

Worthing and Brighton Badminton League Rules 2016/2017

## Definitions – Worthing League

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN:</b> DEREK WEBB <b>PRESIDENT:</b> KEITH GUIVER <b>TREASURER:</b> STEVE WEBBER <b>SECRETARY:</b> HELEN MOORE <b>LEAGUE SECRETARY:</b> PAUL JACKSON <b>MEMBER:</b> GEORGE WOOLLARD <b>MEMBER:</b> MEG BRACKLEY <b>MEMBER:</b> JJ CRAIG
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<b>LEAGUE ADDRESS</b>	14 WHITE HOUSE PLACE, DURRINGTON HILL, WORTHING, BN13 2PF
<b>FIXTURES MEETING (DATE)</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<b>START OF THE SEASON</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<b>END OF THE SEASON</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
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## Definitions – Brighton League

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<b>FIXTURES MEETING (DATE)</b>	TBC
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## League Management

- L1: The management of the league shall be the responsibility of the **COMMITTEE**.
- L2: Changes to the league rules can only be made at an AGM or EGM.
- L3: The league shall be open to all **CLUBS** subject to the approval of the **COMMITTEE**. New **CLUBS** or additional **TEAMS** from existing **CLUBS** desiring to take part shall forward their applications in writing to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY**. The deadline for applications will be one week before the **FIXTURES MEETING**.

## Rules of Play

- R1: All **MATCHES** shall be played according to the Laws of Badminton England.

## Match Structure

- M1: Full ladies' and men's **MATCHES** will consist of three consistent pairs playing each opposing pair. Nine **GAMES** in total.
- M2: Full mixed **MATCHES** in the Worthing League will consist of three consistent pairs playing each opposing pair. Full mixed **MATCHES** in the Brighton League will consist of seven mixed **GAMES** using consistent pairs and one men's and one ladies' **GAME**. Nine **GAMES** in total.
- M3: Men's and Ladies' Combi **MATCHES** will consist of two consistent pairs playing **GAMES** against each opposing pair. The fifth and sixth **GAMES** should involve each pair swapping partners (Player 1 with Player 3, Player 2 with Player 4 as per scoresheet). Six **GAMES** in total.
- M4: Mixed Combi **MATCHES** will consist of two consistent pairs playing **GAMES** against each opposing pair. The fifth and sixth **GAMES** will be a men's **GAME** and a ladies' **GAME**. Six **GAMES** in total.

## Scoresheets

- S1: Scoresheets **MUST** be signed by a representative of the Home and Away **TEAMS** before being submitted to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY**.
- S2: It is the responsibility of the home **TEAM** in each **MATCH** to send the scoresheet to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** within 7 days of the date of the **MATCH**.
- S3: These can be either be scanned/photographed and sent to the **LEAGUE E-MAIL** address or sent to the **LEAGUE ADDRESS**.
- S4: The **LEAGUE SECRETARY** is expected to work as flexibly as possible, but reserves the right to award **MATCHES** to the away **TEAM** should the home **TEAM** fail to adhere to rule S2.

## Player Eligibility

- E1: A player is eligible to represent only one **CLUB** in each **TYPE** of competition per season.
- E2: For clarity, a player is ineligible to represent two **CLUBS** in different **DIVISIONS** of the same **TYPE**. (e.g. a player is not eligible to play Division I Men's for one **CLUB** and Division II Men's for another **CLUB**.)
- E3: The first **CLUB** which a player represents for each **TYPE** of competition will be the only **CLUB** for which that player is eligible for the rest of the season.
- E4: Any **GAMES** played for subsequent **CLUBS** in the same **TYPE** of competition will be forfeit as per rule E5.
- E5: The **GAMES** involving ineligible players will be forfeit and awarded as a **WALKOVER** in favour of the opposing **TEAM**.
- E6: Players **MUST** be affiliated with Badminton England by the **31<sup>st</sup> October** each season. Any player who is not affiliated with Badminton England by this time will forfeit their **GAMES** as per rule E5.
- E7: In the case of a new player joining a **CLUB** during the season, the new player **MUST** be affiliated with Badminton England **BEFORE** representing the **CLUB** in a **MATCH**. If the new player is not affiliated, their **GAMES** will be forfeit as per rule E5.
- E8: In the event of uncertainty over player eligibility, the final decision rests with the **COMMITTEE**.

