

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION (as of May, 2019)

1. NAME

The Association shall be called "The Liverpool and District Badminton League" (hereinafter referred to as "the League") and shall be affiliated to the Lancashire County Badminton Association.

2. THE OBJECT

The object of the League shall be the organisation of competition amongst clubs of the district with a view to promoting fellowship and interest in the game.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The League shall be open to clubs of one or more teams affiliated to the Lancashire County Badminton Association situated within a radius of fifteen miles of Liverpool Town Hall.

Applications for Full Membership of the League shall be sent in writing to the League Secretary on or before 1st. July in each year (every club to apply each year) and their acceptance shall be subject to the decision of the League Committee. If an application form is not received by 1st. July, Membership of the League will automatically cease. Clubs desirous of withdrawing a team or teams from the League must notify the League Secretary on or before 1st. July in each year.

Honorary Membership of the League may also be granted to Clubs affiliated to the Lancashire County Badminton Association and which are situated within a fifteen mile radius of Liverpool Town Hall. Such clubs may only take part in tournaments and knockout competitions organised by the League and shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.

Recognised Youth Clubs may be granted Associate Membership of the League at the discretion of the Committee. Such clubs may take part in any Junior Events organised by the League, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.

4. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual Subscription for clubs in Full, Honorary or Associate membership shall be decided at the previous A.G.M. Full Honorary or Associate member clubs from whom subscriptions have not been received by November 1st. in any season will no longer be considered members of the League for that season and must therefore re-apply for membership, in writing, the following season.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meetings of the League shall be held in the month of May in each year to receive the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts for the previous year, to elect the officers and committee for the forthcoming year, to consider any alterations to constitution and rules and to transact general business. All notices of motions to be discussed at the

Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the League Secretary not later than April 1st. of each year. A copy of the Agenda and the Accounts shall be in the hands of each Club Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date of the General Meeting, the quorum for which shall be one third of the clubs in full membership. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Committee or on the requisition of not less than one quarter of the clubs in full membership, such requisition to be sent to the League Secretary, signed by the clubs concerned. Each full member club represented, together with the officers of the League, shall be entitled to one vote at a general Meeting. Any member of a full, honorary or associate member club together with an appointed representative of the Lancashire County Badminton Association may attend such meetings and take part in the discussion but may not vote. The season's fixtures shall be arranged at a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose. Each team not having a representative at a General meeting shall be fined the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25). Each club not having a representative at the Fixture Meeting shall be fined the sum of five pounds (£5).

6. OFFICERS

The officers of the League to be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or Secretaries, Honorary Match Results Secretary or Secretaries and the Tournament Secretary.

The Inter-League Secretary, Development Committee Chairman and such other officers as may from time to time be appointed. All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

Any officer (other than the President or Vice-Presidents) who does not attend four Committee meetings in a year, will automatically be treated as having resigned.

7. COMMITTEE

The Committee of the League shall consist of the ex-officio officers and eight ordinary Committee members, five shall form a quorum. The ex-officio officers shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or Secretaries, Honorary Match Results Secretary or Secretaries and other officers as specified in Clause 6 above. These persons shall be the officers of the Committee. The ordinary Committee members, who shall be each from separate, full member clubs (if difficulty is experienced in finding ordinary committee members, the rule may be waived to allow a maximum of two from any full member club) shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for two years, one half to retire each year in rotation and be eligible for immediate re-election. Any Committee member who does not attend four meetings in a year, will automatically be treated as having resigned. Anyone elected by the Committee to fill a casual vacancy shall serve until to such time as the original member would retire by rotation. At least three Officers and all other members of the committee must be bona fide members of a League Club. Any candidate for election as an ex-officio member or an ordinary member, other than a retiring member, must be nominated in writing by not less than two persons who are members of clubs which are affiliated to the Lancashire County Badminton Association and to the League, and all such nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary at least three days before the Annual General Meeting.

8. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Management of the League shall be vested in the Committee as elected in Clause 7 above, and contracts and agreements entered into by the Committee shall be deemed to be entered into by the League.

The Committee, so elected, shall conduct the business of the League. It shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees for specific purposes and to define their duties. The Officers of the Committee shall ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees. In the event of any officer or committee member resigning, the Committee shall have power to appoint someone in his or her place. It shall resume its responsibilities at the close of the Annual General Meeting each year. It shall appoint the Honorary Auditor(s) who shall NOT be members of the Committee, but shall be full member(s) of an affiliated club(s), or a person who is legally qualified to issue a statutory audit report. It shall have power to co-opt other members of League Clubs to any of its sub-committees.

The Committee shall meet not less than bi-monthly during the playing season, and may be called by the Chairman and or Honorary Secretary(ies), or at a request of four members of the Committee.

9. FINANCE

All moneys due to the League must be paid to the Honorary Treasurer unless otherwise specified by the Committee. The financial year shall terminate on the 1st. April each year. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record of all financial transactions of the League. All books and relevant papers, together with the Annual Statement of Accounts, comprising the Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet, shall be submitted to the Honorary Auditor(s) not less than twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

10. PLAYING SEASON

The "Season" for play shall be considered to commence the 3rd week in September each year, and to terminate on the last Saturday in April of the following year.

11. DIVISIONS

The teams in the League shall be arranged by the Committee in divisions of up to 10 teams. New teams must enter one of the lowest divisions. Multi-teams must register teams in order of strength. The first team to be the strongest and any additional teams in descending order of strength.

Excepting under exceptional circumstances, the team finishing at the top of any division, other than the highest division, shall be promoted. Other promotions and relegation's shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The position of teams in all divisions shall be decided by points – one point being awarded for each event won per match.

In the event of two or more clubs finishing the season with equal points in the same division, then their positions shall be decided by the games aggregate.

In the event of two or more teams from the one club being placed in the same division, these teams shall meet in the earliest fixtures of the season and the earliest fixture of the second half of the season.