

# GUERNSEY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## Rules Governing Leagues 2011 / 12 Season

### ROLE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

1. The league shall be run by a sub-committee of the GBA elected in accordance with the GBA constitution. The sub-committee will refer to the main committee of the GBA for any matters it considers it is unable to resolve. It will be chaired by the President of the GBA.
2. The sub-committee has the right to implement any changes in the rules and fixture dates to ensure the smooth running of the league, but undertakes to consider all comments put in writing to the Chairman. It must either hold at least one meeting or contact each club secretary by email at least once per annum to inform clubs of any revised rules and to confirm fixture dates.
3. Where any club considers the letter or spirit of these rules is being broken, then that club may complain in writing to the Chairman of the sub-committee, and the sub-committee will consider the complaint and give a written decision within 14 days of the receipt of the original complaint. If not satisfied, the club has the right of ultimate appeal to the main GBA committee.
4. The sub-committee reserves the right to impose penalties where the rules are deemed to be abused – see rule 15.
5. Fixtures will be decided by the sub-committee who may delegate the arrangements as they see fit. The sub-committee may then choose to hold a meeting to discuss these fixtures as detailed in rule 2.

### RULES FOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

5. Matches will be played as per the new rally point scoring system i.e. games played up to 21 (setting at 20 all up to a maximum of 30 points). Matches will be played best of 3 games. Matches will be decided by playing 6 rubbers as follows:-

#### Mens and Ladies Doubles:

- a. Players will be numbered 1,2,3,4. Pair One will be Players 1 & 2. Pair Two will be Players 3 & 4. Pair Three will be Players 1 & 4. Pair Four will be Players 2 & 3.
- b. Pair One will play the opposition Pair One and Pair Two (as normal) as will Pair Two (as normal). Then one extra rubber is played by Pair Three playing the opposition Pair Three, and Pair Four playing the opposition Pair Four.

#### Mixed Doubles:

- c. The Mixed Doubles Leagues will be played similarly. Pair One must be numbered 1 (man) & 2 (lady), and Pair Two numbered 3 (man) & 4 (lady). Pair 3 will be man 1 & lady 4, and Pair 4 will be man 2 & lady 3, who both play their similar opposition pair.

#### In the event of only 3 Players in a Team

- d. In the event of only 3 players in a team, Games 1-5 will be played - Pair Three will play the opposing Pair Three, and you should number your team accordingly.
7. A) In the event of a tie for first place, the league winner shall be decided on the basis of the most games for. Should a tie still result, it will be on the basis of the least games against. Should a tie still result, a play-off will be required.  
  
B) In the event of a tie for last place, the team relegated shall be decided on the basis of the least games for. Should a tie still result, it will be on the basis of the most games against. Should a tie still result, a play-off will be required.
  8. The number of divisions and teams per division as well as the number of ladies eligible to play in the men's division will be at the discretion of the sub-committee.

9. Automatic promotion and relegation will take place at the end of each season with the bottom team of the higher division being replaced by the top team of the lower division. The sub-committee has the right to place teams as they see fit if divisions need to be amalgamated due to insufficient team numbers.
10. Any club wishing to enter a new team in a division must register their request by the end of the first full week at the start of the season. The league sub-committee will decide if a challenge to the bottom team of the bottom division is needed. Should there be more than one new team wishing to enter a division the sub-committee may arrange play-offs or review the league structure, as appropriate. Any club wishing to drop a team from a league must register their request by the end of the first full week at the start of the season. The lowest team in the league will be the team dropped unless there are two divisions or more between the bottom team and the next team. If this is the case requests for the higher team to be dropped will be considered by the sub-committee. With reference to Rule 17 the League Sub Committee has the authority to place new league teams or remove existing league teams to divisions appropriate to the players' standard of play within that team.
11. League matches will start no later than 7.15 pm unless otherwise agreed by the team captains or as noted on the fixture list. If a team does not have a pair ready to play by 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time, it shall forfeit one single game of 21 points, and continue to forfeit a further single game of 21 points for each subsequent 10 minutes a pair is not ready to play. If a team does not have a pair ready to play by 30 minutes after the scheduled start time the whole match shall be forfeit. Once a match has started with one pair, the second pair must be available to play by 45 minutes after the scheduled start time or all remaining points for that pair will be forfeit.
12. No player shall play more than one match in one evening at the same time. Matches may be played one after the other but prior agreement must be received from those team captains involved.
13. No substitution to be made during a match, even in case of injury.
14. Official score sheets shall be kept and the winning team shall be responsible for posting the results into the appropriate box on the night of the match, signed by the respective captains. The matches shall be played in the order numerated on the official score sheet unless the captains agree otherwise.
15. Penalties will be incurred in the event of failure to field a full team as follows:
  - £5 to be charged to a club if they only field 1 pair.
  - £10 to be charged to a club if they fail to field 2 pairs or if they give a walkover.
  - each club will be billed (by the GBA at the end of the league season) for any fines incurred and each club will be responsible to settle any fines so leviedand
  - 3 points deducted from a team's overall match score if they only field 1 pair
  - 6 points deducted from a team's overall score if they fail to field 2 pairs or if they give a walkover
  - (if it is your home match and your opponents fail to turn up you may approach the GBA for a match court refund – repaid to clubs at the end of the season)
16. Coloured clothing is permitted in these matches, but it must be suitable badminton sports clothing.

