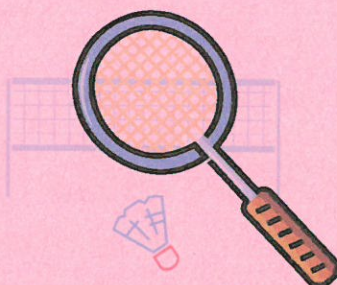


# CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



## CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

### **Amendments:**

August 1977

June 1980

August 1984

August 1987

August 1989

June 1990

May 1993

June 1996

July 2003

December 2003

June 2004



**CONSTITUTION**  
**of the**  
**CRAWLEY & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

1. **NAME** The Association shall be called the Crawley & District Badminton Association
2. **OBJECTS**
  - a) To encourage badminton in the district and to assist clubs and players in every way
  - b) To organise a District League for affiliated clubs.
  - c) To organise or assist in other competitions and tournaments as may be considered advisable
3. **OFFICERS** The Officers of the Association shall consist of:
  - The President
  - The Chairman
  - The Hon. Secretary
  - The Hon. Treasurer
  - Competition Secretary
  - Junior Development Officer
4. **MANAGEMENT** The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers and two other members, all of whom, except the President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for members of the Executive Committee must be received by the Hon. Secretary at least seven days before the date of the A.G.M., the consent of the nominee first having been obtained. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt additional persons and may appoint such Sub-Committees as it may think necessary. The Officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-Committees. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall consist of four members including two officers.
5. **MEMBERSHIP** Automatic membership shall be granted to any affiliated clubs within a radius of eight miles from Crawley and outside this area at the discretion of the Association.
6. **MEETINGS** The A.G.M shall be held by the end of June each year. A general meeting may be called by the Hon. Secretary at any time, or shall be called at the request in writing of representatives of five or more clubs, the purpose of such a meeting being clearly defined beforehand. At least fourteen days notice shall be given of any such meeting. Two members of Clubs belonging to the Association shall be entitled to attend the A.G.M. and other general meetings if called.
7. **SUBSCRIPTIONS** The annual subscription as determined at the A.G.M. shall be payable before the first Saturday in September each year, or upon joining. Any Club wishing to resign from the Association must give notice to the Hon. Secretary in writing before 31<sup>st</sup> August, otherwise the Club will be liable for the subscription for that year.

- 8. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS** Changes to the Constitution & Regulations shall be altered only at an A.G.M. called in accordance with Clause 6 of the Constitution. In the event of any alteration to the Constitution or Regulations being considered necessary, notice of the proposed alteration shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary to be received on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January. Notice of such proposed alteration shall be circulated to the Clubs during February. Notice of any amendment to the proposed alteration shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary to be received on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March. Notice of such amendment together with the proposed alteration, shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the A.G.M. No alteration shall be made to the Constitution or Regulations unless carried by two thirds of the total votes recorded
- 9. AFFILIATION** The Crawley & District Badminton Association shall affiliate to the Badminton Association of England and all Clubs joining the Crawley & District Badminton Association must be affiliated to their County Badminton Association.
- 10. ACCOUNTS & AUDITS** The audited financial statement shall be prepared by the Hon. Treasurer and presented at the Annual General Meeting for adoption. The Auditor will be appointed at the A.G.M. each year.
- 11. DISSOLUTION** A winding up resolution may be proposed at any General Meeting of the Association subject to twenty one clear days notice being given. Two thirds of the votes cast must be in favour for any such resolution to be carried. If the resolution were lost, a further resolution cannot be presented for five years. If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among, the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other body or bodies, institution or institutions having objects similar, wholly / partially, to the objects of the Association, such bodies or institutions to be determined by a simple majority of the Committee at or before the time of dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable object.

