

# **SOUTH STAFFS BADMINTON LEAGUE SSBL.ORG**



**2023 - 2024**

## **Important**

### **Results Procedure**

Home team to send result to [ssblresults@gmail.com](mailto:ssblresults@gmail.com)

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# **LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

1. The league shall be called the South Staffs Badminton League
2. The objects of the league shall be the arrangement of league tournaments, and the promotion and extension of badminton generally in South Staffordshire
3. Conditions of membership and subscription shall be in accordance with the Rules of the League.
4. The Officers of the League shall consist of a Chairman, Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurer Match Secretaries and Registration Secretary They shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. In the event that one of these roles is not filled by a volunteer then a ballot of the clubs not on the committee would take place and it would be up to the club drawn to find someone to perform the role. In addition, up to five committee positions are available for people to fill
5. An Honorary President and Vice President shall be elected in accordance with the Rules of the League
6. The general business of the League shall be conducted by its officers and a committee elected in accordance with the rules laid down
7. An annual meeting shall be held at the end of the season each year, but in all cases before the end of May, for the purpose of receiving the committee's reports, passing of accounts, electing of officers and auditors for the coming year, and other general business. Each club belonging to the League shall send a representative, only one vote per club will be valid. The officers shall not be deemed to be representatives of the respective clubs to which they may belong unless they are the only representative present from the club. A printed notice convening the meeting and stating the agenda shall be sent to the secretaries of all clubs belonging to the league, at least 28 days prior to the AGM. All secretaries will then present any amended proposals or new proposals to the League Secretary over the next 14 days. The final list of proposals will be presented to the club secretaries at least 7 days before the AGM. Seven clubs represented shall form a quorum; the chairman shall have a casting vote. Failure to send a representative to the AGM, may result in a 2 point deduction for each team entered into the league in the following season, unless the committee feels that there are extenuating circumstances.
8. A special general meeting may be convened at any time by the committee and shall be convened by the League Secretary upon requisition in writing by registered post signed by any 5 members of the committee or by the representatives of six affiliated clubs. Every such requisition shall expressly state the object of the proposed meeting. The League Secretary shall give to the secretaries of all clubs at least 14 days notice of such Meetings, specifying the purpose for which it is called. No other business other than that specified shall be transacted at that meeting
9. An AGM, or extraordinary general meeting may be authorised to discuss changes to the rules for the administration of the League. These changes must be carried by a majority of the votes cast for and against at the meeting. Any changes will become effective from the start of the next season.

10. Authority to bring in any motion amending any part of the constitution must be given by 75% of the clubs voting at the meeting. Any changes will become effective immediately.
11. The League Secretary shall call a meeting of the committee when requested in writing to do so by 3 members thereof, or at any time at their discretion. Four members shall form a quorum
12. The committee shall have the power to alter or add to the rules of the League as they may from time to time deem expedient, notice of such proposed alterations shall be set forth in the notice convening the committee meeting. Any such alterations must be brought up for confirmation at the next annual general meeting.
13. The League shall have the power to act as a trading body for the purchase or sale of ties, badges and other articles relating to the League

## **LEAGUE RULES**

1. The League at present shall consist of leagues of mixed doubles & even doubles
  - 1a. No division shall consist of a greater number than 7 teams except in the case of lowest divisions, which may be increased to accommodate new teams at the discretion of the league match secretary involved. The optimum number of teams in the first division is considered to be six
  - 1b. All new teams and re-entries to the league shall commence in the lowest division then in existence. Promotion and relegation shall be by virtue of final positions in the division
  - 1c. Any league club, before the start of each new season, at the discretion of the Committee, will have the option to refuse promotion, volunteer for relegation or withdraw any team regardless of division. Any club refusing promotion, or volunteering for relegation, will be barred from promotion in the following season.
  - 1d. All matches must be played under the rules of Badminton England unless superceded by a separate league rule
  - 1e. Courts shall be Badminton England size
  - 1f. If the mixed or even doubles teams consists of 10 or more teams, they will be split into 2 equal divisions; Division 1 and Division 2. If the mixed or even doubles teams consists of 15 teams, then they will be split into 3 divisions of 5 - divisions 1, 2 and 3
2. SSBL shall be governed by a committee which shall consist of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and match secretaries, plus up to five others who shall be elected at the AGM by vote. The committee shall have the power to co-opt if considered desirable

**2a. Match Secretaries' Meeting (Fixtures Meeting)**

A meeting of match secretaries will be agreed at the AGM. It will be held in early September, prior to the start of the new season for the purpose of fixing dates for SSBL matches. Attendance at this meeting shall be compulsory. Clubs not represented shall be excluded from the League. In the event of an emergency causing non-attendance, appeal for reinstatement may be made to the League Committee within 7 days

A copy of their club's fixtures must be handed to the relevant league match secretary before leaving the meeting (see also rules 12, 13 and 17 applying to registration and nomination of players)

