

# LANGSIDE BADMINTON LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. The League shall be called "The Langside Badminton League".
2. All clubs are strongly encouraged to be affiliated to BADMINTONscotland.
3. All applications for club admission as Members of the League must have the approval of the General Committee and be submitted to the League Secretary no later than 1 August. No club shall be admitted to membership of the league unless their home matches are played in one of the following postcode regions: G41, G42, G43, G44, G45, G46, G53, G72, G73, G74, G75, G76 and G77.
4. The names and addresses of the Match Secretary, League representative, Location of Hall and evening of play will be notified in writing to the General Committee at the start of the season. Any change in the above must be intimated immediately.
5. The Annual Subscription for Clubs shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the League and shall be paid to the Treasurer by 1 October each year.
6. The League shall be managed by a General Committee which will consist of one representative of each Club in membership of the League. They will be elected in to officer bearer roles at the Annual General Meeting. as follows:- President, General Secretary and Events Convener (Langside Cups and Restricted Thornlee Tournament), Treasurer, and Divisional League Secretaries.
7. At the Annual General Meeting of the League, which shall be held in the month of August, alterations to the Constitution shall be considered, provided that 14 days notice has been given to the Secretary and to the members of the General Committee. A two-thirds majority shall carry a motion, each Club shall only have one vote on all matters and the serving President shall have a casting vote.
8. The Balance Sheet presented at the Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer shall have been approved by the Auditor who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
9. Meetings of the General Committee shall be held at intervals during the playing season as necessary.
10. Should any question arise which is not provided for by the Constitution, the General Committee shall have the power to determine same.
11. Clubs failing to be represented at two successive meetings of the Annual General Meeting shall be fined such amount to be decided by the committee.

# LANGSIDE BADMINTON MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE RULES

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12. The League shall consist of Divisions when more than 5 clubs have registered to play in the upcoming season. Should there be 5 clubs or less, they will form one division.
13. In each Division, clubs shall compete for the Championship of that Division, the top club in each Division shall normally be promoted, the bottom Club to be relegated.
14. Should any Club resign and re-join at a later stage, they will begin their campaign from the lowest division on return.
15. Should the league be separated after a season of just 5 clubs, divisions will be formed by placing the top 3 teams in the first division, and others in the second division.
16. The dates and times of the League Matches will be fixed by the General Committee. Permission to alter or concede a match can only be given by the Divisional Secretary. Any Club altering or changing the date for a match should give their opponents seven days notice and offer them two alternative dates on which to play the match at the earliest convenience. Failure to offer two such dates within 14 days of the original date will result in the match being conceded. The divisional Secretary must be notified of the date fixed once agreed.
17. Each club shall play every Club in their Division of the League both home and away, unless merged to form the one league of 5. In this case, the home/away fixtures will be determined by the most recent historical fixtures, and alternated each year. One point will be awarded for each rubber won during the fixture.
18. All matches must be for three mixed doubles couples and to be played as in BWF rules, each couple to play best of three games of 21 aces with setting (May 2006 Scoring System) with each couple of the opponents.
19. Fair play and good sportsmanship should be shown at all times. During any disagreements, the two team captains must discuss and agree way forward.
20. Protests on points of play must be formally intimated to the Captain of the competing Club, and notice sent to the General Secretary within two days in writing.
21. The Home Club must provide sufficient shuttlecocks which comply with the Laws of Badminton to complete the Match. The Match must be played throughout with feather shuttles.
22. All players must be registered with the League before playing in any Match. Late registrations must be sent to both the General Secretary and the Divisional Secretary before the match begins. No registrations will be allowed after 31st January.
23. Before commencement of the Match, the home captain must confirm the start time with the away captain seven days prior. Any team that does not have a couple ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled or agreed starting time shall forfeit one game 21 – 0, 21 – 0, repeated every successive 15 minutes that the Match cannot continue. In the event of the Match being unfinished at the end of the agreed time, the score at that time shall stand and be submitted to the Divisional Secretary.
24. If Clubs tie in points for the Divisional Championships, the ratio of games for and against will decide same. If games for and against be equal, then their season's head-to-head will determine

overall league champion. In the event of all these items being equal, a play-off will be held in a neutral hall at a date set by the General Committee, which cannot be changed.

25. All League Fixtures must be completed by 30 April.

26. In the event of a Club entering more than one team in the Mixed Doubles League, six players must be nominated for the first team. During the course of a season, these players can not play down. However, all other players in the club can play up for a maximum of two games per season, and will thereafter be considered only for the higher team.

27. Alterations to the Rules may be proposed at the AGM of the League.

28. The General Committee shall conduct all business of the League. It shall have power to deal with any player or Club violating the Rules. Members of the General committee shall retire if their Clubs are involved. The General Committee decision shall be final and binding.

# KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT: SOUTHERN CHALLENGE TROPHY AND HENDERSON CUP RULES

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29. The competition shall be held annually.

