

Sid's Badminton Club Constitution

1 Club name and affiliation

The club shall be called Sid's Badminton Club, hereafter called the Club.

The Club is affiliated with Badminton England and plays league badminton in the Middlesex and Hammersmith leagues.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club shall be to:

- play and promote badminton in the London area
- increase the standard of play among members
- make sure all Club members are treated fairly.

3 Running of the Club

The club shall be run by a committee consisting of joint Directors, and other ordinary members appointed by the Directors to help with the general running of the Club.

4 Finance and Accounts

All club monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

The joint Directors shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Club, and shall keep a record of all income and expenditure.

The financial year of the Club shall end 31st December.

Any cheques drawn against Club funds shall be signed by at least two authorised signatories.

Should Sid's Badminton Club no longer be viable and the accounts need to be wound up then any residual funds, after all creditors have been satisfied, shall be donated to a club or organisation with similar aims and objectives, or donated to a registered charitable organisation. The final decision shall remain with the joint Directors.

5 Subscription and Membership

5.1 Subscription

The Club shall be based on a subscription basis only. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. Subscriptions are accepted on a three month basis only.

All subscriptions shall be paid by prospective members or existing members not later than the start of each subscription period.

The Committee shall fix on a pro rata basis a level of subscription of a member who joins part way through a subscription period.

New members who have joined the Club following payment of guest fees shall have all such fees deducted from the subscription payable for the remainder of the subscription period.

5.2 Membership

Membership shall consist of adult members only.

All members shall be subject to the constitution and codes of conduct adopted by the Club. A copy of the constitution shall be available on the Club website.

A minimum standard of play or potential to reach that standard shall be required by all prospective members, whose standard shall be assessed by the Committee.

Candidates for membership shall be invited for a trial evening, on payment of a guest fee, to be fixed by the Committee. Their standard of play shall be reviewed by the Committee whose decision as to whether or not to accept their application shall be final.

All prospective members of the Club shall be required to submit a completed Club membership form to the Committee.

To control overcrowding at the Club, membership shall be limited to a number set by the Committee. If necessary the Committee shall close membership, and maintain a "waiting list" for prospective members.

Members wishing to leave the Club must inform the Committee before doing so. No reimbursement of paid subscriptions shall be made when a member leaves the Club.

Subscription fees shall cover

The subscription period and fees shall be set and reviewed annually by the Directors.

6 Constitution Changes

The purpose of this constitution is to provide a means for the efficient operation and management of the Club, to remove inconsistency and misunderstanding of the Club rules, and to direct the behaviour of its members in ways which can be seen to benefit the Club overall and all its members.

This Constitution can be changed by the Committee at any time.

BYELAWS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

1 League and Friendly Matches

From time to time, the Committee may organise friendly matches with other similar clubs.

Members taking part in league or friendly matches shall be required to pay a match fee for home and away matches at an amount as shall be agreed by the Committee, to cover the cost of hiring match venues and the use of feather shuttlecocks.

All trophies associated with such events won by the Club shall belong to the club in perpetuity.

2 Guests and Attendance of Members

Club members shall be entitled to bring guests to a Club session, but members must obtain the permission from the Committee. A guest shall pay a visitors fee at such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by the Committee.

Guests are allowed to attend the Club on one occasion only and are subject to the same membership criteria as set for prospective members who apply through the usual route.

3 Equipment and Dress

Shuttlecocks shall be provided by Sid's Badminton Club and shall generally be proprietary feather shuttlecocks.

All players shall provide their own racquets. Nets, posts and courts are provided on hire from the sports hall, as provided by the Club.

Players are advised to wear lightweight clothing appropriate to playing an active sport and have additional clothing available to maintain body heat between games if required.

Players must wear suitable non-marking indoor foot wear.

Players who wear spectacles or contact lenses are advised to avoid the use of glass spectacle lenses or hard contact lenses. Please consult your optician for advice if this applies to you.

4 Court Etiquette

Players arriving early for the Club session shall not disturb other players who have privately booked sessions in the sports hall.

Players are asked to enter into their game as soon as possible in order to enable the maximum number of games to be played during each club session.

Players are asked to vacate the court after their game as completed in order to enable the next game to start as quickly as possible.

Players are asked not to walk onto or near the court on which a game is being played.

All players shall show respect towards partners and opponents alike and sporting conduct must be observed at all times.

While waiting to go on court, all players shall be tolerant and abide by any decision made by a Committee member.

Players shall be considerate to their surroundings and take away any litter that may be left behind in the sports hall after each Club session.

Chewing gum, sweets and food of any kind are not allowed in the sports hall.

5 Internal Club Tournaments

From time to time, the Committee may arrange an internal club tournament with the object of affording the opportunity to all its members to compete in a competitive manner.

The Committee shall have the power to deal with the arrangements for the holding of such tournaments in whatever manner they think fit and shall also have power to co-opt members, if necessary, solely for the purpose of organising such tournaments.

6 Data Protection Act

Information about Club members, provided on the Club membership form to the Committee may be held on computer.

Our data collection and storage is governed by the rules of the UK Data Protection Act and associated legislations.

Members who wish to view their record should contact a member of the Committee.

7 General

Any dispute arising out of or not covered by the Constitution shall be referred to the Committee where decision or interpretation shall be final.

All complaints must be made in writing to the Committee.