

Three of Clubs 2012—2013

ACDBL Rules



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ACDBL - General Rules

1.NAME

The League shall be called the ALDERSHOT AND CAMBERLEY DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE.

2.OBJECT

The object of the League shall be to foster and promote Badminton in the Aldershot and Camberley district areas.

3.MEMBERSHIP

Any club in the district that has, in the opinion of the Committee, reasonable playing conditions shall be eligible to apply for membership, providing that they affiliate to the appropriate County Association and Badminton England by the end of October each year.

4.SUBSCRIPTIONS

There shall be an annual affiliation fee plus team entry subscriptions payable by member clubs, the amount of which shall be fixed at the AGM.

5.LAWS

All play shall be in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as defined by Badminton England.

6.MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The affairs of the League shall be conducted by an annually elected Management Committee which shall consist of at least the following Honorary Officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Match Secretary, as well as up to 4 ex-officio members. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees as necessary.

The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the representatives of member clubs.

Should a vacancy occur on the Management Committee, then the Committee shall be empowered to co-opt as necessary, provided that there remains two thirds of elected members.

In the event that the Chairman position becomes vacant and no-one elects to stand for the position, then this post will be allocated to a member of a club affiliated to the senior league, working through the list of affiliated clubs in alphabetical order.

7.ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be open to any member of a member club, but voting will be restricted to one vote per club. The AGM shall be held either in the last week of June or the first week of July.

8.GENERAL MEETINGS

The League Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting at the request of the Committee, or upon the written request of five clubs stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called.

9.LEAGUE FIXTURES

The League season shall commence no earlier than the 1st September and all matches shall be completed no later than the 30th April of the following year.

Any extension to the league season for loss of venue or extreme unforeseen circumstances must be applied for and agreed by the League Match Secretary prior to the match taking place.

If deemed necessary, the Committee shall make arrangements for a League Fixture Meeting to be held at the end of July or the beginning of August which will be notified to all member clubs.

Fixtures may not be arranged earlier than the Annual General

Any proposed deletion of a nominated player from a team must be accompanied by a substitute nomination. Seven (7) clear days notice in writing must be given to the League Match Secretary.

Players who have not yet played for a nominated team may be re-nominated to another team provided the League Match Secretary is notified in writing before the match is played.

Players who have played for a nominated team may only play in a lower team if the League Match Secretary is notified that the player has been dropped for the remainder of the season, and may not then play for a higher team under any circumstances. After the 1st March, no nominated player may play in a lower team.

Anyone playing three or more League matches for a particular team will, for the remainder of the season, not be eligible to play matches in that League for a lower team.

Any infringement of this rule or Rule 11 will result in the loss of rubbers in which the offending player takes part unless, on appeal, the Committee shall decide otherwise.

16.NEW CLUB / TEAM ENTRIES

New teams entering the League will normally enter the lowest division. Alternatively, a new team may express a wish to join in a higher division. The new team shall apply in writing to the Committee, who in consideration of the prospective strengths of the new team and the existing divisions may at their discretion enter the team in any division.

bility of the winning team to inform the League Match Secretary of the result.

If the result of any match is not recorded on the League website or notified to the League Match Secretary within 14 days of the match date, then a deduction of one point shall be made from the team responsible.

In the case of a disputed score, the League Match Secretary may ask both teams for details of the result, including players names and scores. This result will be verified by both sides and must be submitted to the League Match Secretary within 7 days of the request being made. To facilitate this, it is recommended that clubs keep score sheets and to obtain the signature of both captains agreeing to the scores at the end of each match.

Any result not received by the League Match Secretary 14 days after the end of the official League season shall be awarded with full marks to the non-defaulting team and zero to the defaulting team.

15. REGISTRATION & NOMINATION OF PLAYERS

All clubs must ensure that the names and telephone numbers of all their players are entered on the League website at least 7 days before the start of their fixture obligations.

