

**ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE CONSTITUTION
FOR ADOPTION AT THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL**

1. The league shall be called the Aberdeen & District Badminton League.
2. Before being eligible to join the League competition, clubs must be members of Badminton Scotland.
3. The management of the League shall be vested in a committee to be elected by the duly appointed club representatives. The committee shall consist of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, and four members, six in all, three members of the committee to form a quorum. The committee shall have power to form sub-committees as they consider necessary. Honorary officials may be appointed at the annual general meeting of club representatives.
4. A Special General Meeting shall be convened at such a time as the committee shall determine or on the requisition in writing to the Hon. Secretary by not less than one third of the clubs who are members of the League. A Special General Meeting shall have a quorum of not less than one quarter of the membership of the League.
5. The League shall be divided into sections according to the number of teams joining, namely ladies doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Each section shall be divided into divisions as necessary at the discretion of the committee.
6. Promotion and relegation of clubs shall be decided by match play as arranged by the League committee. The winning team shall move up to the division above in the normal course, while the club with the least points shall in the normal course be relegated to the division below. The appropriate number of teams will be relegated based on entries and distribution of league entries for the forthcoming season.
7. Clubs desirous of entering the League shall make application to the Hon. Sec. not later than the annual general meeting. Any clubs wishing to resign from the League must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than the annual general meeting; otherwise such clubs shall be liable for their subscription for the new season.
8. Each club shall pay a membership fee for each team entered. The amount shall be decided annually and must be paid at the meeting consisting of a representative of each League club, to be called annually by the Hon. Secretary of the League at the beginning of each season, of which at least thirty days' notice must be given.
9. All matches must be played in accordance with the Rules of Badminton as issued by the Badminton Scotland. Visiting teams must conform to any local rules in force with the home team. Home captains must explain these rules to the visiting team before the match commences.
10. All players for both home and away teams should attend at the home team's venue at the starting time confirmed by the home team match secretary to the away team match secretary at least seven days prior to the match date. The match shall commence at the appointed time with such rubbers that can be played, subject to court and player availability. If a player from either team arrives more than 45 minutes after the nominated starting time, then the team which that player represents will forfeit the match unless the opposing team agrees otherwise. If the match is to be claimed it must be claimed at this point and the defaulting team so informed. If a match cannot be completed due to the late arrival of any player then the teams should agree to complete the match at a later date in accordance with Rule 15. Failing agreement the matter should be referred to the League committee. At venues with only one or

two courts, opposing teams may, by agreement, arrange different starting times for the arrival of couples in the respective teams. The League committee will have absolute discretion as to the interpretation of this rule.

11. Teams in the mixed doubles and men's doubles sections of the League shall consist of 6 players and each fixture shall comprise nine rubbers. Teams in the ladies doubles section of the League shall consist of 3 or 4 players and each fixture shall comprise 3 or 4 rubbers. Each couple in one team shall play each couple in the opposing team to the best of three games.
12. On a maximum of two occasions, in the mixed doubles and men's doubles sections of the league, within the season each team may play with 4 players if the opposing team are notified prior to the day of the match (or in exceptional circumstances on the day of the match).
13. The order of play will be settled prior to the commencement of the match.
14. In the mixed doubles and men's doubles sections of the League the team which wins five or more rubbers shall be the winner of the match. A winning team is awarded 2 points, a losing team is awarded nil points and in the event of a club gaining a walk-over, the club so gaining the walk-over shall be awarded 2 points, 9 rubbers and 18 games. The defaulting team shall be fined 2 points. In the ladies doubles section of the League the team which wins two or three or more rubbers shall be the winner of the match (varies subject to teams of 3 or 4 players). A winning team is awarded 2 points, a losing team is awarded nil points and in the event of a drawn match (4 players) each team is awarded one point. In the event of a club gaining a walk-over, the club so gaining the walk-over shall be awarded 2 points, 3 rubbers and 6 games if 3 players and 2 points, 4 rubbers and 8 games if 4 players. The defaulting team shall be fined 2 points. The team which at the end of the season has the highest points total shall be declared the winner of the division. Should there be a tie in points, the number of rubbers shall count, and should there be a tie in rubbers won, a majority of games shall count, should there be a tie in games points shall count.
15. Matches started must be played to a finish. For single court clubs matches must be started at such an hour as will allow three hours play. Any match not completed at the end of a day's play should be completed at the earliest opportunity thereafter. Matches timetabled in the first half of the season where at all possible should be completed by January 31, and matches timetabled in the second half of the season by April 30. Any matches not played shall be held as void. The League encourages clubs to play all matches and discretion may be granted under exceptional circumstances.
16. If a club resigns from the League during the season, all matches played by that club shall be held as null and void. If a club folds during a season prior to 31 December, then any player having represented that club will be eligible to represent another club after January 1 of the following year.
17. The match secretary of the **WINNING** team shall, within seven days of the completion of the match, send the result, with full details of opponents, venue, date, names of players, games and points by e-mail to the nominated person. The official match score sheets shall be used and are available on the Aberdeen and District Badminton League Website or on request from the Hon. Secretary.
18. The home team shall supply the shuttles, which shall conform to the requirements of the Badminton Scotland. Feathered shuttlecocks shall be used.
19. The dates of matches shall be fixed by the committee after the A.G.M. and shall not be altered except in the event of (i) a Badminton International held in the Group area, (ii) the League's Club Doubles Tournament falling on the date arranged, (iii) the courts for the match are not

