

Liverpool & District Badminton League

SEASON 2024 - 2025



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**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE
(Founded 1939)**

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LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

(Founded 1939)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2024/2025

President: Mrs Jean Dean

Vice Presidents:

**Miss P.Gerdes, Mr K.Connors, Mr P.Taylor, Mr R.Sowden,
Mr P.Whitehead, Mrs C.Bentzen, Mr S.Bentzen, Mrs J.Dunne.**

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**Mr K.Linforth, Mrs L. Evans, Mrs J.Dunne, Mr T. Wolfenden, Mrs K Wolfenden,
Ms J.Yu, Mr M.Porter, Mr A.Jones.**

Disciplinary Committee:

**Core:- Chairman: Mr K.Connors (Vice President), Mrs J.Dunne,
Mr P.Whitehead**

Plus additional members as required.

STAN WAHLERS MEMORIAL TROPHY.

TEAM TROPHY

**2 LADIES, 2 GENTS PER TEAM
(Entrance Fee per team £15 per player)**

Round Robin format in leagues of at least 3 teams.

All rounds of the Tournament, including the final will be played

Sun 12th January 2025 9:00 – 17:00

Venue: Broadway Badminton Ctr.

For further details please contact:

**Tournament Club / Secretary – Delco Occasionals / Pete Taylor /
Mark Jost**

Mobile: 07786971926

Email: petetaylor@talktalk.net

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD YOUR FORMS FROM LEAGUE WEBSITE
LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE**

DIVISIONS FOR 2024/2025

MIXED LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

Hilltop 1
Fords 1
Kensington CF 1
Fords 2
Delco Occasionals 1
Kensington CF 2

DIVISION 2

South Liverpool 1
Hilltop 2
Apollo 1
Kensington CF 3
University
Apollo 2

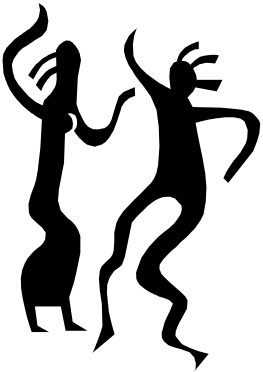
DIVISION 3

South Liverpool 2
Wavertree 1
Hilltop 3
South Liverpool 3
Delco Occasionals 2
Wavertree 2
South Liverpool 4

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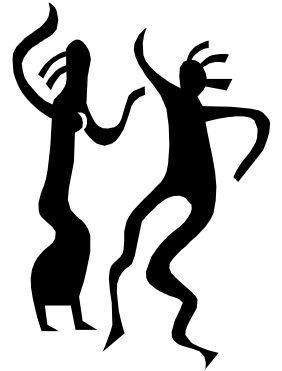
ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE

Treat yourselves to an end of season
Night-out



Date: Fri 16th May 2025

Venue: TBA



DISCO • BUFFET • LATE BAR

Under 18's may be asked for ID on the night !!!!!

FOR ALL YOUR TICKET DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

Karen Wolfenden

Tel 0151 222 3085, 07515703962

Email: dkwolf@blueyonder.co.uk

Or ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE
FINAL DIVISIONAL POSITIONS 2023/2024

DIVISION 1

	<i>P</i>	<i>GW</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>PTS</i>
Hilltop 1	15			202	66	97
Kensington CF 1	15			200	68	97
Fords 1	15			172	102	79
Fords 2	15			89	182	34
Delco Occasionals 1	15			85	189	30
South Liverpool 1	15			63	205	23

DIVISION 2

	<i>P</i>	<i>GW</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>PTS</i>
Kensington CF 2	15			225	33	109
Kensington CF 3	15			143	133	64
Hilltop 2	15			124	149	53
Apollo 1	15			128	157	53
University	15			107	161	46
South Liverpool 2	15			87	181	35

DIVISION 3

	<i>P</i>	<i>GW</i>	<i>GL</i>	<i>EW</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>PTS</i>
Apollo 2	15			180	93	84
Hilltop 3	15			175	90	82
Wavertree 1	15			176	100	79
South Liverpool 3	15			122	141	57
Delco Occasionals 2	15			106	164	45
Wavertree 2	15			48	219	13

MENS LEAGUE

	<i>P</i>			<i>EW</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>PTS</i>
Fords	8			108	36	108
South Liverpool 1	8			105	39	105
Wavertree 1	8			79	79	79
Wavertree 2	8			35	109	35
South Liverpool 1	8			33	111	33

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

LEAGUE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (Last 10 Years)

DIVISION 1

2013-14	Fords 1
2014-15	Fords 1
2015-16	Fords 1
2016-17	Hilltop
2017-18	KCF 1
2018-19	KCF 1
2019-20	KCF 1
2021-22	Hilltop 1
2022-23	Hilltop 1
2023-24	Hilltop 1