3. The current charge for entering a team is £5, which must be paid before leaving the Match Secretaries' Meeting. All charges and outstanding league fines, from the previous season must be paid to the treasurer at the fixtures meeting. Failure to do so will result in removal from the league
4. All clubs shall be affiliated to the Staffs County, and must pay the required affiliation fees at the Match Secretaries' Meeting
5. All teams entered into the even doubles league under the jurisdiction of the SSBL shall consist of three pairs. Pairs should be played in order of strength, ie. Best pair 1st, next best 2nd, etc. The order of play among couples should be 1x1, 2x2 3x3, 2x1, 3x2, 1x3, 3x1, 1x2, 2x3 (even doubles) (home team listed first). Even doubles may consist of all men; all women, or a mixture of both

Mixed teams shall consist of two pairs who play both opposition pairs, followed by two additional matches with the pairings swapped over.

6. All matches will be the best of three games to 21 points, and each game shall be scored according to the rally-point scoring system. The player serving from the right court at the start will always be in the right court when the scores are even. If the score reaches 20-all, then the team to move two points in front is the winner. If the score reaches 29-all, the game is won by the side winning the next point. In the event that a third game is required, the players shall change ends when the leading score reaches 11
7. No change shall be made to the composition of the teams engaged in a match after the start of play. 1 point penalty will be imposed on any team not conforming to this. In the event that an unfinished match requires completion, the same pairs must represent the clubs for the completion of the match.
8. Two points are awarded to the overall winners of a match, and one point each in the event of a draw. A record of each game must be recorded on the match card and firstly rubbers and then games will decide final league positions. (see rule 11 concerning match cards)
9. The top two teams from a lower division shall be promoted to the next higher division and the bottom two teams will be relegated to the next lower division.

This will be applied at the end of the season. From the end of the 2018/2019 season if a league has 5 or less teams then only one team will be promoted or relegated from the higher division that season.

- 9b. In the event that a team has the opportunity to win the league, gain promotion or is relegated as a result of a match being conceded against them, every effort should be made to rearrange and play this fixture at the end of the season, before the AGM. If a team is adversely affected is the one who conceded the match then it will not be rearranged and the result will stand ( See rule 22)
- 9c. Any team missing 3 fixtures will be removed from the league
- 10. Players taking part may agree to the games being scored alternately by members of each club. In the event of a dispute during a league match, a 'let' shall be called and the point played again. All clubs should be conversant with Badminton England rules concerning foul shots. It is not a scorer's duty to call them

### **Match Cards**

- 11. A copy of all match cards must be held by the captain of the home team. Failure to do so will result in a penalty point being deducted. The home club shall e-mail the match card to the appropriate to ssblresult@gmail.com within 24hrs of the match ending. Clubs which send in match cards late shall be fined £1 for the first offence, £5 for the second and £15 for the third occasion in any one season. For any subsequent occasion in the same season, 1 point will be deducted

### **Registered players**

- 12. All registered players must be subscribing members of the club they are representing. No player shall be eligible to play for more than one club per category, unless there are exceptional circumstances, subject to annual permission from the League Committee and both clubs concerned. These circumstances shall be interpreted as meaning only when clubs are in difficulty in raising a team in any season, or a club withdraws from the league in that season
- 13. All players must be submitted for registration with SSBL at the Match Secretaries' Meeting or prior to the club's first match, any registrations after this will incur a 7 day waiting period before the player is eligible to play.  
Any additions to a club's registered players list should be by telephone or e-mail first, but should be confirmed by a second means. Misdirected or unreceived emails will no longer be accepted in mitigation. The telephone message or successfully received e-mail date will be the effective date of registration.  
Clubs using non-registered players in a match will forfeit the match and will be deducted one penalty point. Repeated breaches of this rule may result in further penalties
- 14. All games shall commence at the agreed starting time. The first two games must be ready to commence no later than 15 minutes after the starting time. It is the duty of the home team to see that the games commence when sufficient players are present, irrespective of there being selected partners. Any team home or away causing a late start will forfeit the respective rubber, and therefore commence with the next rubber. Any match not begun within one hour of the agreed starting time shall be deemed forfeit

In the event that a match is unfinished when the court time has expired, then all remaining rubbers are awarded to the away team.

15. Fixtures may only be postponed by reasons beyond the control of the clubs concerned, such as loss of hall or climatic conditions. The agreement of the League Match Secretary must be given before the applying club contacts their opponent regarding postponements. Any club unable to fulfil an away fixture should give the opposing team at least 48 hours notice. Failure to do so can result in the away team being charged court-time costs. The match secretary to be informed within 24 hrs of any postponed match. A new date for the fixture to be provided within 21 days, to the League Match Secretary. A one point penalty can be imposed if the respective League Match Secretary is not informed of the re arranged date.  
Under no circumstances must fixtures be arranged or rearranged outside the normal winter season finishing date of 30th May. Therefore no games should initially be arranged after 14th May.
16. Standard feather shuttlecocks should be used for all Division One matches, but either cork-based plastic or standard feather shuttlecocks may be used for all other matches. Shuttlecocks shall be provided by the home team.  
Opposing pairs shall mutually decide when a new shuttle is necessary. In any disagreement, if the shuttle does not travel the required distance in the required manner, it should be changed.

