

## Westmorland Badminton League

### RULES

#### 1. NAME

The name of the League shall be Westmorland Badminton League, hereinafter referred to as "The League"

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives 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 the by International Badminton Federation or Badminton Association of England, shall be deemed to be incorporated in these rules.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP

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.

#### 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 September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Annual subscriptions shall be paid within two months of notification.

#### 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 elections officers may be Tournament Secretary, Website Officer, Junior Officer and the Shuttle Controller.

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

**Chairman :** The Chairman shall conduct all Committee Meetings.

**League Secretary :** The League Secretary shall call all meetings as and when required under the Rules of the League, keep minutes of such meetings and to send out notices as directed by the committee. Attend to league correspondence as directed and as necessary any other similar duties the committee shall deem.

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

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to The League which have been approved and to preserve all Accounts relevant to The League. The audited accounts should be available after the year end ie 31<sup>st</sup> July. Transactions shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other designated person.

**Tournament Secretary :** The Tournament Secretary shall run the APMT and all other tournaments throughout the year.

**Website Officer** : The Website Officer shall be responsible for the general maintenance and updating of the league website.

**Shuttle Controller** : The Shuttle Controller shall order all shuttles as required by the League, distribute such shuttles and to keep records accordingly.

**Auditor** : An Auditor shall be appointment and accounts signed off and presented at the AGM.

**Junior Officer** : The Junior Officer shall organise events for the junior members throughout the year.

#### 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the League and has the power to

- Delegate powers to sub committees for any purpose considered necessary
- Make, revoke or alter any regulation which they deem necessary and notify affiliated clubs.
- Give a decision on any matters not expressly provided by these rules

The following Sub Committees are formed of the full committee and deemed to be “standing committees” of the League. The Sub Committee shall have the following delegated powers or any further powers the League may authorise.

#### 9. Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee are to make arrangements for Tournaments authorised by The League, including handicapping, organising venues and dates, safe keeping of trophies, inscribing and presentation, collect all monies due and present balance sheet.

#### 10. Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee shall act in any urgent matters or questions arising on the interpretation and delivery of The League Rules

#### 11. Committee Meetings

Committee meetings shall be called by the Chairman or League Secretary at their discretion or by the Secretary upon request by three members of the committee. Five members shall constitute a quorum and the Chairman shall have a vote and a casting vote.

#### 12. General Meetings

AGM shall be held between May and July each year. Officers and members to receive at least three weeks notice.

An Extraordinary general meeting may be convened by the Secretary or Committee and shall be convened upon written request. Such a requisition to the state the object for which a meeting is to be called. The meeting shall be held within 28 days with the committee in attendance and all clubs notified at the earliest convenience and no later than 7 days of such a meeting.

#### 13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Any notice of motion for presentation at AGM must be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 7 days before meeting is due. The notice calling such a meeting shall include details of such motions.

#### 14. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Any member of an affiliated club may attend and with the permission of the Chairman address such a meeting. Voting shall be restricted to principle officers, elected officers and one representative from each club. The chairman shall have a casting vote with at least 6 members to constitute a quorum.

#### 15. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

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

#### 16. 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 has been given.

#### 17. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

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

- Players representing the League in approved matches
- One official per match
- Persons authorised on 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
- b. Any members they propose to play in League matches may be registered by 6 o'clock on the day of play
- c. No player may be registered for two clubs
- d. All players who are registered by a Westmorland League Club shall be eligible to play for that Club in the League
- e. Provided that a player is a bona-fide amateur, he or she shall be qualified to play for the Club for whom they are registered
- f. All Clubs shall ensure that any player they register is eligible to play for them
- g. All clubs shall ensure that their player list on the website is up to date along with the records of the Fixture Secretary

#### 2. STARRING PLAYERS

- a. All clubs must star players on the website 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, 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 of other cause may be substituted by reserve/s in a maximum of three consecutive matches. Re starring before the 4<sup>th</sup> match must then taken place in accordance with rule 2d. 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 3b must take precedence over rule 2e.

### 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 in a winning set, the score shall be reversed in favour of the opponents. Once the match sheet is filled in, the order of play is decided and players cannot be moved about.

### 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
- b. Pool Players : For the purposes of fulfilling fixtures and not forming part of a “usual team” a team may play with 4 men and 2 ladies, or 4 ladies and 2 men. However, the pooled team made up of 4 men and 2 ladies will forfeit 5 winning games to the opposition.
- c. Each Captain shall arrange the team as set out under sub section 6e and their names and ranking shall be handed to the opposing Captain before the start of play
- d. No alteration in the composition of the team or its pairings shall be permitted thereafter without the agreement of the opposing Captain
- e. A match shall consist of 6 mixed doubles events, 3 ladies doubles and 3 mens doubles
- f. Each Captain shall arrange his team into 3 mixed pairs each composed entirely of different players. The Captain shall then pair the 1<sup>st</sup> lady with the second lady for the 1<sup>st</sup> doubles pair, the 1<sup>st</sup> lady with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lady for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies pair and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lady with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lady for the third ladies. The men shall be paired in the like manner for the three mens doubles events. In the event of a pooled team players must be identified as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and paired before start of play. Players can put themselves forward as pool players in either Div 1 or Div 2/3

and inform the Committee. With consent their contact details can be added to the website. Other teams can then use nominated pooled players if no other option is available to them to fulfil the fixture without penalty.

- g. The options open to the opposing players at the commencement of event shall be decided by spin.
- h. A match shall consist of 12 events, each event consisting of two sets to 21. Setting is permitted to 29 points all, the next point wins.
- i. Player clothing in league matches and tournaments must be purpose made for court sports.
- j. When a club has two teams in the same division, both fixtures must be played before December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- k. 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 a 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. All match sheets should be filled in from 1<sup>st</sup> pair down to 3<sup>rd</sup> pair, if a full pair is missing it will be the third pair.
- c. The order of play in a match, unless mutually agreed, shall be; firstly the mixed events in the following order (home team first) 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup> mixed, 2<sup>nd</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed, 3<sup>rd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed. Secondly 1<sup>st</sup> mixed v 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed, 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed v 1<sup>st</sup> mixed and 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed v 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed. Finally, 1<sup>st</sup> mens doubles, 1<sup>st</sup> ladies doubles, 2<sup>nd</sup> mens doubles, 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies doubles 3<sup>rd</sup> mens doubles 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 travelling 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. Whe a match has been postponed for any reason, the March Secretary of the Club responsible for the postponement must telephone the Fixture Secretary within 24 hours advising of the postponement and cause and take steps within 7 days to re arrange the match. Both clubs to notify the Fixture Secretary in writing of the re arranged date fixed.

#### 10. ABANDONDED 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 two teams. A penalty will 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 opposing 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 representative 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 :

- a. One team shall be promoted to and one team relegated from Division 1. In all other cases two teams will be promoted and two teams relegated
- b. Any team winning a division must be promoted
- c. 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. SHUTTLES

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

#### 18. NEW TEAMS

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

#### 19. Players from the Lancaster and Penrith Leagues will be allowed entry in the League Handicapped Tournaments.

## **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. ENTRY OF TEAMS**

All teams will consist of 2 men and 2 ladies. The forma will be full or half games of the following order;

1<sup>st</sup> ladies, 1<sup>st</sup> men, 1<sup>st</sup> mixed v 1<sup>st</sup> mixed, 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed v 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed, 1<sup>st</sup> mixed v 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed, 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed v 1<sup>st</sup> mixed. Each game consisting of one end to 21 no setting.