

RULES

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1. NAME

The name of the League shall be 'The Westmorland Badminton League' hereinafter referred to as 'The League'.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of The League shall be the arrangement of InterLeague matches, Tournaments, the organisation of inter-club competitions and the promotion of Badminton generally.

3. LAWS

The Laws of Badminton as approved by the International Badminton federation shall be deemed to be incorporated in these Rules.

4. MEMBERSHIP

a) All clubs of which the object, or one of the objects, is Badminton shall be eligible for membership subject to the approval of The League and shall be affiliated to the Cumbria County Badminton Association.

b) PATRONS

Individual members or married couples called Patrons of The League shall be entitled to free admission to InterLeague matches, Tournaments or other matches authorised by The League.

c) VICE-PRESIDENTS

Any person who has rendered noteworthy and Continuous service to The League may be elected a vice-president. Nominations should be made in writing to the League Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and be considered by the Principle Officers prior to formal submission to such meeting.

5. RESIGNATIONS

Any Club wishing to resign from The League shall give notice of such intention to the League Secretary.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Official Year shall commence on Sept 1st. The Annual Subscriptions shall be paid within 2 months of notification. A member of a club which has not paid its subscription to The League shall be precluded from playing in any Tournament specified by The League. Any Patron whose subscription is in arrears on 31st July shall cease to be a member.

7. ADMINISTRATION

The affairs of The League shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, Chairman, Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be the Principal Officers, other 'Elected Officers', and one representative from each Club playing in The League. Elected Officers shall be :- The Inter-League Team manager, Coaching Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Social Secretary, Website Officer, Development Officer and the Shuttle Controller.

a) PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all official functions of The League and at the Annual General Meeting.

b) VICE-PRESIDENT

A Vice-President may act as deputy to the President at any time.

c) CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall conduct all Committee Meetings.

d) LEAGUE SECRETARY

The League Secretary shall call all meetings as and when required under The Rules of The League, to keep minutes of such meetings, to send out notices as directed by The Committee, to attend to League Correspondence as directed and as necessary and any other similar duties the Committee shall deem.

e) **FIXTURE SECRETARY**

The Fixture Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation, supervision and control of the match programme and the APMT competition.

f) **TREASURER**

The Treasurer, to collect all monies due to The League which have been approved, to preserve all accounts relative to The League. The audited accounts should be available after the year end i.e.. 31st July. Cheques shall be signed by The Treasurer and one other designated person.

g) **INTER-LEAGUE TEAM MANAGER**

The Inter-League Team Manager to fix the date and venues for Inter-League or other matches authorised by The League; To make arrangements for hospitality for visiting teams, to collect and dispose of any levies as authorised, to make arrangements for travel to way matches, to keep records of all matches played by representative teams; to keep records of all financial receipts and disbursements and to submit a Balance Sheet to the Treasurer accordingly.

h) **SOCIAL SECRETARY**

The Social Secretary to call meetings to the Social Committee as required and to make arrangements for the implementation of League directives. To put into effect the decisions of the Committee and to generally supervise and control social activities and money raising ventures. To keep records of all financial receipts and disbursements and to submit a balance sheet to the Treasurer accordingly.

i) **COACHING SECRETARY**

The Coaching Secretary to put into effect the recommendations of The League and Coaching Committee, to attend any meetings relevant to coaching held by any higher body, as required by The League. To keep records of all financial receipts and disbursements and to submit a balance sheet to The Treasurer accordingly.

j) **TOURNAMENT SECRETARY**

The Tournament Secretary is to run the AMPT and all other tournaments in the year.

k) **WEBSITE OFFICER**

The Website Officer shall be responsible for the general maintenance of the league website.

l) **SHUTTLE CONTROLLER**

The Shuttle Controller to order all shuttles as required by The League, to distribute such shuttles as needed to recover unused shuttles and to keep proper records accordingly.

m) **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The development officer is to liaise with the County Development Officer and advise accordingly.

n) **AUDITOR**

An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

8. **FUNCTIONS OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

The committee shall be responsible for the administration of The League and has the power to:-

- a) Delegate powers to Sub Committees for any purpose considered necessary.
- b) Make, revoke or alter any regulation or Bye-law which they from time to time deem to be necessary.
- c) Give a decision on any matters not expressly provided for in these rules.

The following Sub Committees shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and deemed to be "Standing Committees" of The League. Each Committee shall give a report on its activities at the Annual General Meeting.

i) The Finance Committee.

ii) The Social Committee.

iii) The Coaching Committee.

iv) The A P M T Committee.

v) The Tournament Committee.

vi) The Selection Committee.

vii) The Disciplinary Committee.

The Sub Committees shall have the following delegated powers or any further powers The League may authorise.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee to exercise, oversight and control over the financial affairs of The League and to make recommendations if necessary as to the rates of subscription, levies and charges to be made or expenses to be incurred.

10. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee to make arrangements as considered desirable for social and money raising events on behalf of The League.

11. COACHING COMMITTEE

The Coaching Committee to arrange coaching at all levels, of both individuals and clubs if so requested, to arrange for demonstrations if considered desirable, to liaise with the Selection Committee for match practice and squad training.