#### **Nominations and Fixtures arranging**

17. Where a club has 2 teams in the same category but in different divisions, they must ensure that 3 matches for the higher team(s) are played prior to 3 for the lower team(s). In addition in even doubles 4 players must be nominated for the first team and they may only play for that team throughout the season. Any player for the second team may play for the first team twice, but a third time would make them ineligible for any game in a lower team in that category. Except in mixed where ladies can play three games before being tied to the higher team
- Where a club has more than 2 teams in the same category but in different divisions, 4 further players must be nominated for the second team. They are ineligible for competition in the third team but are still allowed to play for the first team on no more than 2 occasions. Members of a third team are eligible to Play up on two occasions either for the first or second team but would be ineligible for the third team after playing up on three occasions.
- 17a Where a club has 2 teams in the same division, all first team players must be nominated and these players will be tied to that team for the season. Rule 17 applies to any subsequent teams
- 17b. Mixed League: 1 lady & 1 man to be nominated
- 17c. Nominations of players should be completed before the club's first league match, but not later than 1 October. Where 2 teams from the same club are in the same division in even doubles 4 of the nominated players must play at least 50% of that team's games and the remaining 2 must play at least 3 matches. In mixed doubles all the nominated players must play at least 50% of the games. Should nominations occur where 2 teams are in separate divisions then all nominated players need to play 50% of matches

When a club becomes aware that a nominated player will not be able to fulfil the commitment to play 50% of that team's matches, the Match Secretary must be informed and a new player nominated as soon as reasonably possible.

A one point penalty per player per match shortfall shall be imposed for any player who doesn't conform to this, the committee will consider mitigating circumstances e.g. whereby a player is injured or leaves the club, as long as the relevant match secretary is notified at the time the circumstances occur

- 17d. Where a club has 2 teams in the same division, the fixtures between the two Teams should be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> November
18. Any decision made by the Committee shall be final unless rescinded or amended by an AGM or an EGM
19. All matters not provided for by these rules shall be dealt with as the League Committee may determine
20. The mention of any particular matter or matters in any of these rules shall not prejudice or affect the general interpretation of these rules. Should a dispute arise as to the interpretation of these rules, the Committee's decision shall be final
21. Any club found to be responsible for loss or damage of South Staffs Badminton League trophies must pay for repair or replacement. All league trophies to be returned to a member of the League Committee by 1 April. Failure to do so will result in a fine for the club concerned of £20.

#### **Penalty System**

##### **Match Walkover**

22. In the case of a match (tie) being conceded, the offending team will be docked 1 penalty point. The offended club will receive only the match points and not the games. In the event that the offended club is disadvantaged by this at the end of the season they can ask for this game to be played

##### **Non Registered/Nominated/Tied Player Penalty**

23. The offended team will receive the 2 match points. Any rubbers won by the offended team will remain, but rubbers won by the offending player/s will be awarded to the offended team. Additionally, the offending team will be deducted 1 penalty point per offending player
24. Any team that does not send enough eligible players to obtain a result (i.e 2 pairs in even doubles, or 3 players in mixed) will be deducted 1 penalty point
25. Any circumstance created by a club which affects the efficient administration of the league will incur a financial penalty. This could cover failure to provide contact details for the handbook and major match card errors. Fines to be applied: 1st Offence £5; 2nd Offence £10; 3rd Offence £20 etc. Fines to be applied per club and not per team



## **Rally Point Scoring System**

Doubles match between A&B and C&D. A&B win the toss and decide to serve

Score	Position	On court		Wins rally	Outcome
Love all	Yellow team to serve, are on an even score so serve from right court – A serves to C	c	D	Yellow	Yellow wins a point and A retains serve
		B	A		
1-0	Yellow now on odd score so serve from left court – A serves to D	C	D	Green	Green wins a point and gains serve
		A	B		
1-1	Green to serve, on odd score so serve from left court – D serves to A	C	D	Yellow	Yellow wins a point and gains serve
		A	B		
2-1	Yellow to serve, on even score so from right court – B serves to C	c	D	Green	Green wins a point and gains serve
		A	B		
2-2	Green to serve, on even score so serve from right court – C serves to B	c	D	Green	Green wins a point and C retains serve
		A	B		
3-2	Green now on odd score so serve from left court – C serves to A	D	c	Yellow	Yellow wins a point and gains serve
		A	B		
3-3	Yellow on odd score so serve from left court – A serves C	D	c	Yellow	Yellow wins a point and A retains serve
		A	B		
4-3	Yellow now on even score so serve from right court – A serves to D	D	C	Green	Green wins a point and gains serve
		B	A		