

BADMINTON SHEFFIELD

1. Name

The Association Shall be called Badminton Sheffield (BS)

2. Objectives

The objectives of Badminton Sheffield shall be:

- To promote and encourage the game of Badminton by organising competitive play in Sheffield Leagues, holding Tournaments, Exhibitions, and Championships and any other means to be determined by the committee.
- To promote and encourage the game of badminton by organising coaching sessions for all levels of competence, including the encouragement of people to undertake coaching and umpire courses.

3. Membership

Badminton Sheffield shall consist of the following classes of members:

- (a) League Club – Any club within a radius of 12 miles from Sheffield Town Hall who enters one or more teams in Badminton Sheffield league(s), pays the required team fees each season and ensures that all team players abide by Badminton Sheffield rules, see attached. Any club outside the 12 mile radius may be admitted at the discretion of the committee.
- (b) Affiliated club – Any club outside the above 12 mile radius with a badminton court(s) and not having a team in any of the leagues may be granted affiliated status to Badminton Sheffield.
- (c) Individual – Any individual who wishes to assist Badminton Sheffield in its objectives.

Members will only be accepted into Badminton Sheffield by consent of the committee.

4. Subscriptions

Each team entered by a club in the Badminton Sheffield league(s) will pay an entrance fee, to be set by the committee at the beginning of each season, to the Hon. Treasurer at the Fixture Meeting held each September. If a member fails to pay their fees, the Hon Treasurer shall give 14 days final warning, after which the member may be removed from Badminton Sheffield and all members notified.

The committee shall have the power to levy a surcharge, not exceeding 50p per team, during any season.

Affiliated clubs will pay a fee equal to that for a league club entering one team in a league no later than 1st October each year.

Individual members will pay a fee to be decided by the committee, no later than 1st October each year.

5. Election of Members

The election of any member shall be a simple majority of the committee. Each candidate for admission shall be scrutinised by Badminton Sheffield Chairman and Secretary, who shall vouch for the candidates fitness for membership.

Applications for membership shall be considered by the committee in the order in which the Secretary receives them.

6. Resignations

A member may resign by giving notice to the Secretary. This notice will take effect on the following 31st August.

7. Misconduct

If, at any time, the committee finds any member has violated any of the rules of Badminton Sheffield, the member will be informed in writing by the Secretary and given three weeks to respond in writing. On receipt of the clubs response, the Committee reserves the right to ask the offending member to attend a disciplinary meeting with the committee.

If the member is found guilty of misconduct, the committee will have the power to exclude the member from Badminton Sheffield. The member will have the right to appeal to the committee within 14 days of receipt of any committee decision to exclude them.

8. The Committee

Badminton Sheffield shall be managed by a committee consisting of:

(a) Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Match Secretary.

The Chairperson will be elected for a maximum of 5 year term renewable for a further 5 year term if acceptable.

The other officials will be elected annually for one year and are eligible for re-election.

(b) Nine other members. The nine other members will be elected for a period of 3 years each: and each year the three longest serving members will retire and 3 members will be elected. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt an additional 5 members.

The committee shall have the power to elect honorary vice presidents (who shall be ex officio but non-voting members of the committee) and to appoint sub-committees that they deem necessary to fulfil the objectives of Badminton Sheffield.

The quorum for all committee meetings shall be 7 members (including voting officers).

Each sub-committee shall have a Chairperson who must be a member of the committee. The Chairperson and Secretary of Badminton Sheffield shall be ex officio members of all sub-committees.

9. Occasional Vacancies on the committee

The committee shall have the power to fill occasional vacancies on the committee by appointing officials /members who shall then hold office until the next A.G.M. Such officials have full voting rights.

10. Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Badminton Sheffield shall be held in September, at a date and time fixed by the committee for the following purposes:

- (a) to receive and approve a statement from the Chairperson of the committee
- (b) to receive and approve a statement from the Treasurer of Badminton Sheffield's accounts
- (c) to consider and if approved, to adopt any alterations to the rules
- (d) to elect the officers and members of the committee
- (e) to consider and if approved, to adopt any proposals of which notice has been given, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary by the 31st March for the following AGM

Any league club not attending the AGM may be withdrawn from Badminton Sheffield. Club Secretary's should inform the Hon. Secretary for the reason for non-attendance.

All members (but not individuals) shall be entitled to one vote only on any matter arising at the AGM or postal vote. The Chairperson will have a casting vote where a tied vote occurs.

11. Notice of General Meetings

Members shall be given at least 28 days notice of a General Meeting together with an agenda.

12. Special General Meeting

A special general meeting may be called at any time either by a decision of the committee or at the written request of at least 40% of voting members stating the purpose for which the meeting is required. The Hon. Secretary shall give at least 28 days notice of the meeting and state the reason.

13. Fixture Meeting

The fixture meeting for league club members of Badminton Sheffield will be held in September after the AGM, at a date and time fixed by the committee, for the following purposes:

- (a) to arrange the league matches of their team(s) with their opponents.
- (b) To collect the teams score cards, rules etc for the season
- (c) To confirm their officials
- (d) To pay their appropriate entrance fees

All clubs entering teams in the leagues must attend this meeting.

Any club not attending the meeting may be withdrawn from the league. Club Secretary's should inform the Hon. Secretary for the reason for non-attendance. Any club so withdrawn and wishing to re-enter the league must apply for re-election for the following season. Any club so withdrawn and re-elected to the league will automatically be entered into the lowest division.

14. Alteration of the Constitution

The Committee shall have the power to alter the Constitution, but no alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the AGM or at such General Meeting called for the purpose. Any member wishing to make an amendment to the Constitution must submit proposal, in writing, duly seconded, to the Hon. Secretary for consideration by the committee and if accepted, duly confirmed.

15. Alteration of the Rules

The committee shall have the power to alter the rules but no alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the AGM, or at such General Meeting called for the purpose. Any member wishing to make a new rule, or amend an existing one must submit a proposal, in writing, duly seconded, to the Hon. Secretary by 31st March for the following AGM.

Badminton Sheffield shall adopt **all** Badminton England (BE) rules and implement any changes made by BE for all league matches at the start of the season.

RULES

1. Team Fixtures

A copy of all team fixtures **MUST** be sent to the Hon league fixtures secretary before any match is played, or within one month of the fixture meeting whichever is the sooner.

No club may have more than **TWO** teams in any one division.

2. Player Registration/Representation

All clubs should register ALL its players. Each club must register ALL its teams and other club members before any match is played, otherwise the first match played will be registered as the team.

Players registered after the 31st January must have the approval of the committee before playing in any match.

All registered players must play at least half the number of matches for that team otherwise the league committee may refuse the registration of that player in the team for the following season, or enforce a stricter penalty.

Any registered player shall not play for a lower team in the same league without prior approval from the league committee.

When a club has TWO teams in the SAME division of a league, arrangements must be made to play off the matches between the teams BEFORE 31st December.

Only bone fide members of a club, who are liable for its full subscription, may represent it in a league match.

In the event of a club having more than one team in the league, i.e. mens, ladies, combined, mixed, a player shall not be eligible for the one team if he or she shall have played more than TWICE for any higher team. Neither can any player play for another club within the same category league e.g. mens, ladies, etc.

Any player wishing to join another club and play for that club in any league match cannot do so until the Hon League Secretary has received written agreement from both clubs and he has given his permission. No transfer will be granted after 31st January. Any transferred player cannot re-join the previous or any other club in that season and play for them in any league match.

3. Match Confirmation

The Secretary of the HOME club must send written confirmation, which must be received by the visiting team at least SEVEN days prior to the date of the match. (Notification of the fixture at the fixture meeting is not acceptable).