12. A P M T COMMITTEE

The A P M T Committee to make initial draw and handicapping of teams. The Fixture Secretary to be responsible thereafter.

13. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee to make arrangements for any Tournament authorised by The League, including handicapping for the dates and venues of such tournaments, the safe keeping of Tournament trophies, their inscribing and presentation. The Committee shall appoint a treasurer to collect all monies due and present a balance sheet at the close of each tournament to the League Treasurer.

14. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee to select teams to represent The League in Inter-League matches or other matches approved by The League. To liaise with the Coaching Committee on coaching, match practice, trials and squad training.

15. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee to act in any emergency on matters or questions arising on the interpretation of The League rules.

16. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings shall be called by the Chairman or League Secretary at their discretion or by the Secretary upon request in writing by three members of the Committee. Ten members shall constitute a quorum and the Chairman shall have a vote and a casting vote. There shall be at least one league meeting

each season.

17. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between May and July each year. Each Principal Officer, Elected Officer, Vice President and every club shall receive at least 3 weeks notice of such a meeting.

An extraordinary general meeting may be convened by the Secretary or by the committee, and shall be convened upon a written requisition by five members of the committee; such a requisition to state the object for which a meeting is to be called. The meeting shall be held within 28 days of such requisition being served and each Principal Officer, Elected Officer, President, Vice President and every club shall receive at least seven days notice of such a meeting.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

Any Notice of Motion for presentation at any Annual General Meeting must be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days before such a meeting is due. The notice calling such a meeting shall include details of all such motions.

19. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Any member of an affiliated club may attend, and with the permission of the Chairman address such a meeting, but voting shall be restricted to the Principal Officers, Elected Officers and one representative from each club. At all General Meetings, 12 members shall constitute a quorum and the chairman shall have a vote and a casting vote.

20. VOTES BY PROXY

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any meeting.

21. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Rules can only be altered at a General Meeting and must be the subject of a motion.

22. AMENDMENTS

Representatives entitled to vote and attending General Meetings shall have the power to vote on any amendments to any published motion as if due notice had been given.

23. TRAVELING EXPENSES

The League at its discretion shall have the authority to authorise the payment of traveling expenses to;

- a) Players representing the League in approved matches.
- b) One Official per match and
- c) Any other person authorised League business.

LEAGUE RULES

1. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- a) Each club must register with the Fixture Secretary the names and addresses of all its members. Any members they propose to play in League matches must be registered by 6 o'clock on the day of play;
- b) No player may be registered for two Clubs.
- c) All players who are registered by a Westmorland League Club shall be eligible to play for that Club in the League.
- d) Provided that a player is a bona-fide amateur, he or she shall be qualified to play for the Club for whom he or she is Registered.
- e) All Clubs shall ensure that any player they register is eligible to play for them.

2. STARRING OF PLAYERS

- a) All clubs must star all players in all teams but their lowest ranked team.
- b) No more than six players from any team shall be starred at any one time.
- c) No player will be allowed to play in a lower ranking team.
- d) Alteration to 'Starring' will be accepted up to 6pm on the day of play.
- e) If a Club has a registered but unstarred player who is stronger than any starred player, that Club must notify the Fixture Secretary and the Disciplinary Committee will inform the Club of the lowest Division in which that player can be played.

3. RESERVES

- a) Any starred player absent through injury, illness or any other cause may be substituted by reserve/s in a maximum of three consecutive matches. Re-starring before the 4th match must then take place in accordance with Rule 2(d). Failure to re-star/register will incur a fixed penalty of 6 points plus the points gained by the offending player.
- b) Clubs with more than one team must draw reserves from the next lower ranking team.
- c) Where two teams from one club are in the same division, reserves may be drawn from the lower ranking teams to the higher ranking team.
- d) Rule 3(b) must take precedence over Rule 2(e).

4. SUBSTITUTES

Once a match has commenced (commencement being the completing of the match sheet), a substitute is permitted for the sole purpose of completing the match. Should the substitute be concerned in a winning set, the score shall be reversed in favour of the opponents.

5. ABSENT PLAYERS

Any team may turn up to a match with a maximum of 2 players missing – 1 man and 1 lady without penalty. If a team turns up with more than 2 players missing or 2 men/2 ladies missing then the disciplinary committee will decide on a penalty.