DIVISION 2

2013-14	Apollo 1
2014-15	South Liverpool 1
2015-16	KCF 2
2016-17	Fords 2
2017-18	KCF 2
2018-19	Delco Occasionals 1
2019-20	Fords 2
2021-22	Fords 2
2022-23	Delco Occasionals 1
2023-24	KCF 2

DIVISION 3

2012-13	Apollo 2
2013-14	KCF 3
2014-15	Apollo 2
2015-16	KCF 3
2016-17	Apollo 2
2017-18	South Liverpool 3
2018-19	Apollo 2
2019-20	Fords 3
2021-22	Hilltop 2
2022-23	University
2023-24	Apollo 2

Mens league

2013-14	KCF 1
2014-15	Fords 1
2015-16	South Liverpool 1
2016-17	South Liverpool 1
2017-18	KCF 1
2018-19	KCF 1
2019-20	South Liverpool 1
2021-22	KCF
2022-23	KCF
2023-24	Fords

FULL MEMBERS & HON. SECRETARIES

Note:- Matches must not start later than 7:15 pm unless previously agreed by the committee. See rules for match play (No 13).

APOLLO

Conor Stewart

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**Club / Match Night Wednesday 7:15 pm prompt. 9:00pm finish,
3 courts, 2 mixed teams.**

**Play: Maghull High School, Ormonde Drive, Maghull, L31 7AW
(Keep right on entering school and park by Sports Hall)**

DELCO OCCASIONALS

Peter Taylor

Tel: 07786971926

Email: petetaylor@talktalk.net

Additional contact: Mark Jost Tel: 07714625737

**Club / Match night Monday 7:00pm start prompt, 9:00pm finish.
2 courts for match, 2 mixed Teams.**

**Play: Maghull High School, Ormonde Drive, Maghull, L31 7AW
(Keep right on entering school and park by Sports Hall)**

FORDS

Rob Sowden

Tel: 07702281104

Email: robsowden33@gmail.com

Additional Contact: Michelle Murray Tel: 07955102676

**Club / Match night Monday 7:30 am start. 10:00 pm finish, 2 courts,
2 mixed teams, 1 men's team.**

Play: Holly Lodge Girls school, Mill Lane, L12 7LE.

HILLTOP

Karen Wolfenden

Tel: 07515703962

Email: dkwolf@blueyonder.co.uk

Additional contact: Michael Johnston Tel: 07849528046

Match night Thursday 8:00 pm start, 2 courts, 3 mixed teams.

Play: Netherton Activity Centre, Glovers Lane, L30 3TL

KENSINGTON CF

Jenny Yu Tel: 07854864350

Additional contact: June Dunne Tel: 07552727676

Email: cymrujune@yahoo.co.uk

**Sun Match 1st/2nd team 7:30 start. Tue 3rd team 7:30 start,
4 courts, 3 mixed Teams.**

Play: Holly Lodge Girls School, 140 Mill Lane, Liverpool L12 7LE

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Max Walters Tel: 07758159932

Email: hsmwalt5@liverpool.ac.uk

Additional contacts: Joey Li Tel: 07464960014

Jamie Man Tel: +852 6590 7475

Club/Match night Thursday 8:00-10:00 pm.

2 courts. 1 mixed team.

Play: Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Rd, L15 4LE

SOUTH LIVERPOOL

Matt Porter Tel: 07506252865

Email: Matt_porter9798@hotmail.co.uk

Additional contact: Nick Holland Tel: 07702997964

Club/Match night Sunday 8:00 or 6:30 pm start by mutual agreement.

4 courts until 9:00 pm. 3 mixed teams,

2 men's teams and No Strings Clubs.

Play: Gateacre School, Hedgefield Road, Belle Vale, L25 2RW.

WAVERTREE

Rob Sowden

Tel: 07702281104

Email: robsowden33@gmail.com

Additional Contact: Luke Hogan Tel: 07929587123

**Club / Match night Wednesday, 7:30 pm start - 10:30 pm. 2 courts,
2 mixed team, 2 men's teams.**

Play: St Francis Xavier's College, Woolton Hill Road, L25 6EG

LIVERPOOL JUNIOR BADMINTON LEAGUE

If you would like to enter a team in to the Junior League for 2024-25, please download the entry forms from the website or contact Rob for further information.

We cater for 2 age groups Y9 & Y11. Teams are invited to attend from any junior club in the Merseyside area. Only 4 players are required per team. Matches are held on two dates throughout the year. Please check the website for further details.

The annual Junior Tournament takes place on Sat 22nd March 2025 and is open to all players in the Liverpool area.

