

# Cardiff & District Badminton League

## Rulebook 2019/2020

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### **Name**

The league shall be known as “the Cardiff & District Badminton League”, referred to hereafter in these rules as “the League”.

### **Definition**

Cardiff and district shall be understood to include the city of Cardiff and surrounding district within a reasonable travelling distance (reasonable travelling distance shall be defined at the committee’s discretion and will be approximately 20 miles).

### **Objectives**

The function of the league shall be:

- a. To organise and control an annual series of matches between badminton clubs in Cardiff and District on a competitive basis;
- b. to foster and encourage the game of badminton generally in the Cardiff and District.

## **Meetings**

1. Annual General Meeting
  - a) The AGM of the League shall be held within Cardiff and District, as defined in the Definition, aimed to be not later than the end of June each year.
  - b) All Badminton clubs affiliated to the League must be represented at the AGM. Members of all clubs may attend such meetings and take part in any discussions.
  - c) Only clubs participating in the League in the season preceding the AGM shall be allowed to vote and each club shall have one vote only.
  - d) The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of an equal ballot.
2. Extraordinary General Meeting
  - a) An EGM may be called at the discretion of the League Committee (see Rule 4)
  - b) On the requisition of not less than a third of the clubs in membership; such requisition to be sent in writing to the League Secretary and signed by duly authorised officials of the clubs concerned.
3. Fixtures Meeting
  - a) An annual meeting to arrange fixtures for each season shall be held not later than ten days before the beginning of the season.
  - b) All clubs shall send a representative to the fixtures meeting. If a club is not represented, membership for that season may be cancelled and any fees submitted with the entry forms may be forfeited at the discretion of the Committee.

## **Management Committee**

4. The management of the League shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Result Secretary and representative from each club, all of whom shall be elected at the AGM to serve for one year.
  - a) Any club entering five or more teams in the League must provide a representative for the Committee.
  - b) The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of an equal ballot.
  - c) The Committee shall have powers to co-opt members at its discretion.
  - d) Three members shall form a quorum.
  - e) Three members of the Committee from neutral clubs shall form a quorum for the purpose of settling inter-club disputes.
  - f) All complaints are to be forwarded to the Committee via the Secretary in writing only.

## **Alteration To Rules**

5. Alteration to the Rules may be made:
  - a) At a general meeting of clubs taking part in the League competition.

- b) By the Committee, but any such alterations and additions shall be subject to confirmation at the next AGM.
- c) Any alterations confirmed by a general meeting shall take effect immediately.
- d) Details of any proposed alterations and additions shall be sent to the League Secretary at least two weeks before the AGM and shall be included in the agenda of the AGM.
- e) Proposed alterations and additions will be sent to the club secretaries at least seven days before the date of a general meeting.

## **Interpretation Of Rules**

- 6. In the event of any dispute arising as to the interpretations of the Rules, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

## **Accounts**

- 7. The funds of the League shall be deposited with such a bank the Committee approve.
  - a) All operations shall be authorised by the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other named authority.
- 8. The annual accounts for the League up to the last day of May in each year shall be audited by the Committee who shall be appointed annually by members at the AGM, but such an auditor shall receive no fee for services.

## **The League Competition**

- 9. The League competition shall be open to all Badminton clubs situated in the Cardiff and District as defined in the Definition.
- 10. The League shall consist of Ladies, Men's and Mixed doubles Sections. Any alterations to these Sections shall be approved by the AGM of the League.
- 11. Entries into the League
  - a) Entries for the League competition shall be sent to the Secretary not later than the middle of August annually, set by the Committee.
    - i) Every entry shall be accompanied by the appropriate League entry fees for each team entered.
    - ii) The amount of entry shall be subject to the decision of the Committee which shall reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
  - b) Any change of club Secretary (or address) must be notified to the League Secretary.
    - i) The League cannot be responsible for entries which are not received by the set date in the middle August if the original forms have been sent to the wrong address owing to non-notification of change of address to the League Secretary.
  - c) No entry forms shall be accepted without the appropriate fees.