# **REGULATIONS FOR ALL CRAWLEY & DISTRICT**

## **BADMINTON ASSOCIATION LEAGUE &**

### **KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS**

1. These competitions shall comprise such Knock-Out and League Competitions as the Executive Committee shall determine and shall be confined to Clubs affiliated to the Crawley & District Badminton Association.
2. All Knock-Out and League Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as published in the current Handbook of the Badminton Association of England.
3. The Competitions shall be managed by the Executive Committee, or one or more Sub-Committees of not more than five Association officials to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Sub-Committees shall have power to decide all questions relating to competitions, including questions of eligibility, qualification and interpretation of the Regulations and to settle any dispute arising between Clubs in the competitions. Any Club being dissatisfied with any decision shall have a right of appeal to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
4. Entry fees shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Clubs desiring to compete must apply in writing to the Competition Secretary on or before the first Saturday in September, enclosing the appropriate fees and giving such information as to the playing strength of the Club as will assist the Sub-Committees.
5. The draw for any Knock-Out Competitions and arrangement of divisions in any League Competitions shall be made by the Sub-Committees on or before the Fixture Meeting of each season and copies shall be circulated to Club Secretaries as soon thereafter as possible. Progress of events will also be notified from time to time.
6. The Knock-Out and League Competitions shall be divided into such events and sections having regard to the strength and number of entries received as the Sub-Committee shall decide is appropriate.
7. In the Knock-Out Competitions the position of all teams in the competition, including who is home and away, shall be decided by lot by the Sub-Committee.
8. The League Competitions shall be divided into such divisions as shall be determined by the Sub-Committee and each Club will play home and away matches with each of the other Clubs in the same division. At the discretion of the Sub-Committee and subject to any re-grouping which may be necessary, winners of divisions may be promoted in the following season to higher divisions and Clubs at the bottom of divisions may be relegated to lower divisions.
9. All senior fixtures will be arranged within two weeks of the fixtures meeting at the start of the season. If any matches are still not fixed by this date, then the ability to deduct points or remove a team will rest at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
10. In all matches, each team shall score one point for each rubber won. If two or more Clubs have an equal number of points awarded at the end of the season, the final position will be decided in favour of the Club winning the highest number of games and if they are still equal, the highest number of aces.
11. a) Qualification to play for a Club shall be legitimate membership of that club including

- payment of the usual subscription for playing members for that current season.
- b) A player shall not represent more than one Club in any one competition.
- c) The validity of players in the Knock-Out competitions will be the same as that in the league competitions, unless specified in the separate KO Cup rules.
- d) No player shall play for a Club in any competition unless he/she has been registered with the Competition Secretary before 30<sup>th</sup> September. After 30<sup>th</sup> September additional players may be registered but they shall not be eligible to play in any Competition for ten days after their registration has been received by the Competition Secretary.

12. When a Club plays more than one team in any Competition:-

- a) The Club will designate a first team which will be the team in the highest division of all the club's teams. If more than one team is in the same division then for the basis of player nomination the higher team will be the one that finished in the highest position (or league) the previous year.
- b) The Club shall nominate the players whom it is proposed to play in the first team and all further teams except the lowest.
- c) The names of nominated players shall be forwarded to the Competition Secretary before the Club plays any matches in the competition.
- d) The players nominated as the first team shall consist of the three best pairs which the Club propose to play in the competition and if three teams are played, the players nominated as the second team shall consist of the three next best pairs which the Club proposes to play in the Competition.
- e) Players nominated shall not play in a team lower to that for which they have been nominated.
- f) Any player who plays on more than one occasion during the season for any team shall not subsequently be eligible to play for a lower team.
- g) If any Club plays two teams in the same division, then the matches between these teams shall be played before 30<sup>th</sup> November.

13.

- a) For all Leagues except the Combination League and Ladies League, each team shall be composed of three pairs and each pair shall play the best of three games against each pair of the opposing team. The Club which wins five or more rubbers shall be declared the winner. If a match be adjourned before a definite result is reached, the match may, at the discretion of the Sub-Committee, be replayed and the composition of the teams may be changed. The visiting team shall play all their matches on the same court if possible. The visiting pairs shall play in strict rotation where only one court is used unless otherwise arranged by the mutual consent of the two captains.
- b) For the Combination League, each team will comprise two men and two ladies who will play 4 mixed, 1 mens and 1 ladies rubber. In all other respects, each match will be in accordance with Regulation 13(a) above.
- c) For the Ladies League, each team will comprise of two pairs, playing the best of three games against each pair of the opposing team. In all other respects, each match will be in accordance with Regulation 13(a) above.

14.

