shall be known as the Derby and District Badminton League, consisting of Mixed, Men's and Ladies' doubles Sections.
2. The object of the League is to foster a healthy competitive spirit among Clubs.
3. The League shall consist of bona-fide Clubs, and shall be controlled by a League Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League. The League Committee shall consist of the Chairman, League Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Treasurer, and not more than seven other elected members. All members of the Committee shall be entitled to a vote at its meetings, and 50% shall constitute a quorum. The admission of Clubs to membership of the League, and the acceptance of teams from member Clubs, shall be subject to the approval of the Committee. The Fixtures Secretary shall be entitled to a £150 honorarium in recognition of the time taken to administer the league and to cover expenses.
4. All competing clubs shall inform the League Secretary, not less than 14 days before the date fixed for the AGM of that year, of the number of teams they wish to enter in each Section for the forthcoming season. The Committee may empower the League Secretary to accept further teams, entered before the AGM, into the lowest Division of a Section, in date order of application.
5. Team entry fees for the following season shall be agreed at the AGM. Fees for the present season shall be included with the league entry form.
6. The Competition shall be on a promotion or relegation basis, with normally two teams to be promoted or relegated. Each team shall play one match with all the other teams in the same Division unless otherwise agreed by the League Committee.
7. Matches shall consist of nine rubbers, i.e. each pair to play three rubbers. A rubber shall consist of the best of three games with the side winning two games winning the rubber. All games shall be to 21 points using rally point scoring with setting at 20 all to two clear points or first to 30.
8. Matches shall be played with synthetic shuttle conforming to the Laws of Badminton; feathered shuttles conforming to the laws of badminton may be used if agreed by both clubs.
9. All team players shall be bona-fide members of the Clubs they represent. A player shall not, in any one season, play for more than one Club in any one Section, but may play for another Club in a different Section, and must be a bona-fide member of both Clubs. **All clubs shall submit to the League Secretary on or before October 15th each year, a written list of bona fide members to be registered. Only registered players shall be eligible to play in any of the league competitions. Additional players may be registered, by phone, in writing or email, after the above date, but will not be eligible to play until after the League Fixtures Secretary has been notified. Any player not on the registration list for that club will have their games conceded 21:0.**
10. Players playing in the League or League Cup competitions shall be affiliated to Badminton England and registered with Badminton England for each D&DL Club they represent. **Any player on the league registration list is not affiliated and paid for by the end of the season, i.e. 30th April, then each of the club's teams shall be docked 2 match points and 10 rubbers.**
11. For each win, a team shall count two points. In the event of 2 or more teams being level on points, the number of rubbers won shall count to decide their positions. If teams are still equal the number of games won - the number of games lost will then be used. If teams are still equal, the number of aces won shall be divided by the number of aces lost, to obtain an average, the team with the higher average being placed in the higher position. A Team turning up for a match with two pairs instead of three pairs, if they win the match will only be able to count it as 1 point instead of two.
12. Any Club entering more than one team in a section shall nominate their best four players for the "A" team [in Mixed teams, two ladies and two men], who shall not be eligible for the "B" team. With any Club entering a "C" team, the next six best players shall be nominated for the "B" team who will not be eligible for the "C" team and so on in like manner for further teams, **with the exception that only 4 players [in Mixed teams, two ladies and two men] be nominated for the second to bottom team.** Nominations are also not required for the bottom team. Clubs with two teams in the same Division have to play each other first, before playing any other team in that Division. All players nominated for a team shall play in that team's first match, unless a satisfactory explanation be given to the League Committee via the Fixtures Secretary. Nominations for a team shall be notified to the Fixtures Secretary by the date of the Team's first match, or by 30th November, whichever is the earlier.
13. All teams shall play two matches by 30th January. Teams will be penalised 1 league point per un-played match, i.e. 1 point if only playing 1 match, 2 points if playing no matches. All matches to be played by the 30th April unless agreed by the League Committee.