## REGISTRATION

17. Registration of players in each team, together with nominated reserves for such team (i.e. players not nominated as permanent players in any team in that league) must be received in the format provided by the League Secretary by the first match of the season. A copy of the registration forms must be placed in the folder in the bar. Any club wanting to make amendments to these lists must advise the League Secretary immediately of any changes (by email or posting a note in the results box) and prior to the person(s) playing in a match. The sub-committee reserves the right to review these nominations. Registration of players must be complete by the day before the first league match of the season. Any requests for transfer will only be granted by the sub-

committee under exceptional circumstances between that date and the end of the calendar year. After 1 January transfers will be freely allowed.

18. Players shall not be permitted to play more than three times in any season for a higher team but see rule 25 concerning lady reserves for men's divisions. Should a player play more than three games for a higher team/s then he or she shall automatically be registered for a higher team. No registered player will be eligible to play in a lower team as a reserve.
19. Applications for re-registration transfer between clubs and new players shall be made to the League Secretary.
20. Clubs have the responsibility to select players appropriate to the standard of play in each division.
21. No player shall be able to play for more than one club in the mixed league or for more than one club in the men's or ladies league.

#### POSTPONEMENTS

22. A match may be postponed but the following conditions must apply:
  - The opposing team captain must be agreeable to the postponement and the rearranged date agreed immediately
  - The rearranged date must be entered on the chart on the league notice board and given to the League Secretary immediately either by e-mail or by posting a note in the results box.
  - The Hall Manager must be advised of the rearrangement so that he can make sure that lights are available.
  - Once a rearranged date has been agreed by the team captains if the match cannot subsequently take place, the team cancelling on this occasion loses the points except for intra-club matches where both teams will forfeit the points
  - A match sheet must be posted in the Results box advising of any cancellation and/or forfeit of a match.
  - The sub-committee reserves the right to postpone matches when it deems the courts to be unavailable, the rearranged dates being agreed with the League Secretary
  - Intra-club matches (e.g. A v B) must be played, walkovers are not allowed in any division
23. 1<sup>st</sup> half season matches must be finished within 2 weeks of the last fixtured date for the first half season. (This date will be indicated on the main fixtures list). If a completed match sheet is not posted before the cut off date, neither team will receive points for the match.
24. All matches must be completed by a date decided at the start of the season (**Friday 13 April 2012**), but intra-club matches must be complete by an earlier date to be agreed at the start of the season (**Friday 16 March 2012**). In NO EVENT must an intra-club match be the last match of the season for either team. Failure to play a match according to this rule will result in both teams forfeiting the points.

#### RULES GOVERNING LADIES PAIRS IN MEN'S DIVISIONS

25. A ladies team may be registered in a men's team in accordance with rule 17.
26. When competing in the men's division the ladies team must consist of 4 ladies.
27. A lady registered in the ladies division may only reserve a total of three times in one season in the men's division in accordance with rule 25

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