If you have any children who play and are in secondary school the league also co-ordinate the Liverpool Schools Sports Partnership local rounds of the Level 2 competitions. Contact PE staff to let them know your child is available to play Badminton for the school.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

In May 2005, the Council of BADMINTON ENGLAND adopted a revised Child Protection Policy for Badminton endorsing a document entitled “Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures in Badminton”.

The Liverpool & District Badminton League have formally adopted BADMINTON ENGLAND’s Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures.

For further information please refer to the following sources:-

Your Clubs Child Protection Officer.

National Child Protection Officer.

Email – childprotection@badmintonengland.co.uk

BAofE website :- www.badmintonengland.co.uk

Or the Development Department on 01908 268400

LIVERPOOL LEAGUE JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUBS

The league currently operates junior clubs with coaching at the Sports Centres and Clubs given below. Qualified coaches, players, parents or helpers are ALWAYS required on a weekly, or once-a-month basis.

If you can help out in any capacity, or would like to set up another coaching club at your local courts, please contact Rob Sowden, Tel 07702281104

Email: robsowden33@gmail.com

FORDS Juniors
Holly Lodge, West Derby

Sunday 10.00 – 1.00 pm (7 – 18 yrs)
Rob Sowden, Tel: 07702281104
Email: robsowden33@gmail.com

KENSINGTON Juniors
Jubilee Sports Bank

Wednesday 5.00 – 7.00pm
Rob Sowden, Tel: 07702281104
Email: robsowden33@gmail.com

SOUTH LIVERPOOL Juniors
Gateacre High School

Monday 18:00- 20:00 (11 - 18yrs)
Matt Porter Tel: 07506252865
Email: contact_us@southliverpoolbadmintonclub.com

WAVERTREE Juniors
LC Sports @Liverpool College
North Mossley Hill Rd, L18 8BG

Saturday 9:30 - 1.00pm
Rob Sowden Tel: 07702281104 (8 – 18 yrs)
Email robsowden33@gmail.com

Wolfenden Badminton Academy
Broadway Badminton Centre

Thursday 5.30 - 7.30pm
Tom Wolfenden Tel: 07794052928 (11-19yrs)
Email – tom@wolfendenbadmintonacademy.co.uk

KCF Junior Badminton Club
Anfield Sports & Community
Centre.

Thursday 6.00 - 7:30pm (8 – 16yrs)
Kugan Tel:07760559221
Email kcfiverpool@gmail.com
[instagram@kcf_badminton_official](https://www.instagram.com/kcf_badminton_official)

We also have funding for adult clubs to set up their own junior sections.

Currently we have 5 Junior clubs in the city and one school satellite club catering for approximately 180 young players. We could easily double this with a few more coaches and clubs.

LIVERPOOL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 2025

Sat 22nd March 2025

Entry details are available on the League website and will also be circulated to clubs nearer the time. Tournament organiser Mr R.Sowden Tel: 07702281104

Should you require information about any junior event organised by the League, please contact the Junior Tournament organisers above who will be happy to advise you.

JUNIOR SECTION AWARDS

THE JIM PRINGLE TROPHY

Awarded to the most promising Boy Player of the Year:-

1995/96	IAN PALETHORPE	2007/08	TOM WOLFENDEN
1996/97	CHRIS BRENNAN	2009/10	PETER ATHANS
1998/99	ALEX HIRD	2012/13	MICHAEL BEBBY
1999/00	PHIL FREEMAN	2013/14	JAMES DAY
2000/01	ROBERT WOOSEY	2015/16	DEREK ZHAO
2002/03	COLIN DICKINSON	2016/17	JAKE EVANS
2003/04	DAVID KENNY	2017-18	SHANANOOR ALI
2004/05	PAUL MAGUIRE	2018-19	ALEX KWAN
2005/06	JAMIE FAIRCLOUGH	2022/23	DESTIN LEE
2006/07	DANIEL WOLFENDEN	2023/24	ZAK LEA-WILSON

THE BETTY WARD TROPHY

Awarded to the most promising Girl Player of the Year:-

1994/95	CHEYLROSE HONEYMAN	2006/07	HANNAH PARSONS
1995/96	SARAH LINFORTH	2007/08	SARAH KENNY
1996/97	SHELLEY LOPEZ	2012/13	AMY SIU
1998/99	CARLY WRIGHT	2013/14	LUCY OVERMIRE
1999/00	MICHELLE LINFORTH	2015/16	ZOE SIU
2000/01	LYNSEY ASTON	2016/17	JESS HO
2002/03	ALISON MILLER	2021/22	HANNAH EVANS
2003/04	JANINE BUNTON	2022/23	REBECCA EVANS
		2023/24	MAISIE RYDILL

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

ANNUAL HANDICAP TOURNAMENT 2025

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd March – 9.15am start

Venue:- TBA

9:00am start to 4.30pm finish

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Should entries for any event be insufficient, such event will be withdrawn. Should it be determined impossible, owing to a very large entry to permit the playing of three games of 15 aces, the committee reserve the right to reduce play to one game of 21 aces, or to restrict the number of entrants in any or all events. Entries close on Sunday 23rd February 2025 for the Handicap and Veterans. No entries will be accepted after that date.

