

DUNDEE AREA BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 - Name

The Association shall be called the Dundee Area Badminton Association, hereinafter known as the Association.

Article 2 - Government

- a) The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Annual General Meeting, at which shall be elected a Management Committee consisting of: President, Vice-President, Association Secretary, Treasurer (one combined post, or two separate posts) and League Secretary. Each club will be expected to send a club member to represent them at Management Committee meetings. A further committee member with responsibility for liaison with schools will also be appointed.
- b) Fixture lists will be arranged as far as possible at a meeting of Match Secretaries to be convened in September.

Article 3 - Membership

- a) Clubs must be members of the Scottish Badminton Union.
- b) New clubs will be admitted at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- c) Clubs wishing to enter the Association shall make application to the Association Secretary. The Management Committee reserves the right of refusing an entry.

Article 4 - Annual Subscription

The annual subscription shall be set at the AGM, This shall be paid to the Treasurer by the end of October each year. Failure to pay by the end of December shall result in the levying of a surcharge, to be set by the Management Committee.

Article 5 - League Competition

- a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the rules of Badminton issued by the Scottish Badminton Union. 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 begins.
- b) The League shall be for teams to play two ladies' doubles, two men's double and five mixed doubles. The teams shall be divided into divisions as necessary.
- c) Each team shall consist of three men and three women.
- d) Each fixture shall consist of nine rubbers. For the purpose of the competition, each rubber shall consist of two games. Draws to stand as such.
- e) The team that wins the majority of rubbers shall be the winner of the match and shall be awarded three points. The loser of the match will be awarded one point. In drawn matches, each team shall be awarded two points. If a team concedes a match, that team will be deducted two points and the opposition awarded three points. To take part in a match a team must constitute a minimum of two mixed couples. Unplayed matches at the end of the season (April 15) shall be treated as having been conceded by the home team.
- f) In the event of a player being unable, during a match, to continue playing, he or she and

his/her partner must give their opponents a walkover in that rubber and also the rubbers they would still have had to play.

- g) A club wishing to postpone a match must give intimation of such to the opposing club at least five days prior to the date arranged. The League Secretary must also be advised of the change in writing by the home club. Only hall difficulties will be accepted as adequate excuse for such postponement.
- h) In the event of a club being unable to play on the date originally fixed and being unable mutually to fix an alternative date, the matter will be referred to the Management Committee for a decision immediately.
- i) To represent a club, a player must be a full paying member of that club. Upon submission to the Management Committee, a player may be granted permission to transfer to another club. Clubs with two or more teams will register the names of the members who will play for the higher graded team or teams with the League Secretary prior to the first match of the lower graded team or teams. Members registered thus may not play for the lower graded team or teams for the remainder of the season, but a player from the lower graded team or teams may play twice for a higher graded team. A club, on applying to the League Secretary, could ask to have a named player regraded to a lower graded team, provided he or she was not committed by playing three games for the higher graded team and provided the committee felt the circumstances warranted regrading. Four days notice must be given.
- j) The home team shall supply the shuttlecocks, which shall conform to the regulations of the Scottish Badminton Union.
- k) The Match Secretary of the home team shall, within seven days of the completion of the match, intimate the result with full details of opponents, venue, date, name of players, rubbers, games and aces, in hard copy to the League Secretary of the Association or intimate the above via the website www.dundeebadminton.org.uk. Failure to comply with this ruling may result in forfeiture of two points for the home team but the match result shall stand.
- l) The team, which at the end of the season (April 15), wins a majority in points, shall be declared the winner of the division. Should there be a tie in rubbers, a majority of games will count. Should there be a tie in games, a deciding match shall be played on a neutral court.
- m) Umpires shall be used during league matches at the discretion of the competing clubs and any player, or players, either before or during a game may request an umpire. In the event of an umpire being requested, the normal rules will be observed, i.e. the home team to supply the first umpire. In the event of no umpire being used, any player or players, may request a scorekeeper either before or during a game, whose selection will be the same as that used for umpires. In the event of a scorekeeper being used, the players maintain the right to request an umpire during the game, in which case the scorekeeper will become umpire.
- n) The home team shall, at the beginning of the match, fill out their team sheet before handing it to the away team to do the same.
- o) In the event that a team is short of a player they will decide whether to leave out position one or two but must have a player in position three on the team sheet.

Article 6 - Promotion and Relegation

- a) The Management Committee shall decide promotion and relegation.
- b) One club may have more than one team in the same division, with each team registering its team of six and playing each other before the end of January. The teams conform to Article 5 (i) as usual.
- c) A club having more than one team in the same division may have the option of dropping a

lower team to the next division.

Article 7 - Disputes and Protest

- a) Any dispute arising between clubs shall be referred to the Management Committee.
- b) Any protests arising must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Management Committee within fourteen days of the match.
- c) Concerning any dispute or protest, one representative from each club concerned in the dispute or protest will be present at the particular meeting of the Management Committee dealing with the dispute or protest.

Article 8 - Tournaments

The Association shall organise such tournaments as authorised by the Annual General Meeting.

Article 9 - Constitution

No existing article shall be deleted, added to, or altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of any such deletion, addition or alteration should be given to all clubs at least 21 days before any such meeting.

Article 10 - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held after the end of the playing season (April 15). Due notice of the particular date to be given to each Club Secretary. The Office Bearers shall be elected at this meeting. Each club will have one vote per team and in the event of the votes being equal, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Nine representatives from nine teams will be a quorum at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting of the Association.