- a) The home team must offer their opponents at least two dates. The offer of a Sunday shall not be regarded as an offer unless acceptable to their opponents. Likewise, an offer to begin play before 6.30pm on a weekday shall not be regarded as an offer. The home team shall provide and bear the cost of the court and shuttles which in both cases must comply with the Laws of Badminton published in the Handbook of the Badminton Association of England.
- b) All competitions and league matches are to be played with cork based shuttlecocks.
- c) The finals of all Knock-Out Competitions shall consist of a home and away leg, though if deemed necessary can be played in a neutral hall and, failing mutual agreement

between the competing Clubs, feather shuttlecocks will be used. The expenses of any Knock-Out finals played as a single leg shall be divided by the competing Clubs.

15. If after 30 minutes of the time agreed for commencement of the match, any player required to play shall be absent, his/her opponent shall be entitled to two love games. If after 60 minutes a player is still absent and be required to play, his/her second opponent shall be entitled to two love games and similarly after 90 minutes his/her third opponent shall be entitled to two love games.
16. A referee may be appointed for any match by mutual consent or at the discretion of the Sub-Committee.
17.
  - a) Any Club wishing to postpone a match shall give information of its intention to do so to the Match Secretary of the opposing Club not less than three days before the date originally agreed.
  - b) No match is deemed postponed until a new date has been agreed by both Clubs.
  - c) Postponement of any match must be notified within 48 hours of the original match date by both Clubs to the Competition Secretary stating reasons.
  - d) Re-arranged details of that particular match must be notified by both Clubs as soon as it is made.
  - e) In the event of neither Club notifying the Competition Secretary of a cancellation/ rearrangement, then the original date will have been deemed to stand and the result declared void - i.e. neither Club will receive any points.
  - f) Only one re-arrangement, by each Club, of any one match will be allowed. Likewise, a failure to play in any Knock-Out Match by the date appointed for the Round shall, unless adequate reason is given to and accepted by the Competition Secretary, result in the defaulting Club being scratched from the Competition.
  - g) If, as a last resort, a walk-over is given, the relevant match will be held over until the end of the season when an averaging factor based on the offending teams results during the current season will be awarded to the non offending team only. This will be rounded up to the next integer, and will be a minimum of 3 games.
18. Secretaries of home teams shall be responsible for sending the results of all matches (giving the name of both teams and full scores) to the Competition Secretary within forty-eight hours of the playing of the match. Failure to do this may result in the loss of league points or being scratched from the Knock-Out Competition.
19. A junior league for players will also be run. For this league a separate set of rules will be produced and maintained by a separate sub-committee.
20. Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in these Regulations, the Executive Committee may amend any of these Regulations, if, in its opinion, to do so would be of administrative or financial benefit to the Association. If any Regulations are so amended, they must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.



# **CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

## **JUNIOR LEAGUE 2005/06**

### Divisions 1 and 2

The Junior League Divisions 1 and 2 shall be for players aged Under 17 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005/1<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

Teams shall consist of four players, two boys and two girls. Substitutes of the opposite sex may be used as long as the substitutes are under the age of 13 (or have their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday) on the date of the match.

Players may only represent one club during the course of any season.

Players may play for a clubs lower level team as long as they have not played more than one match in a higher level team during the course of the season. Any player who plays in a higher team twice is then disqualified from playing in a lower level team for the remainder of the season.

Matches will consist of four mixed doubles and two level doubles. Each will be best of three sets to 11 points, with setting at 10 all if necessary. Each player will play two mixed doubles games, switching partner after the first game, and one level doubles.

Results cards to be sent to the League Secretary by the Home team.

### Friendly Division

This division is intended to give younger inexperienced players the chance to play matches in a less competitive environment than the leagues.

Players shall be (approximately) Under-14.

Any player who has represented their club in more than one match in any league at any time, including previous seasons, shall not play in the Friendly Division.

Clubs are encouraged to play at least one match against each of the other teams in the division.

Team coaches/organisers shall decide beforehand how many players of each sex shall be involved and decide on an appropriate number of games (including singles or half-court singles if wanted) and an appropriate match format.

Please keep a record of the game scores and match results and send to the League Secretary for reference.

**31<sup>th</sup> August 2005**