**PLEASE USE THE ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 19 OF THIS HANDBOOK**

**TO CONFIRM YOUR START TIMES PLEASE CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY**

**Tournament Club / Secretary: APOLLO BC / Conor Stewart**

**Tel: 07710263327**

**Email: [con.stewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:con.stewart@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Handicap Committee :-**

**Mr. P.Whitehead.**

**Mr. R.Sowden**

**Mrs. K. Wolfenden**

## LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS 2025 ENTRY FORM

NAME: (Mr/Mrs/Miss) \_\_\_\_\_ TEL No \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB & TEAM IN LIVERPOOL LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CLUBS & TEAMS \_\_\_\_\_

H/CAP Tournament dates / venue: - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 @ Venue: TBA  
9:00am start to 4.00pm finish.

| EVENT                                      | H/CAP | VET'S<br>over 40's | VET'S<br>over 50's | PARTNER'S NAME | FEE       |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Mens/Ladies Singles                        |       | ---N/A---          | ---N/A---          | -----N/A-----  | £12.00    |
| Mens/Ladies Doubles                        |       |                    |                    |                | £12.00    |
| Mixed Doubles                              |       |                    |                    |                | £12.00    |
| CLOSING DATES :- 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024 |       |                    |                    |                | TOTAL FEE |
|                                            |       |                    |                    |                | £         |

FORM AND PAYMENT To: Tournament Secretary: Conor Stewart / APOLLO BC

Mobile: Tel: 07710263327    Email: [con.stewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:con.stewart@hotmail.co.uk)

Cheques payable to 'LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE'.

# LIVERPOOL LEAGUE SENIOR HANDICAP TOURNAMENTS

## RESULTS 2023 / 2024

### WINNERS

#### MEN'S SINGLES

Matthew Tolman

#### LADIES SINGLES

N/A

#### LADIES DOUBLES

Pei Lee Long / Jenny Yu

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

Shan Varghese / Joel Augustine

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Ellie Johnston / Josiah Tarbuck

#### VETERANS MIXED DOUBLES

Kelly Anderson / Craig Harvey

#### VETERANS MENS DOUBLES

Craig Harvey / Phil Wall

#### VETERANS LADIES DOUBLES

Wendy Ho / Linh Ly

### RUNNERS-UP

Daniel Wolfenden

Ellie Johnston / Jessica Ke

George Fairbrother / Matthew Tolman

Jenny Yu / Richard Bradley

Sue Smith / Alan Dunn

Nad Wahid / Yi Huang

Julie Murray / Sue Smith

## STAN WAHLER TEAM TOURNAMENT RESULT

### WINNERS 2024

FORDS

### RUNNERS-UP 2024

HILLTOP

# LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

## SANGSTER CUP RESULTS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>WINNERS</u>      | <u>RUNNER'S UP</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2002-03     | HILLTOP 2           | HILLTOP 1          |
| 2003-04     | OCCASIONALS         | FORDS 2            |
| 2004-05     | VICTORIA DL 1       | ROBY               |
| 2005-06     | VICTORIA DL 1       | OCCASIONALS        |
| 2006-07     | HILLTOP 1           | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 1  |
| 2007-08     | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 1   | CF 2               |
| 2008-09     | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 2   | HALEWOOD 1         |
| 2009-10     | DELCO 1             | HILLTOP            |
| 2010-11     | FORDS 2             | FORDS 4            |
| 2011-12     | FORDS 4             | KCF 2              |
| 2012-13     | KCF 1               | FORDS 4            |
| 2013-14     | DELCO OCCASIONALS 3 | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 2  |
| 2014-15     | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 1   | FORDS 2            |
| 2015-16     | FORDS 3             | KCF 2              |
| 2016 -17    | FORDS 2             | KCF 1              |
| 2017-18     | FORDS 1             | KCF 1              |
| 2018-19     | FORDS 1             | LJMU               |
| 2019-20     | COVID               | COVID              |
| 2021-22     | KCF 2               | WAVERTREE          |
| 2022-23     | KCF 2               | FORDS 1            |
| 2023-24     | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 3   | WAVERTREE 1        |