## 12. League Divisions

- a) Each Section shall be run on a competitive basis and shall be divided into Divisions. There shall be, as far as possible, six teams in each Division. The composition of the League shall be decided by the Committee.
- b) Teams in each Division shall play each other on a home and away basis.
- c) The season, which shall be deemed to terminate at the end of April in each year for the purpose of completing the League fixtures, shall be divided into two periods, the first of which shall end in the middle January each year. No two clubs may play each other more than once in the League competition in any one period without the sanction of the Committee.
- d) A club with two sides in the same Division should endeavour to complete the fixtures between the sides within the first period of the season.

## 13. Teams in the same Division

- a) A club may enter two teams in the same Division.
- b) In the event of a club having two teams in the same Section the club will be required to nominate their best six players for the premier team in that Section (four for Ladies). These players will not be allowed to play for a lower team in that Section. In the event of a club having three / four teams in the same Section, they will be required to nominate their best six players on merit for their "a" and "b" / "a", "b" and "c" teams in that Section. The names of nominated players must be given to the results Secretary at least 48 hours before the first match is due to be played by any of a clubs teams in that Section.
- c) In the event of a club having entered more than one team in a Section, no player shall be permitted to play for a club's lower team if that player has represented the club's higher team more than three times previously in that season.
- d) If a player nominated for a team does not play in any of the first three matches for that team, then immediately after the third match is played, the club must replace the nomination with the name of a player who has played in one of those matches.

## Fixtures

### 14. Fixtures

- a) Venue and starting time
  - i) The venue and starting time of all matches to be played during the following season shall be arranged at the fixture meeting (see Rule 3).
  - ii) The home team shall be responsible for all costs of League fixtures including any admission for playing members of their visiting team.

- iii) League and cup matches shall be arranged to commence between the hours of 7pm - 8:30pm Monday to Friday, 5pm - 8:30pm Sunday other than for rearranged fixtures under Rule 3 which may commence outside these times with the agreement of both clubs.
- b) Fixtures will be determined by a randomised computer program and fixture lists will be issued to all club representatives prior to the fixture meeting.
  - i) Clubs have the opportunity to re-arrange fixtures from receipt of the initial list up to and including the fixture meeting. Any such re-arrangements must be made with mutual consent.
  - ii) Clubs to provide copies of amended list to the results Secretary within two days after the fixture meeting. Any club not supplying a revised listing shall be deemed to have accepted the original list.
  - iii) Fixtures may only be postponed after the start of the season because of unavailability of the home venue or if the clubs mutually agree.
- c) With mutual consent any fixtures may be brought forward or put back. In all instances details of the re-arrangement must be given to the results Secretary.
  - i) At least 48 hours' notice must be given by the club wishing to re-arrange the fixture to the opposing team, except in exceptional circumstances when it may be necessary to re-arrange a fixture at shorter notice. The home club must notify the Results Secretary of a decision to re-arrange within 7 days of the original date. Failure to comply with this Rule may result in the forfeiture of the match.
  - ii) In the event of a match being re-arranged then the home team must inform the visiting team of the date, time and venue of the re-arranged fixture in writing, with a copy to the League Results Secretary.
- d) Any club which has two or more players representing their country, county or competing in any Welsh Senior / Junior Series Tournaments sanctioned by Badminton Wales during a period when a League fixture is scheduled to be played may re-arrange that particular fixture.

## **Course of Matches**

15. Each match (Mixed and Mens) shall consist of nine events, Ladies Matches to have six events. Teams shall consist of three doubles pairs, all to play all (except Ladies Matches whereby the designated order shall prevail).
16. In all matches the captains of the teams shall, prior to the commencement of play, exchange a list of pairs. These shall be entered on the score sheet in order of merit 1, 2, 3. The order of play shall be printed on the score sheet unless waived by mutual agreement.

