



### **REGULATIONS FOR INTER-CLUB COMPETITION RULES**

1. The qualifications to play for a club shall be the bona-fide playing membership of that club, and the registration of the player in the Association.
2. At least seven days prior to the first match of the season or October 9<sup>th</sup> 1998, whichever is sooner, each club shall forward to the person or persons so designated by the Association, a list of the playing members of the Club for registration.

Additions to the list during the season shall be submitted to the person or persons so designated by the Association. The additional players shall not be eligible to compete in any match until the player has been registered for fourteen days.

3. Clubs entering two teams in an event shall nominate their six 'A' team players. Clubs entering three or more teams in an event shall nominate their six 'A' team players and their six 'B' teams players, and so on.

Nominated players shall not be eligible to play in a lower team on any occasion during that season.

A player who participates on more than two occasions in a team senior to that indicated by the registration shall not, thereafter that season, be eligible to compete in the original registered team.

A player shall not be eligible to compete for two clubs in the same competition. In this context Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles and Ladies Doubles are considered separate competitions.

Any club or player experiencing difficulty should contact the Secretary in writing.

4. Each team shall consist of three pairs. Each pair to play each pair in the opposing team. No change shall be made in the composition of a pair who have commenced play.

If an ineligible player is fielded in a team, this information must be conveyed to the opposing side before commencement of the match.

5. Clubs shall be grouped and placed into divisions at the sole discretion of the Committee. Clubs with more than one team in a division shall play these fixtures first.
6. Following the submission of arranged fixtures lists, changes can then only be made with the consent of both clubs. Clubs shall agree to the postponement of a fixture if the hall becomes unavailable for any reason.

If a fixture is conceded, or mutually rearranged, by the 'away' club 14 days (including the day of play) or less prior to the due fixture date, the 'away' club shall be liable for all court hire fees incurred by the 'home' club for the cancelled match.

7. The earliest starting time that 'home' clubs can insist upon starting play is as follows:
  - a. Monday to Friday inclusive: 19:30 hours.
  - b. Saturday and Sunday: by mutual agreement.

Earlier times may be arranged for (a) by mutual agreement between clubs at the time the fixture is arranged.

8. The following rule can only be invoked at weekends and after 7.30pm Monday to Friday.

Each team shall have, ready to play at the agreed starting time :- one pair for each court to be used (as declared on the fixture lists supplied). A period of grace of 15 minutes from the start time shall be permitted to any pair. At the expiration of this period, any pair that is ready to play, but lack opponents should claim a walk-over (15-0, 15-0). After a further 15 minutes, a second pair also lacking opponents, should claim a further walk-over (e.g. 7.30pm start, 1 court, at 7.45pm 1 rubber claimed, 8.0pm 2 rubbers etc.)

Any rubber not claimed at the appropriate time CANNOT be claimed or given at the end of the match

9. The results of all matches shall be recorded on Result Cards, which the Association shall provide.

All the applicable spaces on the result card, supplied by the 'home' team, shall be completed. The winning team will forward the result, within seven days of the match, to the person so designated by the Committee.

10. The order of play will be:

HOME	123	231	312
AWAY	123	123	123

The last three rubbers may consist of one game played to 21, changing ends at 11, and setting at 19 and 20. If the captains cannot agree, and rubber no.7 has not been started by 10:30 pm, the last three rubbers will be one game played to 21. If the captains agree, the rubbers may be played to the best of three games,

11. The cost of shuttlecocks shall be borne by the 'home' club.

The type of shuttlecock to be used shall be determined by the 'home' club in accordance with the recommendations agreed at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be so stated at the time the fixture is arranged.

The type of shuttlecock used shall be in accordance with the requirements of Rule 5 of the Badminton Association of England.

12. In circumstances where two or more teams tie on matches won on completion of the Competition, the following procedure shall be adopted:

Determine if any matches have been won in contention by cancellation of a match. If so, continue at (a). If not, continue at (b).

- a. Delete the same fixture from all contending clubs. This may produce an outright winner. If not, continue at (b).

- b. Determine the superior rubbers for and against average. This may produce an outright winner. If not, continue at (c).
- c. Determine the superior games for and against average.
- d. To be decided by the toss of a coin, or by the Committee.

All play shall be in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton Association of England.

The Committee of the Association is empowered to deal with any point concerning rules, and make decisions not dealt with, by, or arising out of, these Regulations.

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