# SANGSTER CUP TOURNAMENT 2024 / 2025

| 1st ROUND             | 2nd ROUND             | QUARTER FINAL |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| HILLTOP 1 )           | ----- )               |               |
| FORDS 1 )             |                       | ----- )       |
| ----- )               | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 3 )   |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | KCF 1 )               | ----- )       |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | KCF 3 )               |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | DELCO OCCASIONALS 2 ) | ----- )       |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 2 )   |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 4 )   | ----- )       |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | SOUTH LIVERPOOL 1 )   |               |
| HILLTOP 1 )           | ----- )               |               |
| DELCO OCCASIONALS 1 ) |                       | ----- )       |
| ----- )               | WAVERTREE 1 )         |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | WAVERTREE 2 )         | ----- )       |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | FORDS 2 )             |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | APOLLO 1 )            | ----- )       |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | APOLLO 2 )            |               |
| ----- )               |                       |               |
| ----- )               | KCF 2 )               | ----- )       |
| HILLTOP 2 )           | ----- )               |               |
| UNIVERSITY )          |                       |               |

# **LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE**

## **COURT ETIQUETTE POLICY**

### **AIM.**

**As members of Badminton England, every player has a duty to observe the Laws of Badminton and behave in a manner which complies with the spirit of the game both on and off the court of play.**

### **GENERAL CONDUCT.**

- 1. Be completely honest with line and 'no shot' calls, once called do not change your mind. Never ask anyone off court for their advice with line calls. If you are in any doubt, agree to play a 'let' without long discussion.**
- 2. Be courteous in returning the shuttle to the next server if you have hit into the net or the shuttle is down on your side of the court.**
- 3. Misconduct should be strongly discouraged by all team players; the team captain should encourage good behaviour of their team both on and off the court of play.**
- 4. Examples of misconduct include; - physical aggression; unacceptable comments or gestures; swearing, which is offensive to your partner, opponents and those off court; or any actions which could be construed as unfair play.**
- 5. All infringements should in the first instance be taken up with the relevant team captain.**
- 6. Infringements should be recorded on the score sheet with an attachment or a follow up call if necessary to the Match Secretary. The Match Secretary will then forward all infringements to the Disciplinary Committee for review.**
- 7. The Disciplinary Committee can impose sanctions on any players who are found to be in breach of this policy. These can be in the form of – a verbal warning; a written warning; a fine of up to £50.00 or in severe or repeated cases a suspension or ban from match play.**
- 8. All players have the right to appeal against any decision made by the Disciplinary Committee.**

# LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE

## CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(as of May, 2024)

### CONSTITUTION

Sections 1 – 11 can now be found on the League website:-

[www.liverpoolbadminton.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolbadminton.org.uk)

### RULES FOR MATCH PLAY

#### 12. MATCHES

Each team in the League shall play Home and Away Matches with every other team in the same division. Teams shall consist of four Men and four Ladies and each match shall consist of Eight Events (four mixed, two men's and two ladies' doubles), each event being the best of three games of 21 points each (extended to 30 points if required) using the 'Rally points' scoring system.

Each team receiving one league point for each event won in the match (8-0, 7-1, 6-2, 5-3, 4-4).

Team sheets must be exchanged prior to the commencement of play, showing a full list of players and playing order. Couples must be arranged in order of strength by the Captain. It is not necessary for the best two players in a team to play together but the pairs must be arranged in order of strength. The strongest pair shall, as first couple, play the strongest pair ranking as first couple from the opposing side, the second pair, that is, the next strongest couple, shall play the second pair of the opposing side and so on. NO alteration in playing order will be allowed during the playing of a match. Absent players shall have two games of 21 points to love scored against them in each event.

Should it be found impossible, due to unforeseen circumstances, to complete all events of a match, the opposing Captains shall mutually agree to either: - (a) complete all outstanding events at some date in the near future with the SAME players, such date to suit both clubs, OR, (b) complete outstanding events on the same evening in a shortened form of one game of 21 points to win (extended to 30 points if required). An event so won, score being 11 or over, shall count as two games to one; score being under 11, shall count as two games to love. (For the purpose of this agreement, the relative portion of this rule above would be temporarily suspended.)

For failure to comply with this rule, see penalty under Clause 21.

#### 13. STARTING TIME OF MATCHES

Matches must commence between 7.00 and 8.00 pm mid week unless previously agreed by the committee. Saturday and Sunday matches may start before 7.00 pm with the prior agreement of both clubs and both clubs must inform the Match Results Secretary of the earlier start time.

A team which has no couple present at the agreed time shall forfeit one event. If later than 1/2 hr. after the agreed start time, one further event shall be forfeited (the non offending team to select event or events at the termination of the match). If later than 3/4 hr. after the agreed start time with no two couples present, the match must be commenced with the players then in attendance playing in a mutually agreed order of strength.

Should play not have commenced within an hour of the fixed time of starting, the match shall be awarded to the team in attendance. The time of starting play **MUST** be entered on the completed score sheets which must be endorsed by the representatives of both teams. For failure to state time of starting see penalty under Clause 21.