6. TEAMS AND MATCHES

- a) A team shall consist of three ladies and three men, one of which shall be appointed as Captain. Any other team formation will render the match invalid, subject to Rule 9(b). Each Captain shall arrange his team as set out under sub-section 6(d) and their names and ranking shall be handed to the opposing Captain before the start of play.
- b) No alteration in the composition of the team or its pairings shall be made thereafter without the permission of the opposing Captain.
- c) A match shall consist of 6 Mixed Doubles Events, 3 Ladies Doubles Events and 3 mens Doubles Events.
- d) Each Captain shall arrange his team into 3 Mixed Pairs, each composed entirely of different players. HE shall then pair the 1st lady with the second lady for the 1st doubles pair, the 1st lady with the 3rd lady for the 2nd ladies pair and the 2nd lady with the 3rd lady for the 3rd ladies pair, The men shall be paired in like manner for the three Mens Doubles events.
- e) The options open to the opposing players at the commencement of each event shall be decided by spin.
- f) A match shall consist of 12 Events, each Event consisting of two sets to 21 points. 'Setting' is permitted to 29 points all, then next point wins.
- g) Players clothing in league matches and tournaments must be purpose made for court sports, but in the event of cold weather conditions, track suits may be worn with the consent of the Captains of both teams.
- h) When a club has two teams in the same Division, both fixtures must be played before December 31st.
- i) The commencing time of matches shall be indicated on the score sheet and any complaint arising from late starts shall be identified in writing to the Fixture Secretary.

7. CHANGES

No change shall be made in the established system for the playing of League matches unless at any meeting considering such question: of those present and entitled to vote, two thirds shall be in favour of a change being affected.

8. TIMES AND ORDER OF PLAY

- a) All matches shall commence at the time stated on the club information sheet, unless otherwise agreed

prior to the match in writing.

b) The order of play in a match, unless mutually agreed shall be; Firstly, the Mixed Events in the following order (Home team first) 1st v 1st mixed, 2nd v 2nd mixed, 3rd v 3rd mixed. Secondly 1st mixed v 3rd mixed, 2nd mixed vs 1st mixed and 3rd mixed vs 2nd mixed. Finally 1st mens doubles, 1st ladies doubles, 2nd mens doubles, 2nd ladies doubles, 3rd mens doubles, 3rd ladies doubles.

9. POSTPONED MATCHES

- a) All matches shall be played as arranged UNLESS a hall is not available or is unfit, or when by mutual consent weather conditions make traveling impractical.
- b) Should a match be postponed for any other reason the Club responsible may be subject to a penalty of up to 24 points deducted from their aggregate. In this event, if the non-offending team has incurred any costs (hall/travel) the offending team will pay the other £30.
- c) When a match has been postponed for any reason, the Match Secretary of the Club responsible for the postponement must Telephone the Fixture Secretary within 24 hours advising the postponement and cause and take steps within seven days to rearrange the match and both Clubs to notify the Fixture Secretary in writing of the date fixed.
- d) If a postponed match is postponed again for reasons other than loss of hall or weather, the offending team is fined 24 points.

10. ABANDONED MATCHES

In the event of a match being abandoned, it shall be replayed from the start without restriction (subject to Rule 2) on the composition of the teams involved. In the event that a team is unable to fulfil their fixture by the end of the season then the league committee will apply a pools panel result based on the full strength of the 2 teams. A penalty will then be applied to the offending team (up to 24 points)

11. MATCH RESULTS

The results of matches shall be entered on the league website by a member of the home team and then verified by a member of the opposition team. If any results have not been verified by the Sunday of a given week, then the fixture secretary will automatically verify said results. If there are any results not on the website by the Sunday, the league secretary will contact the home team representatives to ask them to put the result on the website with immediate effect.

12. OBJECTIONS

Any club wishing to protest against the result of any match, or against the infringement of any Rule shall do so in writing within seven days of the match taking place. The decision of the League Committee on any question of dispute or interpretation of the Rules shall be final and binding.

13. LEAGUE TABLES

League tables shall be decided on;

- a) Sets won
- b) Matches won
- c) Matches won between two clubs if tied
- d) games won between two clubs if tied
- e) Points won between two clubs if tied

14. CONSTITUTION OF DIVISIONS

As far as is practical each division shall comprise of seven teams.

15. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The principle of promotion and relegation in the divisions shall be:

- i) One team shall be promoted to, and one team relegated from, division 1. In all other cases, two teams will be promoted and two relegated.
- ii) Any team winning a division must be promoted.

iii) In the case of realignment of divisions, any newly promoted team must stay up.

16. COMPOSITION OF DIVISIONS

The composition of divisions shall be decided by the League Committee at the Annual Fixture Meeting.

17. Rule removed.

18. SHUTTLES

It is compulsory that all League Matches shall be played with 'feather shuttles approved by the League.

19. Rule removed.

20. NEW TEAMS

Any new team to be admitted to the league at the discretion of those members present at the Fixture Meeting.

ALBERT PEARSON MEMORIAL TROPHY RULES

1. RULES

In general, The league rules apply to the APMT competition any queries should be addressed to the League Fixture Secretary.

2. STUDENTS

Rule removed.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE MATCHES

League matches cannot be postponed in favour of any APMT match.

4. ENTRY OF TEAMS

All teams at the APMT will consist of 2 men and 2 ladies. The format will be full or half games of the following order:

1st ladies, 1st mens, 1st mixed vs 1st mixed, 2nd mixed v 2nd mixed, 1st mixed v 2nd mixed, 2nd mixed v 1st mixed.

Each consisting of one end to 21 no setting

Any club entering a team or teams in the Albert Pearson Memorial Trophy must be represented at the handicap meeting or the team(s) will be excluded.