

THE CUPS-COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1 The competition shall be played annually between teams in the League on a knockout basis and the League Executive shall be responsible for the organisation including seeding and the draw for each round.

2(a) Teams in the First division and any club that does not have a team in the First division but wishes to enter a representative team, shall be given free entry to the Hudson Cup competition.

2(b) Teams in the second and lower divisions shall be given free entry to the appropriate cup competition for their divisions and the Executive, at their first meeting each season, shall decide which teams shall enter each competition.

3(a) Matches shall be played by teams of 4 men and 4 women.

3(b) Any player not registered by the 31st October is ineligible to play in any Cup competition.

3(c) Matches shall consist of 3 men's doubles, 3 women's doubles and 2 mixed doubles. Each of the eight events will be the best of 3 games to 21 points (extended games if required) using the rally points scoring system. 1st and 2nd men's doubles and women's doubles MUST be played in order of strength as MUST both mixed doubles pairs. 3rd men's doubles has to be made up of one man from the 1st men's doubles and one man from the 2nd men's doubles. 3rd women's doubles has to be made up from one woman from the 1st women's doubles and one woman from the 2nd women's doubles. The 2 men and 2 women NOT playing in the 3rd men's/women's doubles make up the 2 pairs of mixed doubles. It is for each team captain to decide which of their players from the 1st and 2nd men's/women's doubles play in the 3rd men's/women's doubles. In a match between 2 teams from the same club it will be at the discretion of the club concerned as to whether a player asked to play up to the team above has to do so or not. In all other respects matches will be played within the rules applicable to league matches.

3(d) The order of play in all events shall be in accordance with the requirements of the home captain.

3(e) Team captains MUST complete their teams on both copies of the score sheet PRIOR to the start of the match. After the match, the details from the completed scoresheet MUST be entered into the League's tournament software no later than 24 hours after the match has been completed by the winning team. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty not exceeding £20 being imposed by the Executive on the winning team and that team may also be disqualified.

3(f) The losing team shall be responsible for accessing the tournament software to check the result of their match submitted by the winning team and must inform the Cups and Shields Chairman within 48 hours if they dispute the result submitted by the winning team.

3(g) Matches shall be decided on the number of the events won. If a match is tied on events, then the tie is won by the team winning the most number of games. Should there still be a tie then the

team with the most points will be the winner. If the match still remains tied on events, games and points, then the match shall be replayed on the court of the team playing away in the original match. Where a further tie is required, the captains shall spin a coin to decide the choice of court for the next replay.

3(h) No consideration shall be given to any team conceding a match in the competition unless it is for that club's lowest team and permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups and Shields Committee prior to the match.

4(a) No player may play for more than one club in the Cup Competitions in the same season.

4(b) No player may play in more than one team in each Cup Competition unless that player is from a lower team who is of equal or lesser standard than those in the higher team. In case of doubt about a player's eligibility then permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups & Shields Committee prior to the player playing in the Cup match.

4(c) Any player being nominated for a club team at the beginning of the season may not play in a lower team cup competition for that club even if re-assigned to a lower team.

5(a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the home team to decide on which night during the appointed week the match shall be played and what time play shall commence. Once a match has been confirmed with the away club, including any which are re-arranged, the date and venue must be input on tournament software by the home club.

5(b) The home team shall give at least 14 days notice to the visiting team and advise their opponents which will be the first two events played. It shall be the duty of both clubs to ensure that its players are available at the agreed time to play those events.

5(c) Once the home team has given a match date to their opponents then any proposed changes to that date by either team must be approved by the Cups and Shields Chairman.

5(d)) All matches shall start at 7.00 p.m unless prior approval has been given by the League Management Executive for matches in that hall to start later.

5(e) In the event of a match not being played on the date advised by the home club, then the offending team could incur a financial penalty not exceeding £50 and or be disqualified from that competition by the League Management Executive. In addition, if the offending Clubs team is the away team, that club will have to reimburse the home club £40 to defray incurred costs for the venue.

6(a) In the event of a player being incapacitated in a match after their participation has begun so that he or she cannot continue playing, a captain shall be entitled to include a substitute in any subsequent event in which the incapacitated player should have taken part provided that the injury or incapacity was caused entirely after the match had begun and was not solely due to tiredness or worsening of an existing ailment.

6(b) If a substitute is used who is an ineligible player, the scores in their events will be recorded as 21-0 to the opposition.

