

# OXFORD & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE RULES

## Revised May 2007

1. A player, before representing a club, must be a BADMINTON England or BUSA affiliated member of that club.
2. Any club entering more than one team in a League must nominate the players of their 'A' and all other teams apart from the lowest, before the match is played by the 'A', 'B', 'C' etc team and these players shall not be eligible to play in the club 'B' or respectively lower teams. A player may play up twice in total during the season without becoming ineligible to play in a lower team, on the third occasion he becomes ineligible to play in the lower team.

NOTE: The League Secretary may return your nomination if he feels that the players nominated are not established players.

3. A player shall not play for more than one club in the Mixed League, a lady shall not play for more than one club in the Ladies League nor shall a man play for more than one club in the Men's League during any one season.  
Failure to comply with this rule may result in a disqualification of the offending player from the relevant League for a period at the Committee's discretion but not less than one whole season. In this event the entire match will be forfeited by the offending team.

4. After 30 minutes have elapsed from the time the match is due to start, any pair not ready to play when called shall be deemed to have lost that rubber 0 – 21, 0 – 21 subject to appeal.

5. The result of the match must be forwarded to the Match Secretary as soon as possible by the Home Team (absolute limit 7 days). If a club fails to send in a result on more than one occasion within the time limit, a £10 fine will be imposed. Failure to comply on further occasions may result in disqualification from the League.

6. In the Men's, Mixed and Ladies Leagues. At the end of the season, the top team of Division Two will be promoted, the bottom team of Division One relegated. Second top of Division Two to play off against second team from bottom of Division One, on a neutral court. The challenger is to arrange a neutral venue within the boundaries of the League, and the team being challenged shall supply suitable shuttles for that hall. The cost of the hire of the hall and the cost of the shuttles shall be borne equally between the two clubs and the match must be played by the 21<sup>st</sup> April. The League Match Secretary must be informed of the date of the match. If the clubs cannot agree on a date and/or a venue, the Committee will nominate a date and/or a venue on which the match must be played. Promotion and relegation from Lower divisions will be 2 up, 2 down including the bottom of Division two. Where there are fewer than six teams in a Division the formula will be 1 up, 1 down.

7. Any new club entering the League must start in the lowest Division and work its way up, except where teams have pulled out of higher Divisions and re-organisation of the Divisions has to take place – this will be at the Committee's discretion.

8. If a team wishes to re-arrange a game then it must approach the opposing team at least 14 days before the date of the match. The opposing team is then expected to make every effort to re-arrange a suitable date for the match. Except in cases of force majeure any team cancelling a match less than 14 days before the match will concede the fixture and the points available (12 or 9) will be awarded to the opposing team accordingly.

9. Non availability of a particular player(s) will not constitute a reason for cancelling a match.

10. If a team concedes more than 2 matches in any one Division in a season they will be relegated one Division.

11. Mixed and Men's Doubles

a. A Mixed team shall consist of 3 Ladies and 3 Men, a Men's team of 6 Men. A match will consist of 9 rubbers.

b. A rubber will consist of the best of three games to 21 points using the rally scoring system.

After 6 or more rubbers have been played, should it become obvious that the match cannot be completed on this basis, the remaining rubber or rubbers shall be one game to 21 points changing ends at 11. A club unable to complete a match shall forfeit any unplayed rubber(s) to their opponents.

c. Should 2 teams finish level on points and if 1 team's results include a 12 – 0 walkover, rubbers for that match and the other team's corresponding match against the team conceding shall not be taken into account when calculating final positions.

d. A team shall gain 3 points for winning a match and each team shall gain 1 point for each rubber won.

A conceded match will be forfeited to the offended team by 12 points to 0. In the unlikely event that both teams turn up with only two pairs, only two points will be conceded for missed rubbers, the third rubber (3 v 3) will not be scored. In the event of a drawn match 2 – 2, the 3 points for winning the match will not be awarded and the match will be scored 4 – 4.

## 12. Ladies Doubles

a. A Ladies team shall consist of 4 Ladies. A match will consist of 6 rubbers.

b. A rubber will consist of the best of three games to 21 points using the rally scoring system.

After 4 or more rubbers have been played, should it become obvious that the match cannot be completed on this basis, the remaining rubber or rubbers shall be one game to 21 points changing ends at 11.

A club unable to complete a match shall forfeit any unplayed rubber(s) to their opponents.

c. A team shall gain 3 points for winning a match and each team shall gain 1 point for each rubber won.

A conceded match will be forfeited to the offended team by 9 points to 0. In the unlikely event that both teams turn up with only one pair the match must be replayed.

d. Should 2 teams finish level on points, if 1 team's results include a 9 – 0 walkover, rubbers for that match and the other team's corresponding match against the team conceding shall not be taken into account when calculating final positions.

N.B. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that sufficient court time is booked to complete a match under normal conditions, e.g. barring power cuts etc.

13. Where a club has two or more teams in one Division, the matches, home & away, between those teams must be played before any other matches by that club in that Division.

14. Any club having more than 1 team in the League and wishing to withdraw a team must withdraw its lowest team.

15. The annual subscription per club and per team shall be agreed annually at the AGM and payable not later than 1<sup>st</sup> October each year to the Treasurer.

16. Matches are to start on 1<sup>st</sup> October or earlier if both teams agree and be completed as follows:-

Men's, Mixed & Ladies Divisions 1 & 2 by the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Remaining Men's, Mixed & Ladies Divisions by the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

17. All matches must be played with hide covered, cork based shuttles. However feather shuttlecocks must be used in all Division 1 matches. (i.e. Mixed, Men's & Ladies).
18. In the case of all disputes the Committee will expect written statements from all parties concerned.
19. The Committee's decision shall be final.
20. In exceptional circumstances the committee have the authority to interpret these rules in the best interest of paragraph 2 of the Constitution.
21. Any club not sending a representative to the fixtures meeting shall have points penalty levied on all of its teams prior to the start of the season, according to the following system:-  
 Leagues with six teams or above: 6 Points  
 Leagues with five teams or less: 5 Points
22. League Positions will be determined firstly by points achieved, then by matches won, then by individual games won. Should two teams achieve the same position on all three counts then the results between the two sides will determine which side finishes higher.

Peter Browning  
 Hon. Secretary  
 July 2009

Notes:

The order of play for the Mixed and Men's Leagues may be chosen by mutual agreement from any of the following:

Visiting team: 123 123 132 or 123 123 123 or 123 123 123  
 Home team: 123 212 313 312 231 123 123 231 312

The order of play for the Ladies League will be:

	Home Team	Away Team
Rubber 1	1 & 2	1 & 2
Rubber 2	3 & 4	3 & 4
Rubber 3	1 & 3	1 & 3
Rubber 4	2 & 4	2 & 4
Rubber 5	3 & 4	1 & 2
Rubber 6	1 & 2	3 & 4