14. The captains of the opposing teams shall, if necessary, agree upon umpires, who shall see that the games are played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the Rules of the League.

15. If a team withdraws from the Competition before completing its fixtures or it fails to complete 50% of its fixtures, the record of matches played by the team shall be expunged.
16. The result of every match shall be communicated in writing [on a card provided], to the Fixtures Secretary, within seven days of the match being played, by the Winning club concerned. Failure to observe this rule shall involve the deduction of one point from the record of the defaulting team.
17. It shall be the responsibility of the Home team to notify the Fixtures Secretary of any postponement and the date of the rearranged fixture. Subsequent to 31st October, postponement on the grounds of being unable to raise a full team shall require the agreement of the opposing club, and should this not be forthcoming the match shall be forfeited to them 9:0, subject to appeal to the League Committee.
18. The whole of the fixtures are to be made at the League AGM. No matches shall be arranged for the Badminton All England week, or the World Championships if held in the UK, unless knowingly agreed by both clubs.
19. Any changes of names and addresses of Secretaries or representatives dealing with League matches shall be promptly notified to the League Secretary
20. All difficulties and disputes shall be referred to and settled by the Committee. Particulars there of shall be communicated in writing to the Fixtures Secretary, by the secretaries of the clubs concerned, who may be represented at the Committee meeting convened to deal with the matter.
21. The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in the first or second week of September. The business shall include the presentation of the Committee's decisions on the structure of each Section for the forthcoming season. The arrangement of fixtures may proceed as soon as the business of the AGM is completed. Each member Club shall be empowered to send two representatives with powers to vote at General Meetings.
22. The League Secretary shall give all Clubs 28 days' notice of the AGM, and 14 days' notice of Extraordinary General Meetings, which may be convened by the Committee, or on the written requisition of at least one-third of the Clubs in membership.
23. The League's financial year shall run from 1st August to 31st July, and the Treasurer shall present an independently examined Statement of Income and Expenditure for the twelve months previous to the Annual General Meeting.
24. Proposed alterations of these Rules shall be in the hands of the League Secretary by the 1st August each year.
25. Where the Fixture Secretary feels the rules have been infringed then the match secretary of the relevant club shall be informed as soon as possible and advised of any penalties, all such discussions and penalties shall also be brought before the League Committee.
26. Should a team be short of players in a match that is otherwise completed, the appropriate number of rubbers, games and aces shall be forfeited to the opposing team. If a team fails to arrive for a match, or concedes the match their opponents shall be entitled to claim the full number of rubbers, games and aces, and the defaulting team shall also be deducted one point.
27. If the home team uses one court to start a match, then a team shall be required to have one couple available to play within five minutes, a different couple within twenty minutes and a different couple again within thirty five minutes, of the agreed starting time of the match. If the home team uses two courts to start the match, the teams shall be required to have two couples available to play within five minutes, and a third couple within twenty minutes of the agreed starting time of the match. Should these conditions not be met, the defaulting pair[s] shall forfeit the rubbers concerned 21-0 to their opponents. The rubbers shall be claimed immediately but may be played if time is available, and subject to the agreement of the Captain of the non-offending team.
28. It shall be the duty of the home side to notify the visitors, in advance, of the starting time and the number of courts available; in the absence of notification the starting time shall be regarded as 7:00pm for the purposes of this rule.
29. The Normal order of play shall be as follows:

Home:	1	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	1
	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v
Visitors:	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	2
30. If a match started promptly and there are no unforeseen circumstances preventing further play then the visiting team shall claim any incomplete games 21-0. Where unforeseen circumstances prevent the match continuing then it shall be resumed by the same couples at the earliest possible date thereafter; if a game in play was interrupted, it shall be recommenced. If difficulty is experienced in continuing with the same couples, such as to delay the completion of the League Competition, the Committee may order the match to be replayed in its entirety.