7(a) Exceptionally, an ineligible player used other than in 6(b), must be played at second men's/ women's doubles and then either third men's/ women's doubles or second mixed doubles.

7(b) The scores of two games in each event will be recorded as 21-0 to the opposing team.

7(c) If an ineligible player is played other than as stated in 6(b) or 7(a) then the match shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

8 The Executive shall:-

(a) arrange the venue for each final.

(b) appoint a referee who will have full charge of the match, including the order of play.

(c) deal with any matter not provided for in these regulations.

(d) be the sole authority for the interpretation of these regulations.

THE SHIELDS-COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1 The competition shall be played annually between League teams on a knockout basis and the League Executive shall be responsible for the organisation including the allocation of teams to competitions, handicapping and the draw for each round

2(a) Matches shall be played by teams of 4 men and 4 women, playing three mixed doubles, three men's doubles and three women's doubles. The three mixed doubles events will consist of two games of 30 aces and the three men's and three women's level doubles events will consist of one game of 30 aces. In each team three men and three women will form three mixed doubles pairs which shall play in order of strength. The remaining man/woman shall play in turn with the three men/women who played in the mixed events to play three men's/ women's doubles which shall also be played in order of strength.

2(b) Team captains must complete their teams on both copies of the score sheet PRIOR to the start of the match. After the match, the details from the completed scoresheet MUST be entered into the League's tournament software no later than 24 hours after the match has been completed by the winning team. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty not exceeding £20 being imposed by the Executive and that team may also be disqualified.

2(c) The losing team shall be responsible for accessing the tournament software to check the result of their match submitted by the winning team and must inform the Cups and Shields Chairman within 48 hours if they dispute the result submitted by the winning team.

2(d) Matches shall be decided on the number of games won. If a match is tied on games (6-6) then a thirteenth and deciding game will be played to determine the match winners. This 13th game is only to be played in the event of a tie. This event will be one mixed doubles game played between the four players who played only level doubles.

2(e) Where an ineligible player is played, that player shall play third mixed and third men's/ women's doubles.

2(f) Games involving an ineligible player shall be deemed to have been lost and the ineligible player not to have scored. The score will appear on the score sheet to the handicap played. For example a team handicapped as +9, playing an ineligible player will have the score for each event they played in as 30:9 for level doubles and 30:9 30:9 for mixed doubles.

2(g) If a team plays an ineligible player other than as stated in regulations 2(e) or as a replacement for an injured player as in 6(b) then that team shall forfeit the match.

2(h) No consideration shall be given to any team conceding a match in the competition unless it is for that club's lowest team and permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups and Shields Committee prior to the match.

3(a) No player selected to play in a particular match shall be eligible to play in the match unless he or she is present and ready to play by 8.15 p.m. This may be extended to 8.30 p.m. by mutual agreement.

3(b) All players in the competition shall be registered members of the League and been assigned to a team.

3(c) No player may play for more than one club in the Shields Competitions in the same season.

3(d) No newly registered player or a registered player who has been newly assigned to a team, may play in a match that has already been handicapped. If in any doubt clarification of eligibility should be sought from the League Registration Officer or the Cups and Shields Chairman.

3(e) No player may play in more than one Shield Competition unless that player is from a lower team who is of equal or lesser standard than those in the higher team. In case of doubt about a player's eligibility then permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups & Shields Committee prior to the player playing in the Shield match.

3(f) Once a player has played for a team in the competition, that player is tied to that team for that Shield competition for the remainder of the season unless 3(e) applies.

4(a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the home team to decide on which night during the appointed week the match shall be played and what time play shall commence. Once a match has been confirmed with the away club, including any which are re-arranged, the date and venue must be input on tournament software by the home club.

4(b) The home team shall give at least 14 days notice to their opponents and advise their opponents which will be the first two events to be played. It shall be the duty of both clubs to ensure that its players are available at the agreed time to play those events.

4(c) Once the home team has given a match date to their opponents, then any proposed changes to that date by either team must be approved by the Cups and Shields Chairman.

4(d) All matches shall start at 7.00 p.m. unless prior approval has been given by the League Management for matches in that hall to start later.

4(e) In the event of a match not being played on the date advised by the home club, then the offending team could incur a financial penalty not exceeding £50 and or be disqualified from that competition by the League Management Executive. In addition, if the offending Clubs team is the away team, that club will have to reimburse the home club £40 to defray incurred costs for the venue.

