

York and District Badminton League

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Amendments

| Date | Detail of Amendment | By: |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 5 th September 1996 | Yonex 350s and 370s | S Robertson |
| 9 th February 2000 | Converted to MS-Word format | IG McKinlay |
| 11 th September 2000 | Team entries to £3 (AGM) | IG McKinlay |
| 31 st August 2005 | 15.5 added to cover unsafe court conditions | Ian McKinlay |
| 30 th August 2006 | 12.2 modified to recognise IBF Rally Point scoring (21 not 15) following AGM | Ian McKinlay |
| 28 th August 2008 | 15.3 changed at AGM to award 7 and -4 points to clubs based on default. 15.7 removed by AGM(11,-7 points on default in lowest division) | Ian McKinlay |
| 1 st September 2009 | 5.1 & 14 changed to refer subscriptions and fines to be set at the AGM. Incorrect use of 'Committee' corrected to 'Officers' – rules 9,12.4,15.4,15.6,17.1,18 | Ian McKinlay |
| 24 th August 2011 | 16 specification that plastic shuttles must be Yonex 350 or 370 removed (agreed at AGM). 17.1 Officers have the authority to balance divisions (agreed at AGM). | Hazel Winfield |
| 29 th August 2012 | 7.4 inter-club matches to be played before Christmas changed to end of January (agreed at AGM). 10.3 introduction of £10 fine for not sending the League Match Secretary a copy of fixture list within 14 days of fixtures meeting (agreed at AGM). | Hazel Winfield |
| 28 th August 2013 | 6.1 introduction of a combined division. 7.1 to include Ladies' Division (moved from 7.2). 7.2 details of Combined Division teams. 8.2 players who play more than three times for their A team cannot subsequently play for their B team. Also amended to include reference to Combined Division. All 4 changes agreed at AGM. | Hazel Winfield |
| 27 th August 2014 | 5.2 removed requirement for annually elected Hon. Auditor 8.2 Nominated players rule clarified (creating rules 8.3 and 8.4). All changes agreed at AGM. | Hazel Winfield |
| 19 th August 2015 | 2 removed requirement for Tournament Secretary and Organiser. 6 the Committee to decide the numbers with agreement sought at the AGM. 10.4 new rule requiring clubs to notify Match Secretary of rearranged fixtures. 14 results to be submitted within 72 hours of match. Monetary fine replaced by points deduction. All changes agreed at AGM. | Hazel Winfield |
| 17 th August 2016 | 9 Removed requirement for teams to be in the same division in order for players to transfer | Hazel Winfield |
| 23 rd August 2017 | 15.7 new rule regarding match no shows | Hazel Winfield |
| 29 th August 2018 | 16 added requirement to test shuttles at the start of the match. Change agreed at the AGM. | Hazel Winfield |

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1. **Title**
The York and District Badminton League.
2. **Officers**
Officers shall be elected annually, and shall be Chairman, General Secretary, Match Results Secretary and Treasurer.
3. **Committee**
General Committee shall consist of one representative from each Club and the officers.
4. **Meetings**
 - 4.1 Either a General Committee Meeting or a General Meeting shall be held within 14 days on the requisition of two or more Clubs.
 - 4.2 A General Meeting shall consist of representatives from each Club in addition to the General Committee, only one vote per Club.
5. **Subscriptions**
 - 5.1 Annual Subscriptions per team to be agreed at the AGM based upon the Treasurer's recommendation and payable by 30th September each season.
 - 5.2 Accounts to be audited by an independent person who has not been involved in their preparation.
6. **Divisions**
The League shall consist of Mixed, Men's, Ladies' and Combined Divisions, the numbers to be decided by the Committee and agreed at the AGM.
7. **Teams**
 - 7.1 Each team in the Mens', Ladies' and Mixed Divisions shall consist of three couples.
 - 7.2 Teams in the Combined Division shall consist of three ladies and three men with each player playing three rubbers made up of one Mixed rubber and two Ladies' or Men's. All pairs shall play in order of merit but the order of merit being independent between each type of doubles.
 - 7.3 All Clubs intending to enter a team (or teams) shall notify the Hon. General Secretary not later than the Annual General Meeting each season. No Club shall be admitted after that date.
 - 7.4 Any Club entering two or more teams in the same section must play these matches before the end of January.
 - 7.5 New entries to the League will be placed in the lowest division.
8. **Registration of Players**
 - 8.1 Players who are members of two Clubs may only play for one Club in one Division (i.e. a player may not enter in the Mixed Doubles for two Clubs, but may enter the Mixed Doubles for one Club, and the Men's or Ladies' Division for the other Club).
 - 8.2 Clubs entering more than one team in the Ladies, Men's', Mixed or Combined Divisions shall, before their Club's first match, of any team, nominate to the League's Match Secretary their 'A' Team members, and if entering three teams, their 'B' team members. It is expected that

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nominated players will play a minimum of 50% of the team's matches. Where this is not possible the League Match Secretary should be informed giving the reason why.

- 8.3 Nominated players and players who play for the 'A' Team more than three times in a season may not subsequently play for 'B' or 'C' teams in that season. Similarly those nominated players and players who play for the 'B' team more than three times may not subsequently play for the 'C' team in that season. The penalty for contravention shall be the forfeiture of any rubbers won to the opposing team.
- 8.4 Where a 'C' or 'D' team player has played higher three times in a season and are required to play a fourth game, they will then become tied to that particular team for the remainder of the season (for example if a 'C' team plays twice for the 'A' team and once for the 'B' team and is then required to play for the 'B' team again they will only be eligible for the 'B' team for the remainder of the season). The penalty for contravention shall be the forfeiture of any rubbers won to the opposing team.