30. The affairs of the competition shall be managed by the General Committee

31. All Mixed Doubles League Clubs will compete for the Southern Challenge Trophy.

32. Clubs knocked out in their first tie of the Southern Challenge Trophy will participate in the Henderson Cup competition. Unfulfilled matches do not count as ties, i.e. a conceded match is an unfulfilled tie. Clubs conceding a tie in the Southern Challenge Trophy will not be eligible to participate in the Henderson Cup competition. Their opponents can choose to participate in Southern Challenge Trophy or Henderson Cup in the next round.

33. The competitions shall be played on a knockout principle.

34. Players taking part must be registered as per the League Rules. For final rounds, all players must have played a minimum of two matches (league or cup) to be able to participate.

35. Any Club playing an unregistered player(s) will forfeit the rubbers and games concerned.

36. The previous season winners and runners up will be placed at opposite ends of the draw. They will play their first and following round fixtures away.

37. Remaining matches for the first round of home/away will be determined by selection of the draw. Thereafter, second rounds of all matches will have home/away matches determined by random draw.

38. Match dates will be set by the General Committee. Clubs can request new dates no later than 14 days before the match is due to take place. First rounds must be concluded by the end of December, and Second Rounds concluded by end of February. Finals will be held in March with the date set by the General Committee. The Finals date is not subject to change, unless decided by the General Committee.

39. No player shall play for more than one team in these competitions in the same season.

40. Each team shall consist of a minimum of six players (three ladies and three gentlemen) and each tie of each rubbers as under

Four Mixed Doubles

One Women's Doubles

One Men's Doubles.

Players may not play more than one rubber with the same partner. The strength of the first three mixed pairings must reflect genuine ability and be arranged truthfully.

41. A rubber shall be the best of three games, each 21 aces with setting (May 2006 Scoring System) in any game if required. The team winning the majority of rubbers shall be the winners. If rubbers are equal, the team winning the majority of the games shall be the winners. If the games are also equal, the team winning the majority of aces shall be the winners.

42. The teams must be arranged in order of merit and order of play shall be:-

1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Doubles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed Doubles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Gents Doubles, 4<sup>th</sup> Mixed Doubles.

No deviations from this order will be permitted unless mutually agreed by both teams before the match starts.

43. Captains shall hand a copy of their respective teams and placings to each other before play in the match commences. All couples must be available to play when required according to the agreed starting time and agreed order of play. Any team that does not have a couple ready to play within 15 minutes of being required will forfeit the rubber.

44. Two copies of the results of the match must be posted by the winning team to the Southern Trophy/ Henderson Cup Convenor within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match. Failure to do so may mean disqualification.

45. The Home Club must provide sufficient shuttlecocks which comply with the Laws of Badminton to complete the match. The Away Club will pay half the cost. The match must be played entirely with feather shuttlecocks. If sufficient shuttlecocks are not provided, the Home Club shall forfeit the match.

46. The finals shall be played on neutral courts and all arrangements for them, including the appointment of umpires, will be made by the General Committee.

47. The Clubs winning the finals shall be holders of the Trophies for one year.

48. Any dispute arising out of the competitions must be sent, in writing, to the Events Convener, who will place it before the General Committee. The decision of the General Committee will be final and binding.

## LEVEL DOUBLES LEAGUES (WOMEN'S AND MEN'S)

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49. In such Leagues there shall be a maximum of four players per team. A total of eight rubbers will be played. Each player will play a total of four games, two of each with the same partner. A rubber shall be the best of three games, each of 21 aces with setting (May 2006 Scoring System) in any game if required.

50. The League shall consist of Divisions, no more than 5 clubs in each division. At the end of the season, the top Club of each division shall normally be promoted in and the bottom Club relegated. In the event of a club resigning it will be deemed to be the bottom club in the Division.

51. All players in the Doubles League must registered as such with the League before playing any match. No registration shall be allowed after 31st December.

52. Rules 12 to 28 inclusive from the Mixed doubles rules shall apply to the Doubles Leagues.

# THE LANGSIDE LEAGUE RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT, THORNLEE

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53. A restricted end-of-season tournament, Thornlee, shall be held annually between beginning of March and the end of May. Scheduled events include Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Balloted Mixed Doubles.

54. The General Committee shall have power to add to this list or cancel any of the aforementioned should entries be insufficient.

55. All competitors must be registered players with the League by 31 January of the season.

56. All entries for Tournaments must be accompanied with Entry Fees by the closing date. Any late entries or payment will not be accepted in to the tournament.

57. The dates and venues of the Tournaments and the closing date for the receipt of entries, together with any other relevant information, will be intimated to Club Secretaries early in the Season.

58. Balloted Mixed Pairs must consist of one man and one woman; each registered with different clubs. Pairings will be randomly drawn by the tournament organisers. If a pairing includes two players from the same club, it will be redrawn to ensure the pair represents different clubs.

59. Substitutions are only permitted with players who registered for the tournament before the closing date. New entries will not be accepted for the purpose of substitution; substitutes must already be entered in another event within the tournament to be a substitute.

60. Refunds will only be issued to participants before the entry deadline, or for players who are not assigned a partner for the events they have entered. If a participant's partner withdraws beyond the entry deadline, but they still choose to compete, no refund will be provided, as tournament costs are based on final confirmed entries.

61. Tournament regulations will be reviewed annually and made available to all players prior to the start of the tournament.