5(a) The order of play in all events shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Home Captain.

5 (b) A player asked to play consecutive games is entitled to a 10 minute break between games.

6(a) If a player is injured during a match and unable to continue, the score in the game in which the injury occurred shall:

(i) if the game were completed, stand.

(ii) if the games were not completed, be recorded as a win for the opposing team with the injured player's team being credited with the score at the time of injury.

6(b) In the event of a player being incapacitated after their participation in a match has begun so that he or she cannot continue playing, a captain shall be entitled to include a substitute of an equal or lesser standard in any subsequent event in which the incapacitated player should have taken part, provided that the injury or incapacity was caused entirely after play in the match had begun and was not solely due to tiredness or the worsening of an existing ailment.

7 Teams will be handicapped on the standard of their current League team. If a player of a higher standard is included after the handicap has been set, then that team shall forfeit the match.

8 The League Executive shall:

(a) arrange the venue for each final.

(b) appoint a referee to each final who shall have full charge of the match including the order of play.

(c) deal with any matter not provided for in these regulations.

(d) be the sole authority for the interpretation of these regulations

THE WATKINSON TROPHY COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1 The competition shall be played annually between all teams in the League on a knockout basis and the Executive shall be responsible for the organisation, including the handicapping and the draw for each round.

2(a) Matches shall be played by teams of four men and four women playing 4 mixed doubles, 2 men's doubles and 2 women's doubles with each event consisting of two games of 25 aces (no extended games) using rally points scoring. In all other respects matches will be played within the Rules applicable to league matches.

2(b) Teams will be handicapped on the standard of their current league team. If a player of a higher standard is included after the handicap has been set, then that team shall forfeit the match.

2(c) All teams shall receive a points handicap and scored points plus handicap points shall decide the winner. The home club for each match will be sent a sealed envelope containing the handicap for the match. The envelope MUST remain unopened but see (d) below.

2(d) Team captains shall complete their teams on BOTH COPIES of the score sheet prior to the start of the match. At the conclusion of the match, the home team captain in the presence of the visiting team captain, shall open the sealed envelope referred to in (c) above. The handicap must then be entered onto both copies of the score sheet and the winner decided as in (c).

(2(e) After the match, the details from the completed scoresheet MUST be entered into the League's tournament software no later than 24 hours after the match has been completed by the winning team. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty not exceeding £20 being imposed by the Executive and that team may also be disqualified.

2(f))The losing team shall be responsible for accessing the tournament software to check the result of their match submitted by the winning team and must inform the Cups and Shields Chairman within 48 hours if they dispute the result submitted by the winning team.

2(g) In the event of a tie on points, games won shall not count and the match shall be replayed on the court of the team playing away in the original match. The replay must be played within 14 days of the original match. In the event of a further tie, the captains shall spin a coin to decide the choice of court for further replay.

2(h) No consideration shall be given to any team conceding a match in the competition unless it is for that clubs lowest team and permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups and Shields Committee prior to the match.

3(a) No player may play for more than one club in the Watkinson Trophy in the same season.

3(b) No newly registered player or a registered player who has been newly assigned to a team, may play in a match that has already been handicapped. If in any doubt clarification of eligibility should be sought from the League Registration Officer or the Cups and Shields Chairman.

3(c) No player may play in more than one team in the Competition unless that player is from a lower team who is of equal or lesser standard than those in the higher team In case of doubt about a player's eligibility then permission must be sought from the Chairman of the Cups and Shields Committee prior to the player playing in the Watkinson Trophy match.

4(a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the home team to decide on which night during the appointed week the match shall be played and what time play will commence. Once a match has been confirmed with the away club, including any which are re-arranged, the date and venue must be input on tournament software by the home club.

4(b) The home team shall give at least 14 days notice to the visiting team and advise their opponents which will be the first two events played. It will be the duty of both clubs to ensure that its players are available at the agreed time to play those events.

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4(c) Once the home team has given a match date to their opponents then any proposed changes to that date by either team must be approved by the Cups and Shields Chairman.

4(d) All matches shall start at 7.00 p.m unless prior approval has been given by the League Management Executive for matches in that hall to start later.

