

# Club Constitution

## 1.0 Club Name

The club known as **Nova Badminton Club** from 1st October 2023 (formerly known as **Burton Borough Badminton Club**) will meet between 7.30pm and 9:30pm on Thursday evenings at Lilleshall Sports Centre, Newport, Shropshire. Changes to times and venues will be published on the club website and/or notified via Social Media (SMS, Whatsapp etc).

## 2.0 Aims & Objectives – Code of Conduct

- To ensure that all club members are treated equitably and to play, enjoy and promote the sport of badminton in accordance with the Code of Conduct published on the club website (<https://novabadminton.club/documents> )
- To ensure that new players joining the club are of a standard that ensures competitive games for the existing members of the club

## 3.0 Finances & Accounts

- All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- The accounts will be kept by the Treasurer and reported annually and approved at the AGM.
- The financial year of the club will end on the last day of February.
- Any cheques drawn against club funds must be signed by two club Full Members.
- Should Nova 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.

## 4.0 Running of the Club

- The club will be run by a committee consisting of at least a Chairperson, Treasurer, Welfare Officer and Secretary. Other positions may be defined as and when required by the new committee at the AGM.
- At the AGM, all members of the committee will resign but will be eligible for re-election.
- There will be a nominated Welfare Officer within the club whose contact details will be published on the club website. The club will fund any courses required by Badminton England for the position.
- The committee will have the authority to make financial decisions in the best interest of the club and this will include but not be limited to revising fees to meet changing financial conditions.

## 5.0 Membership

- All members adhere to the club constitution and codes of conduct adopted by the club.
- Membership fees will be set and reviewed annually by the committee and approved at the AGM.

- Full Members will be defined as those paying by Standing Order
- Casual Members will be defined as those paying on a “pay and play” basis
- Student Full or Student Casual Members will be defined as those over 18 and in full time education.
- All members must sign in when attending and, if a Casual Adult or Casual Student Member, the appropriate fee paid prior to playing.
- Whilst the club welcomes new players, they must be over 18 and of an acceptable standard and after three weeks the committee will determine if they can continue attending. If approved, new members will be required to complete a Membership Form and pay for and maintain Badminton England membership (see under Club Insurance).
- All members must complete a membership form.
- The committee will have the right to expel any member whose conduct, in the committee's opinion, does not meet the club standards.
- Lifetime Memberships may be awarded at the discretion of the committee on the basis of the player reaching 80 years of age and still be an active and supportive member of the club

## **6.0 Club Insurance**

- The club will pay the fees annually for the club to be affiliated with Badminton England and the benefits that brings to members including insurance. Proof of the insurance will be available on the club website.
- The club will pay the annual fees associated with membership of Shropshire County Badminton Association (SCBA).
- Everyone having played more than 3 times at the club will be responsible for paying and maintaining their Badminton England membership. The membership number must be passed to the club committee and noted on their membership form.
- Members must maintain emergency contact numbers on their Badminton England profile.

## **7.0 Competitive Teams**

- The club will promote the opportunity for members to participate in competitive leagues.
- Team Captain(s) will be responsible for managing the team including the arranging of matches and team selection
- Best endeavors will be made to minimize the impact of playing home matches on club nights.

## **8.0 Annual General Meeting**

- The AGM will be held in March each year.
- At least 21 days' notice will be given to members.
- The Agenda will include:
  - Acceptance of the previous years minutes

- Chairperson's Report
  - The Treasurer's report and acceptance of the year's account.
  - Team Captains report
  - Resignation of the current committee
  - Election of the committee for the coming year
  - Agreement of the number of league teams and appointment of team captains for the following season
  - Agreement on Fees for the next year
  - Any other club business
- All members (Full and Casual) have the right to vote at the AGM
  - AGM minutes will be published on the club website
  - Members have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) if this is agreed by more than 25% of the members; notice will be the same as for an AGM.

#### **9.0 Constitution Changes**

- This constitution can be changed only by unanimous agreement of the full committee.

# Club Bye laws and Regulations

The Committee is empowered to make, vary and revoke such bye laws as it may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the club. Until revoked all bylaws shall be binding on the members.

## Club Evenings

- After gaining access to the courts, club members are asked to enter into their game as soon as possible in order to maximise the number of games to be played during each club session.
- Games shall be determined utilising the "competition peg board" under the following rules:
  - The person whose peg is at the top must pick 3 additional players from the next 7 pegs below them.
  - Selection of players should ensure a competitive match
  - "Repeat" games of the same 4 players is discouraged
- The Player picking the match is responsible for ensuring the pegs are quickly moved following completion of the game and placing the pegs at the bottom of the queue for the next games, with the winning players' pegs added first.

## Club Tournaments

- Club tournaments shall be arranged from time to time with the object of affording the opportunity to all members to compete.
- The Chairperson usually organises the tournament.
- 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 the power to co-opt members, if necessary, solely for the purpose of organising such tournaments.