The Notification must include :-

- (a) the date of the fixture
- (b) the venue of the match
- (c) the starting time (ready to play)
- (d) the number of courts to be used
- (e) the finishing time
- (f) the type of shuttles proposed to be used (see rule 7)

4. Playing time

There must be a MINIMUM of THREE HOURS PLAYING TIME. The TOTAL playing time may be extended by mutual agreement BEFORE the commencement of the match; otherwise the 3 hours rule will apply. NO UNFINISHED GAME(S) shall be considered towards the result of a match in the league.

Where a club has more than one court, a minimum of TWO pairs per team are required to start the match (all other requirements of the rules being fulfilled). No evening match should start before 6.30pm unless by mutual agreement.

5. Penalties

Either club can claim the first rubber(s) if the required number of PAIRS is not ready to play at THE STATED STARTING TIME. An additional rubber can be claimed for each further delay of 15 minutes in the commencement of play of the next rubbers. Rubbers must be claimed as they occur and not at the end of play if the match is unfinished.

6. Alternative start time

Any team wishing to start later than the stated starting time, OR play out of order must AGREE with the opposing captain. The non-offending team may then claim any game which would otherwise have been played.

7. Home team responsibilities

HOME court conditions shall always apply, provided that they conform to the rules of BE excepting any rule laying down the size of height of a court, but the courts of all clubs playing in the league shall always be subject to the approval of Badminton Sheffield committee.

In all league matches the HOME club shall be responsible for providing an umpire and all games shall be controlled by him or her. An umpires decision shall be final but Badminton Sheffield committee shall clarify a point of law if required to do so.

The HOME club for each match shall provide a sufficient number of new shuttles, of the type approved by Badminton Sheffield committee. NB. The approved shuttle in the plastics league is the YONEX MAVIS 300.

8. League formats

ALL rubbers in ALL leagues shall consist of the best of THREE games to 21 points, rally point scoring with extended play to 29 all then sudden death at 30. In extended play 2 clear points are needed to win the game.

MEN'S AND LADIES LEAGUES - Each match shall consist of nine rubbers. A team shall consist of a maximum of 6 men (or ladies) and a minimum of 2 men (or ladies). Each couple shall play against each opposing couple and no team member

shall play for more than one partner in any one match (except in the ladies feather league which has a different structure – four players only). The result of the match shall be according to the number of rubbers won.

COMBINED LEAGUE – Each match shall consist of nine rubbers as follows: two men’s rubbers, two ladies rubbers, and five mixed rubbers. Each team in the combined league shall consist of a maximum of 3 men, and 3 ladies and a minimum of 2 players who shall play games in accordance with the first part of this rule. The pairings of a team shall be arranged by the team captain before the start of the match and shall not be varied thereafter during the course of the match. The result of the match shall be according to the number of rubbers won.

MIXED LEAGUE – Each match shall consist of nine rubbers. A team shall consist of a maximum of three men and three ladies and a minimum of one man and one lady. Each couple shall play against each opposing couple and no team member shall play with more than one partner in any one match. The result of the match shall be according to the number of rubbers won.

LADIES FEATHERS – Each match shall consist of SIX rubbers. A team shall consist of four players. Each couple shall play against each of the opposing couples and then switch partners for the final two rubbers. The result of the match shall be according to the number of rubbers won.

In the event of a club failing to produce six different men for a match in the MENS league, six different ladies in the LADIES league, and the three different men and three different ladies in the COMBINED and MIXED leagues the defaulting club shall forfeit the rubbers.

Players shall be available to go on court within five minutes of the conclusion of the previous game except by mutual agreement of the two club captains.

9. League results

In all league matches the winning team shall be awarded TWO points for a win and ONE point to each team for a draw.

League tables shall be compiled and published by the Results Secretary of Badminton Sheffield showing the number of games played, won, drawn, lost and conceded together with the number of points awarded to each club and such further details as may be directed by the committee from time to time.

