

# Oakbrook Badminton Club Rules

## 1. Membership

- a) Members must meet the following conditions:
  - i) Be of an appropriate standard to be able to play games at a competent level. They meet this requirement if two committee members, or one committee member and one selection committee member give agreement. The committee member(s) should ensure that the decision is notified to all other committee members promptly.
  - ii) Have paid the appropriate membership fee, as determined at the AGM and publicised on the club website. A proportionate fee may be agreed for those joining part way through the season at the Treasurer's discretion.
  - iii) Provide appropriate details as set out on the club membership form.
  - iv) Adhere to all guidance issued by the Child Welfare Officer on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
- b) Visitors intending to join as members must pay the appropriate fee, currently £3 (or £2 for students/juniors) per session attended, up to the maximum of three sessions. Any amount paid will be deducted from membership fees if the visitor subsequently joins the club.
- c) Members' guests (not intending to join as members) must pay the appropriate fee, currently £3 (or £2 for students/juniors) per session attended. Members should seek agreement from a Committee member for a guest to attend. Agreement may be subject to numbers of members playing that evening.
- d) All members are encouraged to participate in advertised league activities.

## 2. Court Usage

- a) When there are no home matches, all four courts will be available for club play from 1900 until 2200.
- b) When there is a home match, the following court usage will apply, subject to rules 2.c and d:

1900 -	2 courts for match, 2 courts for club session - until first rubber completed, then
	1 court for match, 3 courts for club session, until
2100 – End	2 courts for match, 2 courts for club session
- c) The club session shall only take a 3rd court when there are 13 or more members playing.
- d) Where the match appears to have insufficient time to complete by 22.00, the team captain may request additional court time prior to 21.00.
- e) Matches should start promptly at the start of the session, and no later than 19.10.
- f) There shall never be more than one home match on the same night.

## 3. Club Night Selection

- a) Selection on club nights is done using the Peg Board.
- b) Each player shall have a peg, which is placed at the back of the queue when they join the session.

- c) The player whose peg is at the front may choose any three players from the next 8 in the queue. Exceptionally with the permission of a committee member this rule may be relaxed for example to allow a ladies four, or a balanced game.
- d) Winning players' pegs are replaced in the queue in front of the losing players.
- e) New members, visitors and Guests should be given guidance by an existing member of the club, to help them pick a balanced game.

#### **4. Team and Captain Selection**

- a) Teams shall be selected in good time for the first match they are due to play, and announced by a notice on the club noticeboard at the next club session after this date.
- b) Club members will be asked if they wish to play for teams. They should be available to play at least 50% of their matches.
- c) When picking teams the Selection Committee should:
  - i) Pick the best six players available from those wishing to play.
  - ii) Give an opportunity to all those who wish to play in a team.
  - iii) Select any one player for a maximum of two teams, unless there are insufficient members wishing to play to allow this.
  - iv) Nominate a team captain, subject to that person agreeing.
- c) Captains are responsible for ensuring they have a team for each match.
  - i. They must select their nominated team members if they are available.
  - ii. When seeking substitutes they should approach any named reserves (if reserves have been named) first.
  - iii. Wherever possible substitutes should be chosen from lower teams or from members who joined after teams were selected and wish to play. Captains must ensure they do not tie members of lower teams to a higher team without consulting with the Head of the Selection Committee first.
  - iv. An individual who plays three times for a higher team becomes tied to that team and may not play for the lower team again during the season.
  - v. Where a team member becomes permanently unavailable then the captain must ask the Head of the Selection Committee to replace him/her with a new team member.
  - vi. A team member can be considered permanently unavailable if they miss three matches and make no contact with the captain during that time. Otherwise, there must be agreement from the player that they are unavailable.
  - vii. Collect a match fee from each team member, currently £1 for plastics and £2.50 for feathers. Pass the match fees to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer promptly.
  - viii. Provide refreshments for home matches.
  - ix. Captains may take up to £2.00 from the home match fees to cover incidental costs.
  - x. Complete a match scorecard, ensuring it is signed by the opposition captain, and pass it promptly to the League Secretary.

#### **5. Shuttles**

- a. Plastic shuttles will be provided by the club for use at club sessions. These will be those designated by Badminton Sheffield for league use.
- b. Alternative shuttles may be used for any games at club sessions by any member, if all other members of the game agree. These shuttles must be provided by the players.

- c. Plastic shuttles as designated by Badminton Sheffield or suitable feathers will be provided to team captains by the club for use in home matches. All unused shuttles should be returned at the end of the season to the nominated committee member.
- d. The club will sell shuttles to members, subject to stock levels. These may be sold at cost price.