17. All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of Badminton adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
18. Starting time of matches
- a) All players participating in a match should be available to play at the starting time stated in the handbook.
  - b) Fifteen minute grace shall be allowed after the time fixed for commencement of any match. The match should then commence with the normal order of play and be continuous other than as mutually agreed.
  - c) If as a result of players/teams arriving late the match commences after the fifteen minutes grace, then should any rubbers/games remain unplayed in the time permitted, these will be awarded to the non-defaulting team. Even if the match is completed within the designated time,
  - d) If any player arrives more than 45 minutes after the match is due to have started (except by prior agreement by captains), that players' rubbers shall be conceded to the opposing team.
  - e) No more than 5 minutes shall be given for knocking-up before the commencement of any game.
19. The club which shall win the majority of rubbers shall be deemed the winners.
- a) Each rubber shall consist of best of three games.
  - b) Should there not be sufficient time for all 9 rubbers to be completed (6 in Ladies), the remaining rubbers shall be conceded to the visiting team (see also Rule 18)
  - c) If both teams only have two pairs (Men's and Mixed) or one pair (Ladies) the match cannot take place and must be re-arranged at the discretion of the Committee.
  - d) All clubs are expected to fulfil all fixtures, but in the event of conceded matches, the Committee's decision on the results shall be final.
20. Results
- a) The winning team shall ensure that a completed results sheet is entered on the league website or received by the Results Secretary within 10 days of the match being played. Failure to do so may result in a fine at the discretion of the Committee.
  - b) Results sheets shall be completed in all aspects including full names of players. Failure to comply may result in the matter being brought before the Committee for further action as deemed necessary.
  - c) The losing team must also keep a signed copy of the score sheet in case of disputes or lost sheets.

## **Shuttles**

21. Feather shuttles will be provided by the home team, nylon shuttles are not permitted.
22. The shuttles used must be on the BWF Approved Shuttles List.

## **Club Representation**

23. Representing a club
  - a) To represent a club the player must be a full member of that club and must be registered with the CDBL.
  - b) No player shall play for more than one club in League competition any one season without the sanction of the Committee with the exception below:
    - i) If circumstances arise whereby a club, for whatever reason, does not enter any team in a section, players from that club may approach, join and play for another club within the League in that specific section only.
  - c) Any club fielding an ineligible player and/or if deliberate cheating is discovered they will forfeit the match.
24. In the event of a club being short of players for a particular match, they shall give a walk-over to their opponents in the event or events in which the absent players should have participated.
25. Any dispute arising between clubs shall be indicated on the score sheet and a report must be made by both clubs to the Secretary of the League within seven days of the match.

## **Promotion and relegation**

26. The leading club in each Division shall be promoted to the next higher numerical Division.
  - a) The leading club is that having won all of their matches or failing this then the most league points in their Division. In exceptional circumstances there will be no relegated team.
    - i) Each team will receive one league point per won rubber.
    - ii) The winning team receives an extra four bonus league points.
  - b) Relegation shall be decided in the same way as promotion i.e.: the team having lost all of their matches or failing this then the least number of league points in their Division.
  - c) Should any teams winning the Division be precluded from promotion because two other teams of the same club are already in the higher Division (Rule 13), promotion shall be awarded to the next highest team in the lower Division eligible for promotion.
  - d) Should any team finishing bottom of any Division belong to a club with another two teams in the immediately lower numerical Division then relegation will follow one of two possible courses:
    - i) If the team to be relegated can be relegated to a lower numerical Division but of a different alphabetical description i.e.: 4A or 4B this will then avoid a club having three teams in the same Division.
    - ii) If (i) above is not possible then the relegated team will be placed in the next lower Division and the lower of the two teams in the next lower Divisions from the same club will be relegated automatically regardless of their finishing position.
27. Any team conceding two matches will be subject to automatic relegation at the end of the season.

28. All new teams entering the League for the first time shall be admitted to the lowest Division.
- a) In the case of a club re-entering, the Committee shall have the right to admit them to a higher Division if such a team is considered to be of a sufficient strength to play in one of the higher Divisions in any Section, provided always that such an action does not interfere with the right of a club to be promoted under Rule 26.