## Multiple TEAMS from the same CLUB

Where a **CLUB** has two or more **TEAMS** in the same **TYPE** of competition:

- E9: **MATCHES** played between the two or more **TEAMS** from a single **CLUB** must be played in advance of all other **MATCHES** that those **TEAMS** play in that **DIVISION**.
- E10: The ranking of the **TEAMS** must be specified before the **START OF THE SEASON**.
- E11: Before the **START OF THE SEASON** and for each higher-ranked **TEAM**, **CLUBS MUST** nominate 2 players for each combi **TEAM** and 4 players for each full **TEAM**. These players **MUST** be the strongest players as judged by the **CLUB** and will be expected to play regularly for the higher-ranked **TEAM**.
- E12: The nominated players are strictly only eligible to play for the higher-ranked **TEAM**.
- E13: Players who are not nominated may represent any **TEAM**, however once they have played three times for a higher ranked **TEAM**, they will become ineligible to play for any lower ranked **TEAMS**.
- E14: Where exceptional circumstances such as player injuries occur, the **CLUB** may appeal to the **COMMITTEE** and rules E11-E13 may be relaxed at the discretion of the **COMMITTEE**.
- E15: **CLUBS** should notify the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** of their list of registered players before the **START OF THE SEASON**. Any subsequent additions to this list are at the approval and discretion of the **COMMITTEE**.

## Behaviour and Etiquette

- B1: It is expected that **MATCHES** will be played with the spirit of utmost sportsmanship.
- B2: **TEAMS** are expected to arrive at the agreed time at the agreed location as per the **FIXTURES LIST**. However, the **COMMITTEE** recognises that this is not always possible and reasonable tolerance should be given. If a dispute arises due to a **TEAM** failing to comply with this, which cannot be resolved by the **CLUBS** involved, this should be referred to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY**.
- B3: The **COMMITTEE** holds a zero tolerance approach to the use of abusive language or aggressive behaviour. Where incidences of such behaviour occur, the **COMMITTEE** reserves the right to award the **GAME** or **MATCH** to the aggrieved **TEAM** and to suspend players from future **MATCHES** as deemed appropriate.
- B4: If a player is injured during the course of a **MATCH** and cannot fulfil their **GAMES**, the unplayed **GAMES** will be awarded to the opposing **TEAM** as a **WALKOVER**.

## Arrangement of Divisions and Fixtures

- A1: The **LEAGUE SECRETARY** will contact **CLUBS**, around early August requesting details of the **TEAMS** that each **CLUB** wishes to enter into the league.
- A2: The **LEAGUE SECRETARY** will arrange the **TEAMS** into **DIVISIONS**. Promotions and relegations from the previous season will be reflected where possible.
- A3: The **LEAGUE SECRETARY** will issue details of the proposed **DIVISIONS** in advance of the **FIXTURES MEETING**.
- A4: A **FIXTURES MEETING** will be set up, usually in early September and representatives from each **CLUB** should attend to arrange fixture dates.
- A5: Each **TEAM** should arrange one home and one away fixture with all other **TEAMS** in the same **DIVISION**.
- A6: Where the number of **TEAMS** in a **DIVISION** is fewer than 5, **TEAMS** may vote on whether to play each home and away **MATCH** twice.
- A7: Each **CLUB** **MUST** provide details of their home fixtures to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** at the meeting or within 7 days of the date of the meeting. Failure to do so may result in a **TEAM** being withdrawn from a **DIVISION**.
- A8: Fixtures should be arranged to be played after the **START OF THE SEASON** and before the **END OF THE SEASON**. Any exceptions **MUST** be agreed with the **LEAGUE SECRETARY**.
- A9: The **FIXTURES LIST** will be issued to all **CLUBS** by the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** after the **FIXTURES MEETING**.