available for good cause shown, (iv) such other justifiable reasons which the League Committee in its absolute discretion shall determine a justifiable reason for postponement. Notice of any postponement shall be intimated by the secretary of the home club to the Hon. Secretary of the League committee and to the secretary of the opposing club at least one week before the original date of the match. The home teams will nominate two other mutually free dates in accordance with Rule 14 and the away team must accept one of these dates unless agreement is otherwise reached, failing which the home team is granted a walk-over. The home team in such circumstances will be required to lodge with the League secretary a scorecard claiming a walk-over.

20. All clubs playing matches at the Central Venue must adhere to the following (i) Match to be played on scheduled date, (ii) Should any team be unable to field a full team the visiting team will have priority over the home team to use 4 players (Rule 12), (iii) The booking at RGU is for three courts and the home team scheduled as RGU 1 shall use two courts for the first game and the team scheduled as RGU 2 shall use one court for the first game. Subsequent games will be on a rotational basis.
21. To represent a club, a player must be a full paying member of the club and no player shall play for more than one club in any one section of the League in any one season.
22. Should any Club entering the league have more than one team in the same section of the league (i.e. Ladies, Men's or Mixed Doubles) and these teams are in the same division of the relevant section of the league, the Club(s) concerned must, prior to either (any) of these teams playing their first match of the season submit to the league secretary, for the committees consideration: A list of the Clubs top 3 players (in the case of Ladies Doubles) or top 6 players (in the case of Men's or Mixed Doubles). The distribution of the designated top 3 or 6 players is a decision for the club(s) concerned (All 3 or 6 players may be nominated to play for the top 'A' Team and none for the lower 'B' or 'C' team(s) or any combination thereof). The Club(s) concerned must at the time of providing the list of the designated top 3 or 6 players, also register the team each of these players is to represent during the forthcoming season. The designated top 3 or 6 players are entitled to play for their Clubs other team(s) on only one occasions each throughout the season. Additionally only one of the registered players may represent their clubs other team(s) in any one match. In the event of a team fielding an ineligible player in a match, the opposing team will be granted a walk over and the defaulting team fined 2 points.
23. Any dispute between clubs shall be referred to the League committee whose decision shall be final.
24. Any protest arising from a match must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the League committee within four days of the said match, and in any event before the 30 April at the end of the second half of the season.
25. The League committee reserve the right to refuse any entry to the League or any other tournament organised by the League.
26. Any alteration to the Constitution and Rules must be made at a general meeting of the League, and clubs wishing to propose any amendments should intimate their proposals in writing to the Hon. Sec. no later than the 1st August for consideration at the next AGM.

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