

WEST WEALD BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
Regulations for all competitions

1. These competitions shall comprise such tournaments and league competitions as the Committee shall determine and shall be confined to clubs affiliated to the West Weald Badminton Association. All member clubs of the West Weald Badminton Association shall be affiliated to a county badminton association and to Badminton England.
2. The competitions shall be managed by the Association Committee, who shall have the 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.
3. The League competitions shall be divided into such divisions as shall be determined by the Committee. Each club to play home and away matches with each of the other clubs in the same division. Subject to any regrouping which may be necessary, winners of divisions will be promoted and the club at the bottom relegated. Where there are two or more teams from the same club in the same division then they will play each other before playing other clubs in that division, by 16th November that season.
4. Should a team drop out during the season, those teams which have already played matches with the said team must forfeit their points. Clubs wishing to withdraw a team or teams from the League must withdraw their lowest team first, except at the discretion of the Committee.
5. In event of a fixture not being played or completed the Committee shall have the power to order a replay or to award the match to either club on such terms as it shall think fit.
 - a. In an unfinished match, for whatever reason, if 50% or more rubbers have been completed the match result at that time will stand unless both teams agree then and there to a full replay. If less than 50% of the rubbers have been completed the match must be replayed. The Committee must be advised within 48 hours and the match rearranged within 14 days. The away team has the right to appeal to the Committee regarding the dates being offered.
 - b. In the event that a Club fails to send any players to an agreed match or the match is cancelled within a time scale which does not enable the home Club to avoid hall charges, the off-ending Club are to pay all reasonable expenses (normally the hall charges).
6. The tournament and K.O. competitions shall be divided into such events and sections, having regard to the strength and number of entries received, as the Committee shall decide.
7. In all League 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 matches and if they are still equal the highest number of games, and then aces. The Committee will decide the final positions of Clubs in the event that the points and matches won are identical.

8. Each club to send a list of members and fixtures to the Match Secretary by the 31st October each year or before a fixture prior to this date. Home venue and type of shuttle must also be given.
9. No player may represent more than one club in the same League during any one season. Names of new players added to club lists during the season must be registered with the Match Secretary 14 days before being eligible to compete in matches. All players must be registered with Badminton England.
10. When a club has more than one team competing in the Mixed League;-
 - a. That club shall nominate the best man and lady it proposes to play in the first team. For the Combination one man and one lady only need to be nominated.
 - b. The same principle of nomination shall apply to further teams except the lowest; and to all leagues i.e. Men's and Ladies. These players are to play the minimum of 50% of matches. For each game that a nominated member misses from the minimum 50% requirement, 3 points will be deducted, even if this results in a negative score.
 - c. The names of nominated players shall be forwarded to the Secretary before the club plays any matches in the League.
 - d. Players may not play in a team lower than which they have been nominated.
 - e. Any player who has played more than twice in a team will not be eligible to play for any lower team.
 - f. Alteration to a nomination may be allowed at the discretion of the Committee.
11.
 - a. In mixed matches, each team shall comprise two pairs. Each pair shall play one rubber against each of the opposing pairs. The ladies shall then change men partners and play one further rubber against one of the opposing pairs who shall similarly have changed partners. No pair shall play more than two rubbers and no player shall play more than three rubbers.
 - b. A Combination match shall comprise of 4 mixed, 1 ladies and 1 men's rubbers.
 - c. A Ladies and Men's match shall comprise of 4 players, the teams will play 6 rubbers with all pairings being declared before the match has started. No pair may play more than 2 rubbers and no player may play more than 3 rubbers.
 - d. The Order of Play for each of the different division is shown in Appendix 1. Rubbers should be played in accordance with the Order of Play unless otherwise agreed by mutual consent between the opposing team captains.
12. If at any time agreed for the commencement of the match any player required to play shall be absent, his opponent shall be entitled to two love games. The same criteria to be applied at the end of each succeeding half-hour.
13. Every endeavour must be made to play matches in accordance with the fixtures list and in any event before 30th April: alterations only being considered if:-

- a. fixtures dates clash with those of other Association,
 - b. the hall is not available
 - c. exceptionally bad weather conditions prevent travelling,
 - d. The Match Secretaries of both teams are able to agree upon a revised future date.
14. a. No walk-over should be given. Any club unable to send a full team of eligible players should complete their team by including player that is not eligible. The games played by the latter will be given to the opposing team. Any team playing a player that is not eligible should notify the opposing team before the start of the match. In event that both teams have only one valid pair then only one point is available to be won.
- b. Should any team given one or two walk-over's, the match(es) will be held over until the end of the season, when an averaging factor based on the offending team's results will be brought in. The non-offending team to receive a minimum of three points. The offending team to have three points deducted.
 - c. Should any team give more than two walk-overs then all matches played by that club are void.
15. Any club not abiding by the rules may be relegated to the Committee's discretion at the end of the season.
16. Secretaries of home teams shall be responsible for sending the results of all matches (giving the names of both teams and full scores) to the Match Secretary within 48 hours of the playing of the match. Any club sending cards in late will be fined £1 for each week the card is late, payable at the end of the season.
17. It is a fault in any hall used for League matches if a player, when serving more than twice consecutively any beam or obstruction normally counted as a let.
18. Matches in all first divisions, plus the mixed second division, shall be played with feather shuttles.

Rule Version – Updated:

- a. September 96. Clarification to rule 10a – nomination of combination players
- b. September 98. Amendment rule d – postponed matches and costs
- c. September 99. Addition of 11b, & 11c – 4 players in a ladies team
- d. September 00. Alteration to rules 3, 11a, c & d. Teams of the same club in same division. 4 players men's teams
- e. September 02. Alteration to rule 13 – one point penalty for late notification of fixtures changes
- f. September 03 Alteration to rule 10 a) – mixed teams nominates one pair only
- g. September 03 Alteration to rule 11a) – mixed teams comprise only two pairs
- h. September 03 Amendment to rule 11b) – 'games' amended to read 'rubbers'
- i. September 03 Rule 11d) changed – introduction of Orders of Play
- j. September 12 Rule 14 b changed to read min 3 points awarded.
- k. September 18 Hon General Secretary changed to Match Secretary in 3 places within document.
- l. September 18 Rule 1 changed to add requirement for all member clubs to be affiliated to a county badminton association and to Badminton England.
- m. September 18 Rule 11d Order of play appendix amended to standardise order of play across all types of matches.
- n. September 18 Rule 14a In the event that both teams have only one valid pair then only one point is available to be won.