No player selected to play in a particular match shall be eligible to play in that match unless he or she is present and ready to play half an hour after the agreed starting time, or by mutual agreement (which must be obtained prior to start of match), and no player is allowed to leave the match without the consent of both Team Captains (whose consent shall not be reasonably withheld). Any player conceding a game through injury is not permitted to take any further part in that match.

In the event of late arrival or non-attendance, the relevant game will be awarded to the opposing team 21 aces to love.

Should the non-offending Team Captain accept the late start/late arrival without availing himself of this ruling "at the commencement of play" no claim under this ruling will be accepted, subject to any unforeseen eventuality that may arise which can be decide by appeal to the Committee.

#### **14. HALLS AND BYE-LAWS**

Visiting teams shall abide by the bye-laws of the Home Club with regards to "lets" and "faults", provided these do not contravene the Laws of Badminton. The Visitors shall be notified before the commencement of the matches of any such Bye-Laws likely to affect the play. A scorer must be appointed and their decision shall be binding.

#### **15. SHUTTLES**

In all matches a standard feather shuttle of correct pace should, if possible, be used. If home teams are unable to supply feather shuttles they must notify the visiting team's secretary at least seven days prior to the fixture date, advising the visitors of the normal speed of the shuttles used in their hall. (For failure to comply see Clause 21.)

The Visitors then have the option of accepting nylon shuttles or providing feather shuttles, for which the Home team must pay. A shuttle shall be deemed to be correct pace, if, when a player of average strength strikes it with a full underhand stroke from a spot immediately above one back boundary line, parallel to the side lines, at an upward angle, it falls not less than one foot and not more than two feet six inches short of the other back boundary line. Each event of all matches shall be commenced with a new shuttle.



## **16. RESULTS**

A detailed score sheet of each match, signed and checked by a representative of both clubs, must be sent by the home club to the appropriate Match Results Secretary within five days of the match as printed in the handbook or of a notified and approved re-arranged date. On any non-compliance with this regulation the offending club shall be fined £5 and a further £5 for every 7 days after being advised of the offence until the relevant Match Results Secretary has received the necessary score sheet.

## **17. DATES OF FIXTURES**

Matches must be played as appearing in the League Handbook. In the event of any change of date the Home Club must offer the opposing club at least two alternative dates. The agreed change of date must obtain permission from the relevant Match Results Secretary and be confirmed by both clubs. Matches may only be re-arranged or postponed because of the non-availability of a hall, or the requirement to play a Cup Match on the same date or if two or more players due to play in the match are otherwise engaged in an Inter-League match or Tournament, acknowledged by the L.C.B.A. or the B.A. of England. When postponement of a match is required, the relevant Match Results Secretary must be approached immediately and permission obtained with regard to the re-arrangement of a match, (i.e. a minimum of seven days' notice should be given, under normal circumstance). Should a team fail to appear on the date of the fixture, a fine of twenty five pounds (£25) will be imposed and paid to the non-offending club to cover expenses if the above prior notice has not been given to the Match Results Secretary and the opposing club. For failure to comply with this rule, see penalty under Clause 21.

Any team failing to fulfil two or more League Fixtures in any one season, will at the discretion of the committee be relegated and all their fixtures declared void.

## **18. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

Only bona fide members of a Club who are affiliated to Badminton England and Lancashire County Badminton Association may represent it in any League Match.

The Team Fees, as agreed at the previous A.G.M., must be paid to the Match Results Secretary before any registrations will be accepted.

Each Club Secretary shall send, on a form provided, a list of Registered Players, together with their address and signature, to the Match Results Secretary, at least four days before the first Club League Match of the season, and the players so recorded on these lists shall be eligible to play in matches or Tournaments sponsored by the League.

Additional and re-registered players (including those re-registered within a club) must be registered on a similar form with the Match Results Secretary at least four days before they are eligible to represent their

**Club. (Only the correct Registration Form will be accepted.)**

**The last date of Registration shall be the 1st. February and the last date of Re-registration, within a Club, the 1st. February in any season. Unless in exceptional circumstances, which must be agreed by the Committee.**

**For failure to comply with this rule, see penalty under Clause 21.**

**A player shall represent only one Club in any one season, except with the consent of the Committee which will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.**

**Any person who leaves a Club, and at the time of leaving owes that Club money, will not be allowed to register with any other Liverpool & District Badminton League Club until that debt is cleared. Clubs must inform the Person(s) concerned and the Match Results Secretary of any such offences so as to ensure no such registration takes place.**

#### **19. HIGHER TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

**Where a Club enters more than one team, sufficient players must be registered initially to separately form each team (at least 8 players).**

**Such registered players shall be permitted to play in any higher team although this must not be for more than 50% of matches unless the player concerned is re-registered to that higher team.**