4(d) In the event of a player being incapacitated after their participation in a match has begun so that he or she cannot continue playing, a captain shall be entitled to include a substitute of an equal or lesser standard in any subsequent event in which the incapacitated player should have taken part, provided that the injury or incapacity was caused entirely after play in the match had begun and was not solely due to tiredness or the worsening of an existing ailment.

4(e) In the event of a match not being played on the date advised by the home club, then the offending team could incur a financial penalty not exceeding £50 and or be disqualified from that competition by the League Management Executive. In addition, if the offending Clubs team is the away team, that club will have to reimburse the home club £40 to defray incurred costs for the venue.

4(f) A team may replace an injured player with an ineligible player subject to the approval of the opposing captain. Such substitution shall be direct as in regulation 4(d) above but all games involving the ineligible player shall be deemed to be lost with the ineligible player failing to score.

5 (a) Exceptionally an ineligible player may be played at 4th mixed doubles and 2nd men's/ women's doubles, but the opposing team captain must be told prior to the start of the match.

5(b) The scores in each game shall count as 25-0 to the opposing team.

5(d) If an ineligible player is played other than as stated in 4(f) or 5(a), then the match shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

6 The Executive shall:-

(a) arrange the venue for the final.

(b) appoint a referee for the final who shall have full charge of the match, including the order of play.

(c) deal with any matter not provided for in these regulations.

(d) be the sole authority for the interpretation of these regulation

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1(a) At its first meeting each season, the Executive shall consider organising the following tournaments restricted to League members and veteran players who reside locally:-

Tournament A-Open.

Tournament B-Moderate Players Tournament. (Minimum standard).

Tournament C-Restricted Moderate Players Tournament. (restricted to moderate players in the third and lower divisions).

Tournament V-Veterans Tournament.

Tournament JB-The Jack Blockley 'Under 21' Tournament.

1(b) Each tournament, unless decided otherwise by the Executive, shall consist of:-Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
The rally points scoring system will be played in all Tournaments.

2 All tournaments shall be run, as far as is practical, in accordance with the Badminton England regulations for tournaments and recommendations to tournament committees.

3(a) All bona-fide players registered with League Clubs shall be eligible to enter the tournament.

3(b) Players shall be seeded in the Open Tournament.

3(c) Tournament B-Moderate Players Tournament

On the closing date for entries, a player who has been awarded Lancashire County colours or who, during the current season or past season, has played more than once for the Lancashire County first team, shall be debarred from competing in this tournament, at the discretion of the Executive. Players who have been awarded any other county's colours, or who have played for any other county first team, may be eligible to compete at the discretion of the Executive.

3(d) If a player, has played during the current season 4 or more times in a 2nd division or higher division team in League, Cup or Shield matches at the closing date for entries, he/she will not be eligible for the 'C' Tournament.

3(e) Veteran competitors must be aged 40 years or over at the closing date for entries.

3(f) The League Executive may refuse the entry for a player to any tournament if, in its opinion, that player has not competed in the Southport & District Badminton League on a sufficient number of occasions within the current or previous season.

4 Entries should be made using the online entry form on the League's website.

5 Should a player withdraw from an event(s) they have entered and fail to give at least 48 hours' notice, prior to the scheduled date and time of their event(s), then subject to the decision of the Executive, the player will still be liable to pay the entry fee(s).

6 Any player not complying with Regulation 5 above will, until all monies have been paid, not be eligible to play in any Competitions, League or Tournaments run by the Southport and District Badminton League.

7 Unless decided otherwise by the Executive, matches shall consist of games of 21 aces, the side first winning two games being the winner.

8 The Executive:-

(a) shall determine the entry fees per player per event;

(b) shall determine the date by which entries, accompanied by entry fees, shall be in the hands of the Tournaments & Competitions Officer;

(c) shall arrange the seeding, handicapping and draw;

(d) shall direct when and where matches shall be played and the disposal of results;

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- (e) shall arrange the finals;
- (f) shall determine the prizes awarded;
- (g) may delegate its authority to such Committee as it sees fit;
- (h) shall have the power to refuse the entry of an individual or pairing for any handicapped event who, in its opinion, cannot be handicapped within appropriate limits for that event.
- (i) shall have the power to cancel any event in the "B", "C" or "V" Tournaments if, in its opinion, the entry is not sufficient to warrant the event. Five events shall be played in the "A" Tournament;
- (j) shall deal with any matter not provided for by these regulations and shall be the sole authority for the interpretation thereof.