9. Transfers

League players may transfer during the season from one Club to another on application to the Officers.

10. Fixtures

- 10.1 To commence in September and conclude by 30th April.
- 10.2 Arrangements for all fixtures to be made by individual Club Secretaries.
- 10.3 Each club is to provide to their opposing Clubs a complete list of fixtures no later than 14 days after the League Fixture meeting is held. Upon receipt Club secretaries must check the details for their matches against their own fixture list & then send an email to the Secretary concerned confirming receipt of the fixture list & agreement of the match dates/times. Each club must also email a copy of their fixture list to the League Match Secretary no later than 14 days after the League Fixture meeting, failure to do so will result in a fine of £10 per club.
- 10.4 All rearranged fixtures to be advised to the League Match Secretary prior to the match date by the home club.

11. Incomplete teams

- 11.1 In the event of one Club sending a short team no couple may be divided in order to complete the fixture and unplayed rubbers shall be forfeited to the opposing team.
- 11.2 In the event of a player being injured in the course of a match no substitute shall be allowed.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 One point shall be awarded for each rubber won with two extra points for the winner.
- 12.2 Rubbers to be the best of three games and using Badminton England/International Badminton Federation scoring with variations according to the conditions of play at each Club and with the agreement of the visiting Team Captain.
- 12.3 In the event of an incomplete match both teams shall be awarded one point per rubber. If one team has won five or more rubbers, in this case the team will be awarded two points extra.
- 12.4 If, at the end of the season, these results affect the position of the teams in final league placings, it will be left to the Officer's discretion as to whether to replay.

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12.5 Any player or pair absent or unwilling to play when required to do so, shall forfeit the rubber concerned which shall be scored as a win for the opponents by two games to love, except that 15 minutes grace be granted from the time fixed for the commencement of the match, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the two Captains.

13. Faults – low roof, beams etc.

To be left to the discretion of individual clubs.

14. Match results

A fully completed copy of the match score card should be submitted electronically (via email) to the Match Secretary within 72 hours of each match by the home club. A club failing to do so will be subject to a 2 point deduction per late or incomplete card. The latest date that any score card can be received is 3rd May (72 hours after the end of the season). Any not received by this time may be declared null and void.

15. Cancellations

15.1 All matches are to be played

15.2 No team shall postpone a fixture without the consent of their opponents. The only reason for postponement shall be non-availability of facilities, inclement weather or a national emergency. At least 7 days notice must be given for postponing a match when facilities are not available.

15.3 When a match is not played by a club, the defaulting team will have 4 points deducted from the league table and the non-defaulting club will be awarded 7 points and have any reasonable costs incurred paid by the defaulting club. If this affects the promotion or relegation in a Division, the League Officers reserve the right to insist that the fixture is played.

15.4 Any team defaulting by not completing the whole of their fixtures may have all their results deleted and be demoted. The Officers shall have the power to expel for one season any team that, in the opinion of the Officers, persistently infringes this rule.

15.5 At any time during the pre-match warm-up or the first three rubbers, the Visiting Team Captain can indicate that the court(s) are not safe for play and seek corrective action by the Home Team. If this is refused or doesn't correct the situation, the Visiting Team Captain can ask for the match to be re-arranged.

15.6 Any dispute arising shall be reported to the Officers within 24 hours.

15.7 If a team fails to show for a fixture the opposition must report this to the League Match Secretary. If both club's fixture lists have been submitted to the League Match Secretary & both agree the match date, the unplayed fixture penalty as per rule 15.3 will be applied. If only 1 of the clubs involved have submitted their fixture list to the League Match Secretary this will be used as confirmation of the match date and the unplayed fixture penalty as per rule 15.3 will be applied.

16. Shuttles

The Home club shall provide shuttles, feathers if possible, that comply with the Badminton World Federation Statutes (BWF), Section 4.1 (Rules) sub-section 2 (Shuttles). Prior notice of the type of shuttle to be used to be given at the Annual Fixture Meeting. The type of shuttle used should be noted on the match score card.

At the start of a match the two Team Captains should test the provided shuttles to ensure that they meet (BWF), Section 4.1 (Rules) sub-section 3 (Testing A Shuttle For Speed). If they don't, the home team should be given the opportunity to provide a different type of shuttle to be

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tested. At the end of the match the two Team Captains should record how the shuttle performed by completing the relevant section on the match score card.

17. Promotion and Relegation

- 17.1 At the end of each season the teams occupying the first and second position in each Division shall be promoted to the next Division, where applicable. The teams occupying the last two positions in each division shall be relegated to the next Division, where applicable. The Officers shall have the right to increase or restrict the number of teams to be promoted or relegated if considered desirable in the interests of the League. The Officers have permission to balance team numbers with priority on upper divisions.
- 17.2 Promotion and relegation issues shall be decided by the number of points won. Should two or more teams be equal in this respect, the total number of matches won shall decide. Should these be equal, a play-off will be arranged in order to reach a decision.

18. Complaints

To be made to the League Secretary in writing and to be dealt with by the Officers.

19. Rules Amendments

Any amendments to the rules must be submitted in writing 7 clear days before the AGM.