**The abuse of this rule, at the discretion of the League Committee, could incur penalties to the offending club.**

**Such re-registration must be approved by the Hon. Match Results Secretary prior to the same becoming operative.**

**No player shall play in more than one match in any one night.**

**Any injuries that could affect any team during the season must be reported immediately to the League match Secretary.**

**20.**

**All playing members of the club must be conversant with the rules of the League, its matches and competitions and with the Laws of Badminton. Lack of knowledge of a rule will not be accepted as reason for any offence committed.**

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **21. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS**

**For failure to comply with:-**

**Rules 13 and 18, the club responsible shall be liable to a minimum fine of five pounds, (£5), for every such offence, and a further five pounds (£5), for every 7 days after committing the offence until the Honorary Divisional or Match Results Secretary has received the required information.**

**Rules 12, 15, 17, 18 and 19, the club responsible shall forfeit the match unless decided otherwise by the Committee.**

**The Committee, at its discretion, can suspend or cancel the League Membership of any Club for breach of this or any of the foregoing rules.**

## **22. DISPUTES, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS**

**Any dispute or complaint arising out of Clauses 1 to 11 or Clause 20 above, shall be referred in writing by the Honorary Secretary or other officer of the Club concerned to the Honorary Secretary of the League.**

**Any dispute or complaint arising out of Clauses 12 to 19 (Rules for Match Play), shall be referred in writing by an official of the club concerned to the relevant Honorary Match Results Secretary for decision with a copy sent to the club against whom the complaint is being made, to enable them to answer or defend the complaint, prior to any decision being made.**

**Any appeal shall be referred, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary of the League (with a copy to the other club involved), for submission to the Committee for decision, which shall be final.**

**In very exceptional circumstances, the League Committee shall be empowered to waive the application of a rule, provided it is in the best interests of the League, and is accepted unanimously by the Committee.**

**League members shall abide by the Lancashire County Badminton Association Disciplinary Procedure (code of conduct).**

## **23. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**The Constitution and/or Rules of the League may only be altered at the Annual General Meeting of the League or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose. Written notice of any suggested alteration or addition to the Constitution and/or Rules must be submitted to the League Secretary in writing not later than 1st April in any year, and all such proposals shall be circulated with the Agenda of the meeting concerned. Alterations and/or additions must be approved by a majority of those present and voting at the meeting, such alteration or addition to be operative immediately.**

## **24.**

**The Committee shall have the power to decide on any matter not covered by the Rules and their decision shall be final.**

# **LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BADMINTON**

## **MENS LEAGUE**

### **MENS LEAGUE RULES**

1. Teams will consist of 6 men, who will play a total of 3 men's levels per match. Each men's pairing will play each of the opposing team's pairs. Rules on scoring to be the same as conventional rules as dictated by the league match play rules. (3 games to 21 with setting).

2. Teams must be registered by 1<sup>st</sup> October and Players must be registered at least 4 days prior to the first men's league match, additional players will be accepted for registration as per mixed league rules.

3. To be eligible for the men's league a player must not be named as part of any team which is entered into the Liverpool and District Badminton mixed league with the following exception:-

"A team may nominate two players from the lowest mixed team, Division 2 or below who can play down in the men's league subject to league approval. These two players can only play up to 50% of matches. These support players can only play for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team of the men's league."

If a club has two men's teams then they cannot bring players down from the mixed league.

All players must be registered with the league and Badminton England before they can play."

4. Any registered player of the Liverpool and District Men's badminton league, can play in the mixed league up to a maximum of five times in any given season. If a sixth match is played they will then become part of the lowest ranked team within the mixed league and as such will be ineligible to play for a men's league team for the remainder of a season. Rule 3. Will not apply for a player in this situation.

5. All matches will be played at a central venue from 7:00-9:00pm, where possible. Court fees will be split equally between opposing teams. Fees need to be paid within 14 days of being presented to a club treasurer by the men's league secretary.

6. The shuttles will be provided for each match by the team who is listed as "home" on the match schedule. All teams will play an equal amount of home and away matches in any one season.

7. There is a registration fee per team entered as decided by the League Committee.

8. If more than one team is entered in the men's league by any given club, the "Higher Team Eligibility" rule will be applied to the lower ranking team/s as per rules for match play in the mixed league.

i.e. Players can play up but not down up to 50% of matches per player.