## **Tournaments and Cups**

29. An annual invitation Badminton Tournament and inter-league Tournament may be organised at the discretion of the Committee, but the Committee shall have the right to cancel such annual Tournament if circumstances make this course necessary.
30. An annual Tournament of moderate players may be organised by the Committee but the Committee shall have the right to cancel such competitions should this course be necessary.
31. Two annual knock-out competitions for teams of mixed doubles shall be organised by the Committee, but the Committee shall have the right to cancel such competitions should this course be necessary.
32. Cup Leagues
- a) The CDBL will organise two annual cup leagues. The Kerlake Cup and the Grant Williams Cup
- i) The Kerlake Cup will be for the top half of the Mixed league table. The Grant Williams Cup will be for the bottom half.
- ii) Where possible the split will be made in divisions. When this is not possible, the committee will set the top and bottom half as per the results table from previous league season.
- b) All clubs eligible to enter the League may enter one or more teams in each Tournament.
- c) When a club enters more than one team in each cup, registered players from that club may not play in more than one knock-out team.
- d) Anyone nominated to play or has played in more than two matches for a mixed team in Division 1 is precluded from playing in the Grant Williams Cup in that season.
- e) When a club enters more than one team, those teams shall be termed A, B C etc., in order of diminishing ability.
- f) If a club enters more teams than they have entries in the mixed Section of the League, then any additional teams shall be handicapped at the same level as their lowest team in the mixed Section of the League.
- g) If, in the opinion of the Committee, any club fails to arrange teams in order of merit for the purpose of gaining unfair advantage, the Committee shall have the right to disqualify all clubs entries or as many as seem fit.
- h) Teams will be handicapped according to ability and this handicap will be re-assessed after their first match.



- i) The Committee shall notify all clubs participating each cup of additional Rules relating to that Tournament prior to the commencement of the first round.

### 33. Cup Players and Matches

- a) No player may play in both competitions in one season except for (i) below.
  - i) A player who has represented a team in the Grant Williams Cup is eligible to play for a higher team in the Kerslake Cup in the next round of matches provided the team they played for in the Grant Williams Cup has been knocked-out.
- b) A club with a mixed team or teams that is eligible for the Grant Williams Cup, may enter both competitions but they must field their strongest team in the Kerslake Cup.
- c) All cup matches will take priority over League matches to enable cup matches to be completed by the required date.
- d) It is the responsibility of the home team to arrange Cup fixtures within the stipulated dates.
- e) To be eligible to play in the Cup competition a player must have represented their club in the league at least twice during the season.
- f) In the event of a club fielding an ineligible player in a cup completion as described by Rule 32 all that club's teams in that cup competition will be disqualified.

### 34. Cup Handicaps

- a) Cup handicaps will be determined by the Committee the week before cup matches are due to be played.
  - i) It is the responsibility of the clubs to advise of the team being fielded so that a fair handicap can be set.
  - ii) If no information is provided then the assumption will be that the best players will be selected and the fixture will be handicapped accordingly.
  - iii) Changes can be made by a quorum if the selection changes and the committee is notified no later than 48 hours before the fixture date.

35. The Committee shall obtain the sanction to hold such Tournaments.

36. The Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry for any Tournament without assigning a reason.

37. The Committee shall decide;

- a) the date and place of Tournament;
- b) the conditions of Tournaments;
- c) the extent of prizes offered.

## **Annual Presentation**

38. An Annual Presentation shall be organised by the Committee,

- a) The Committee shall have the right to cancel such event if the circumstances make this course necessary.

- b) It is the responsibility of the Secretary of any club winning a trophy to return the trophy to an officer of the League before the presentation.
    - i) The cost of replacing lost or damaged trophies shall be borne by the club responsible.
39. The Stuart Dixon Trophy will be awarded during the Presentation night
- a) The award is presented to the player with the highest percentage of nominations.
  - b) Players receive nominations via the relevant box on match result forms.
    - i) Each team chooses an opponent who stood out to them on fair play.
  - c) The player who has had the highest percentage of nominations during the season will win this award.
    - i) Only players who played three matches or more are eligible for the award
    - ii) In the case of a draw in percentage, the player with most matches played will receive the award

### **Sport and General knowledge quiz**

40. An annual sports and General Knowledge Quiz to be organised by the Committee
- a) The Committee shall have the right to cancel such event if circumstances make this course necessary.
  - b) Each club affiliated to the League may enter as many teams as they wish.
  - c) The quiz will be arranged by the losing team or club, unless otherwise decided by the committee

### **Points not covered by the rules**

41. Any point not covered by the Rules shall be decided by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

### **Distribution of Rules**

42. A copy of these Rules will be supplied to all clubs taking part in the League competition