All players must be registered on the League website prior to taking part in a League match or tournament.

Any club competing in more than one division of the same League shall, before playing a second team fixture, nominate its first team players; and before playing a third team fixture, nominate its first and second team players. (This rule shall be extended to fourth and subsequent teams as necessary.)

Meeting whereupon information packs will be distributed to all Club Match Secretaries. They will be required to submit club fixture information in a specified format to the League Match Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the beginning of the official season.

In the event of two teams from one club playing in the same division, the fixtures between the teams shall be played before any fixtures with other clubs in the division.

The earliest start time for Senior League fixtures on Monday to Friday inclusive shall be 19.00 hours unless an earlier time is agreed between the clubs concerned.

10. SHUTTLECOCKS

Shuttlecocks shall be provided by the home team. Feather shuttles shall be used throughout the Divisions.

11. TEAMS

Ladies, Mens and Mixed sixes teams will consist of 3 pairs; each pair will play best of three games (a rubber) against each of the opposing pairs.

A rubber consists of the best of three games to 21 points. At 20 all, the side which first gains a 2 point lead, wins that game. At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point wins that game. The side winning a game serves first in the next game, against that pair. The pair that doesn't serve first in the first game can choose which side to start from. The players change ends for each subsequent game. If a third game is played, then the players should swap ends when one side has scored 11 points, or as soon thereafter that someone remembers. If all players agree, then the players do not need to swap ends.

Ladies and Mens fours teams will consist of four players (numbered 1 to 4); each player will take part in 4 rubbers of 2 games in which each game shall be to 21 points with no setting.

Mixed fours teams will consist of four players, 2 men and 2 ladies; each player will take part in 4 rubbers of 2 games in which each game shall be to 21 points with no setting.

A player may represent more than one club providing:

a)

They do not play for more than one club in the same section i.e. Ladies, Ladies 4s, Mens, Mens 4s, Mixed or Mixed 4s.

b)

They are bona fide members of each club for which they play and are so registered with the League.

During the course of a season a player may only transfer and represent another club in league matches with the prior written approval of the Committee.

Should one or more of the 4/6 players fail to turn up or be injured during the course of a match, the games in which these players failed to take part shall be awarded to the opposing club with a score of 21-0.

12.DIVISION

The League shall be run in as many divisions as it is deemed necessary by the Committee, and the size of each division shall be left to the discretion of the Committee, up to a maximum of 8 (eight) clubs per division. Each club shall play a home and away match against each other club in its own division.

13.AWARDING OF POINTS

For Mens, Ladies and Mixed Sixes, each team is awarded a point for each rubber they win

In Fours matches each pair will play 2 games to 21 with no setting. The match result will be decided on total game points (maximum 336). If the winning margin is 30 game points or greater then 3 match points will be awarded to the winners and 0 to the losers. If the winning margin is less than 30 game points then 2 match points will be awarded to the winners and 1 to the losers. In the event of a draw then each team will receive 1.5 match points

The final position of each team within a division shall be decided by the total number of match points gained. If 2 or more clubs have an equal number of match points, then their positions shall be decided by the total number of rubbers (Ladies, Mens, or Mixed) or gamepoints (Ladies, Mens and Mixed Fours) won during the season.

If, at the end of the season, clubs are equal on match points and rubbers and game-points and promotion or relegation is involved, then those clubs shall be required to arrange a playoff match in, if possible, a neutral hall, sharing expenses etc. In the event of the match result being a draw, then the team scoring the most games (Ladies, Mens or Mixed 6s) or game-points (Ladies, Mens or Mixed 4s) shall be declared the winners.

14.NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The winning team in a league match shall be responsible for recording the result on the League website. In the case of a draw, the home team shall be responsible for recording the result on the League website. Alternatively, results may be submitted by sending a match card, at the club's expense, to the League Match Secretary. Should a match be cancelled and conceded it is the responsi-