## Fulfilment of Fixtures

- F1: **CLUBS** should endeavour to fulfil all fixtures during the season by fielding a **TEAM** of eligible players.
- F2: If a **CLUB** is unable to field an eligible **TEAM** and wishes to rearrange the fixture, 48 hours' notice must be given to the opposing **TEAM** and the **CLUBS** should agree an alternative date.
- F3: Where less than 48 hours' notice is given, the opposing **TEAM** can request that the **MATCH** be awarded to them. This should be referred to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** for a final decision. However, the **COMMITTEE** would prefer that a mutually convenient rearrangement date be found.
- F4: Where a mutually agreed rearrangement date cannot be found, and where more than 48 hours' notice has been given the score shall be set at 4-4 for a 9-GAME MATCH and 3-3 for a 6-GAME MATCH. F5: Where a **CLUB** cannot field a full **TEAM** of eligible players, ineligible players should play in order to fulfil the fixture. However, rule E5 will apply.
- F6: If a **CLUB** fails to fulfil sufficient fixtures, as deemed appropriate by the **COMMITTEE**, the **COMMITTEE** can withdraw that **CLUB'S TEAM** from the **DIVISION**.
- F7: Exceptional circumstances, such as **EXTREME WEATHER** can be used to exempt a **TEAM** from the 48 hour notice requirement. If this cannot be agreed between the **TEAMS**, the issue should be referred to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY**.
- F8: It is expected that when court or other costs are incurred by a **CLUB** as a result of a request from an opposing **CLUB** to rearrange a fixture, those costs are borne by the **CLUB** seeking the rearrangement.

## Administration

- D1: **CLUBS** must nominate both a first contact and second contact for correspondence with the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** and/or **COMMITTEE** and e-mail addresses and contact numbers should be provided before the start of August.
- D2: **CLUBS** must also provide details of the location for their home **MATCHES** to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** before the **START OF THE SEASON**.
- D3: The **LEAGUE SECRETARY** will compile this information and send to all the **CLUB** contacts before the **START OF THE SEASON**.
- D4: League fees will be set by the **TREASURER** at the AGM. Failure of a **CLUB** to pay the fees before the season may lead to the **COMMITTEE** removing the **CLUB** from the league.

## Facilities

- G1: The home **TEAM** shall provide feather shuttles of an appropriate quality for each **MATCH**.
- G2: Disputes regarding shuttles should be referred to the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** or the **COMMITTEE**.
- G3: The home **TEAM** shall bear all expenses of the fixture excepting the visiting **TEAM'S** travelling expenses.

## League Results and Tie-breakers

- T1: The **TEAMS** will be ranked based on the number of **GAMES** won during the season.
- T2: In the event that T1 does not resolve the tie, the percentage of **SETS** won will determine the ranking.
- T3: In the event that T1 and T2 do not resolve the tie, the percentage of **POINTS** won will determine the ranking.
- T4: In the event that T1, T2 and T3 do not resolve the tie, the results between the two **TEAMS** will determine the ranking.
- T5: In exceptional circumstances, such as where rules T1-T4 fail to provide resolution, the **COMMITTEE** reserves the right to make the final decision on the ranking of **TEAMS**.

## Player and Team Awards

- P1: The **COMMITTEE** intends to provide trophies for the following:
- Top performing man in each mixed and mixed combi **DIVISION***
- Top performing lady in each mixed and mixed combi **DIVISION***
- Top performing man in each men's and men's combi **DIVISION***
- Top performing lady in each ladies' and ladies' combi **DIVISION***
- P2: Player records will be ranked based on the rules T1-T5 with the following three exceptions:
- Players are only eligible for a trophy if they have played in at least 50% of the **TEAM'S MATCHES** in the **DIVISION**.
- Players are firstly ranked based on the percentage of **GAMES** won rather than the absolute number of **GAMES** won.
- Where players have won an identical percentage of **GAMES**, players playing in a higher number of **MATCHES** will rank higher and will be the first tie-breaker.
- P3: The **COMMITTEE** reserves the right to award different trophies or to award no trophies depending on the financial position of the league.
- P4: **TEAM** trophies may be awarded.
- P5: Where returnable **TEAM** trophies are awarded by the **COMMITTEE** at the AGM, these must be returned to the **COMMITTEE** at least two weeks before the next AGM.



## Complaints and Appeals Process

- C1: Any CLUB wishing to register a complaint should do so within 7 days of the incident occurring and make the complaint in writing to the LEAGUE SECRETARY. The LEAGUE SECRETARY will gather the relevant information and make a determination.
- C2: Any decision taken by the **LEAGUE SECRETARY** on behalf of the **COMMITTEE** can be appealed by a **CLUB** and will be referred to the **COMMITTEE**.
- C3: The **COMMITTEE'S** determination will be final.