The Secretary’s of BOTH clubs shall be responsible for notifying the result of all matches to the Results secretary within 14 days of the matches having been played. Clubs failing to return score cards within 14 days of the match being played will be fined £1 for a first offence and then £5 on each subsequent occasion. (Any undated scorecards will be assumed to be late). All matches must be played by 30th April or later by agreement of the committee. Any score cards NOT received by 15th May will NOT be included in the final league tables.

10. Fines

Any outstanding fines not paid before the 31st May will result in the offending team being excluded from the league for the following season and until the outstanding fine has been paid.

11. League changes

In all leagues and in each division as appropriate, two clubs shall be promoted and two clubs relegated according to the match points gained. In the event of a tie, the promotion and relegation shall be decided as follows:- Rubbers and Aces for and against shall be counted. In the event of points being equal where conceded matches were involved then only the rubbers against will apply in calculating league positions.

N.B. In the Men's Feathers League there will be a play-off between the second from bottom in Division 1 and the second from top team in Division 2 to decide the final promotion/relegation place.

12. Match cancellations

Non availability of courts in the only acceptable reason for cancelling or conceding a match. Written evidence of this, signed by the letting authority MUST be sent to Badminton Sheffield secretary within 14 days of the arranged fixture. Failure to raise a team is no excuse for the cancellation of a match. All matches not played MUST be reported to the results Secretary within 7 days of the fixture date giving reasons. The offending club will be penalised by the loss of one league point. The points and rubbers for the conceded match will also be awarded to the non-offending team. Should there be any outstanding unplayed matches at the end of the official playing season, each team involved will be penalised by a £10 fine and neither club will be awarded any points. Persistent offending teams will be relegated to the bottom division. If the non-offending club incur financial loss (proof will be required) eg. Unnecessary hire of courts, they may, at the discretion of the committee receive some financial help.

Should any match be mutually re-arranged, the fine will be waived.

The committee shall have the power to award any unplayed match to a club should such a course be considered proper after all the available evidence has been considered.

10. Order of play

COMBINED LEAGUE

<u>GAME</u>	<u>HOME TEAM</u>	<u>AWAY TEAM</u>
1	1 st and 2 nd lady	1 st and 2 nd lady
2	1 st and 2 nd man	1 st and 2 nd man
3	1 st and 3 rd lady	1 st and 3 rd lady
4	1 st and 3 rd man	1 st and 3 rd man
5	2 nd lady and 2 nd man	2 nd lady and 2 nd man
6	3 rd lady and 3 rd man	3 rd lady and 3 rd man
7	1 st lady and 1 st man	1 st lady and 1 st man

8	3 rd lady and 3 rd man	2 nd lady and 2 nd man
9	2 nd lady and 2 nd man	3 rd lady and 3 rd man

MENS, MIXED AND LADIES PLASTIC LEAGUES

	<u>VISITORS</u>	<u>GAMES</u>		
<u>Home</u>	1 - 8 - 6	1. 1 v 1	4. 2 v 1	7. 3 v 1
	4 - 2 - 9	2. 2 v 2	5. 3 v 2	8. 1 v 2
	7 - 5 - 3	3. 3 v 3	6. 1 v 3	9. 2 v 3

LADIES FEATHER LEAGUES

	<u>GAMES</u>	
1.	1 ST and 2 nd player	vs 1 st and 2 nd player
2.	3 rd and 4 th player	vs 3 rd and 4 th player
3.	1 st and 2 nd player	vs 3 rd and 4 th player
4.	3 rd and 4 th player	vs 1 st and 2 nd player
5.	1 st and 3 rd player	vs 1 st and 3 rd player
6.	2 nd and 4 th player	vs 2 nd and 4 th player

14. Tournaments

It is compulsory that a person be nominated at the fixture meeting every year from each club in the league to be responsible for tournament entries for the club for the current season. Should no name be submitted then the club secretary shall be automatically nominated.