

Centenary Badminton Club



Club Constitution

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Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Centenary Badminton Club," hereinafter referred to as the "Club."

Article II: Purpose

The Club's purpose is to promote the sport of badminton and provide opportunities for members to engage in friendly and competitive badminton activities. The Club shall also strive to foster an environment of inclusivity, sportsmanship, and respect among its members.

Article III: Membership, fees & waiting list

- 1. Membership: Membership is open to all individuals who share an interest in badminton, regardless of age, race, gender, or background. New members who cannot be immediately accommodated shall be added to the waiting list.
- 2. Waiting List: Waiting list will be reviewed as soon as space comes up in the club and list members will be invited to a trial night. Trial invitees must pay €10 for the trial session.
- 3. Eligibility to join will be determined by the committee based on fit within the club from a social and badminton ability perspective.
- 4. Joining: To become a member, individuals must submit a completed membership application and pay the first set of fees due.
- 5. Membership Fees: Membership fees are 250 euros per year. Payment shall be made in two installments, with half due at the beginning of the season (September) and the remaining half due in January. Of this fee, 50 euros shall be allocated towards shuttlecock expenses.

Article IV: Leadership and Governance

- The Club shall have an Executive Committee consisting of elected officers, which may include a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and Membership Manager at a minimum.
- 2. Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Club's members during an annual general meeting. Elections

- shall be held when a position becomes vacant or as otherwise necessary.
- 3. The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the Club's operations, organizing events, managing finances, addressing member concerns and disciplinary matters.

Article V: Fair Rotation and Peg Board

- 1. Fair Rotation: The Club is committed to ensuring that all players have equal game time during club nights. To achieve this, the Club uses a pegboard system.
- 2. Peg Board: The rules for the fair rotation system are outlined separately in the Club's Peg Board rules. The Peg Board rules shall govern how players are selected for games to ensure fairness and equal participation.

Article VI: League Teams

- 1. Formation of Teams: All members will be given the opportunity to create or enter teams in the league. Teams may be formed for mixed, men's, or ladies' teams at each grade level.
- 2. Team Captains: For each league team, a captain shall be appointed. The captain is responsible for managing the team's panel, team selection, handling forfeits, and other team-related matters.
- 3. Court Space for Matches and Training: The club will provide appropriate court space for all league and championship matches. Dedicated court space for team training is not available due to capacity at the club.
- 4. Forfeit Fees: If a team cannot be fielded for a league game, forfeit fees shall be payable by the entire team. The specific amount of forfeit fees is determined by the county board and outlined in league team guidelines.

Article VII: Behavior and Representation

1. Respectful Behavior: Members of the Centenary Badminton Club are expected to conduct themselves with respect and courtesy towards each other. Whether it is during club nights, league matches, or any other club-related activities, all members should adhere to the principles of fair play, sportsmanship, and good conduct.

- 2. Threatening or Abusive Behavior: The Club is committed to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all members. Any threatening, inappropriate, or disruptive behavior from a member, whether directed at another member or any club-related personnel, is strictly prohibited. Such behavior includes but is not limited to verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, or any actions that compromise the well-being and enjoyment of other members.
- 3. Consequences: In order to protect the well-being and safety of our members, any member found engaging in threatening or inappropriate behavior shall face disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from the Club. The severity of the action taken will depend on the nature and gravity of the offense as determined by the Committee.
- 4. Appeals: Members subject to disciplinary actions have the right to appeal such actions to the Executive Committee.
- 5. Protection of Members: The Club is committed to protecting the rights and well-being of its members. If any member experiences or witnesses threatening or abusive behavior, they are encouraged to report it promptly to a member of the Committee. Reports will be handled confidentially and with due process.
- 6. Representation: When representing the Centenary Badminton Club, whether in competitive events or social gatherings, members are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect. Members should exhibit positive behavior, act with integrity and be mindful of the Club's reputation.
- 7. Promotion of Values: Members are encouraged to promote the Club's values of inclusivity, fairness, and respect when interacting with players from other clubs or organizations. Such interactions should reflect positively on the Club and the sport of badminton.
- 8. Compliance with Rules: Members should also ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of the sport of badminton during competitive play, treating opponents, officials, and spectators with respect and fairness.
- 9. Social Play Outside Club Hours: Members playing badminton socially outside of club hours are doing so independently of Centenary Badminton Club. They should be aware that they are not insured by the club during such activities, and any liability or risks associated with these independent activities are their sole responsibility.

Centenary Badminton Club is dedicated to fostering a positive and respectful environment for all members. We believe that through adherence to these principles of behavior and representation, we

can create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone involved in our club.

Article IX: Finances

- 1. Fees: The Committee will set out membership fees at the beginning of the season. Changes to fees are subject to approval by a majority vote of the members.
- 2. Financial Management: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records and presenting financial reports to the membership as needed.
- 3. Audit: The Club's financial records shall be subject to an ad hoc audit or review by a qualified individual or committee appointed by the Chairperson.

Article X: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at a regular or special meeting called for this purpose. Proposed