# **SANGSTER CUP COMPETITION**

## **SANGSTER CUP AND COMPETITION RULES**

- 1. An inter-team knock-out competition for the Vernon Sangster Cup will be held each season at the discretion of the Management Committee.**
- 2. The Management Committee shall comprise of at least 3 League Committee members and shall be responsible for the competition rules, draw and handicapping for each round. In addition, the Committee shall have the power at their absolute discretion to deal with all complaints for which express provision is not made. Similarly, they may inflict any penalty deemed suitable. Any decision reached by the Committee will be regarded as final.**
- 3. Each club in membership of the Liverpool and District Badminton League shall be entitled to enter one team per league team in the competition. The appropriate fee must be in the hands of the Honorary Competition Secretary prior to or on the night of the Annual Fixture Meeting.**
- 4. The draw will be made by the Management Committee and will be displayed in the League Handbook and on the league website.**
- 5. Registration of players shall be as per 'Rules for Match play' rules 18 & 19. (Registration of Players.)**
- 6. No player will be allowed to play for more than one club in the competition, except where permission has been sought, and approval granted, by the Management Committee.**
- 7. Any club entering more than one team in the competition must register their players according to strength, i.e. 1st. team league players must represent the 1st. cup team etc. No player registered for a higher team in the league shall be eligible to play for a lower team in the competition.**
- 8. The Honorary Competition Secretary will notify all teams of their opponents, match date and respective handicaps.**
- 9. An official Score sheet will be sent to both teams (by Post or Email), but it shall be the responsibility of the winning team to return it, duly completed, to the Honorary Competition Secretary within 72 hours of the completion of the match (by post or Email). The Score sheet shall be signed by representatives of both teams.  
Also, remember if using post to ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH THE WINNING SCORE SHEET; any team not failing to do so, may be fined.**

10. Teams shall consist of four men and four ladies and each match shall consist of eight events (four mixed, two ladies and two gent's doubles). Each event shall consist of two games of 21 aces (no extended play) using the 'Rally points' scoring system (For rules see pages 55-57) with the team gaining the most games being the winner. If both teams win eight games the match shall be decided on points.

11. Each Match will be handicapped on the plus / minus system and handicaps revised for each round.

12. The order of play and scoring shall be agreed between the opposing team captains prior to the commencement of the match. Umpires may be appointed, if agreed by both teams. Couples must be arranged in order of strength with the first ranked couple playing the opposing first couple, second ranked couple playing the opposing second couple, etc.

13. The names of all players should be entered on the official score sheet prior to the commencement of the match, and thereafter no substitute players are permitted for any reason.

14. In the event of injury or premature termination of any game, the retiring couple's score shall:-

- a) If the game were completed, stand.
- b) If the game were not completed, being recorded as a win for the opposing pair with the retiring couple's team being credited with their score at the time of injury.

If the retiring couple are unable to participate further, any un-played games will be awarded to the opposing team, 21 aces to love.

15. The home team will provide shuttles of correct speed but, the cost of shuttles used for all matches, except the final, must be borne equally by both opposing teams.

16. The final will be played on a neutral court. The Management Committee will provide shuttles.

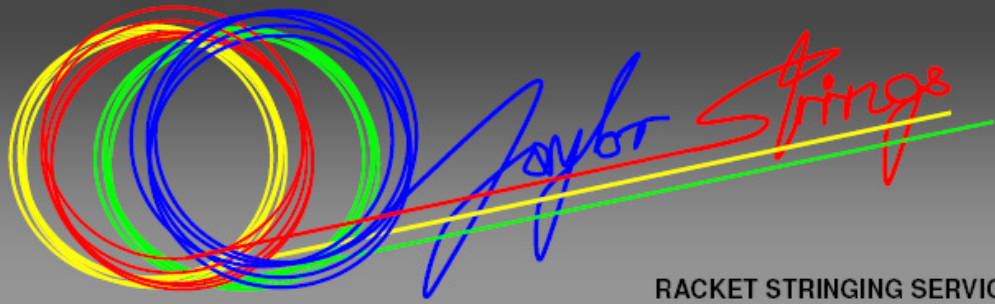
17. Starting times of Sangster Cup matches shall be as per 'Rules for Match play' rule 13. (Starting Time of matches.)

18. Any points not covered by these rules shall be governed by the Liverpool and District Badminton League's rules for match play.

19. Failure to comply with any rule may entail the disqualification and/or a fine on the club committing the offence.

20. There are two options for match venues:-

1. Between 8:00 & 10:00pm at a central venue selected by the League Committee.
2. The Home Team have the option to play at their own venue if a date can be agreed with the opposing team.



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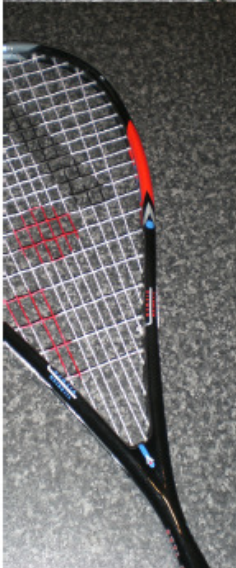
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