

# **GLASGOW AND DISTRICT CHURCHES' BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**(Revised 2020/21)**

- (1) The Association shall be called "Glasgow and District Churches' Badminton Association".
- (2) The objects of the Association shall be to foster and encourage the game of badminton, and to do everything necessary or desirable for the promotion of the game among Christian agencies and other groups.
- (3) Affiliation will be open to all churches, kindred Associations and other groups in Glasgow and District.
- (4) The Annual General Meeting will be held in the first week of September. Each affiliated club will have a maximum of two votes.
- (5) The following Senior Office-bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting: President, Vice President, General Secretary/Treasurer and shall be considered as not representing any club in the Association. The retiring President will hold the office of Immediate Past President.
- (6) The following office-bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting: Divisional Secretaries for League Competitions, Tournament Convener, Social Media Convener and Minute Secretary.
- (7) The following members of Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting: Tournament Committee. The President, General Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all Committees.
- (8) The Executive Committee will consist of all Office-bearers and members of Committees and will meet as considered necessary. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members.
- (9) Life Members of the Association may be nominated at the Annual General Meeting. These Life Members shall have the right to attend and speak at all Association meetings, but shall have no voting rights. All Past Presidents shall be nominated Life Members automatically.
- (10) The Executive Committee will attend to all routine work of the Association and will be responsible for the carrying into effect of the Constitution and Rules. One third of number shall form a quorum and a bare majority shall carry a motion.
- (11) The Executive Committee shall have power to set Rules for the Association League and Tournaments.
- (12) The Executive Committee shall have the power to resolve any question arising which is not provided for by the Constitution and Rules.
- (13) At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Balance Sheet for the financial year ending on 30th April shall be presented by the Treasurer. It shall have been passed by the Auditors, who are to be appointed annually.
- (14) At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, alterations to the Constitution shall be considered, provided twenty-eight days notice has been given to the General Secretary; or at a specially summoned meeting, provided fourteen days notice has been given to all Clubs. To carry a motion to change the Constitution, two thirds of the votes cast must be in favour.
- (15) The Chairman at all Association meetings shall have a deliberative vote, and, in the case of equality, a casting vote.
- (16) Clubs and players found to have violated the Constitution or Rules will be dealt with by the Executive Committee. Members of clubs involved will retire before discussion, but, if desired, will be recalled to make a statement.

- (17) Clubs who wish to protest about a violation of the Constitution or Rules should do so in writing to the General Secretary, who will forward a copy of the protest to any other club or individual involved.
- (18) Appeals against decisions of the Executive Committee may be made to a General Meeting, provided the appeal is lodged with the General Secretary not later than fourteen days after the decision has been promulgated.
- (19) On a requisition signed by half the clubs in the Association, a Special Meeting must be called.
- (20) Clubs must notify the General Secretary of any changes of address of their Match Secretary. Such notifications will be acknowledged by the General Secretary.
- (21) The Annual Affiliation Fee shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Clubs must affiliate to *BADMINTONscotland*.
- (22) The Annual Subscription for League Competitions shall be fixed as necessary by the Executive Committee.
- (23) All subscriptions and Affiliation fees shall be payable to the Treasurer by 1st June, or on joining. If unpaid by 1st July a reminder will be sent to the club's designated correspondent. The Senior Office Bearers shall have power to relegate defaulting clubs or to debar them from taking part in the Association Competitions if affiliation fees or subscriptions are unpaid 14 days before the AGM. Similar action may be taken against any Club which fails to meet its financial obligations to the Association.
- (24) Affiliated clubs are eligible for and must take membership of one of the following: (1) The Mixed Doubles League; (2) The Gents Doubles League. More than one team may be entered in any League. All clubs, including the clubs entering the Gents Doubles League, are eligible for entry to the Jubilee Trophy. Clubs must complete a membership form giving the name and address of their Match Secretary, day(s) of play, scheduled starting time and the location of their hall.
- (25) In the Mixed, and Doubles Leagues all matches are to be for three couples, each to play one rubber with each opposing couple.
- (26) The official playing season of the Association will start on 1st October and will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.
- (27) All matches in the Association competitions shall be played according to the Laws of the Game as approved by the *BADMINTONscotland*, with the exception that the minimum size of court shall be 40 feet (12.2m) in length, and 19 feet (5.8m) in breadth.

**ASSOCIATION RULES**  
**(September 2020)**

**THE MIXED, GENTS/LADIES - DOUBLES LEAGUES**

- (1) (a) All players taking part in the League must be registered and the appropriate fees paid.
- (b) Registrations are for one season only and must be sent to the Treasurer: incomplete forms will be invalid.
- (c) **No registrations, other than emergency registrations, will be accepted after 31st January each season.**
- (d) **Registrations must be received 24 hours before they become valid**, except that a maximum of:-
  - i) twice per season per club with 1 or 2 teams;
  - ii) three times per season per club with 3 or 4 teams;
  - iii) four times per season per club with 4 or more teams,

the emergency registration of one player per team per match may be made by noting this fact on the score sheet. **No more than 2 such registrations can be made for the same team of any club.** Such registration will only become valid if the appropriate fee and forms reach the Treasurer within seven days of the match.
- (e) (i) Clubs running a second team must, at all times, have four first team players registered as such. For the Mixed Doubles League two will be gents and two will be ladies.
- (ii) Players who have taken part in three or more first team league matches will be considered first team players. Clubs may promote and demote players up to and including 31st December each season, providing they have not played in three or more first team league matches, as above. Such promotions/demotions must be notified to the Divisional Secretaries involved.
- (iii) The above Rules will be implemented in the same way to Clubs with a third team in relation to both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. Playing up in any team counts towards first/second team status.
- (f) Any club playing an unregistered player or an ineligible player will forfeit the match to their opponents. In addition, the defaulting club may be fined two League points.
- (g) When a player is registered by a club, he or she may not be transferred during the season, except in exceptional cases, and the transfer meets with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (h) Where a player wishes to play for different Clubs in the Mixed or in the Doubles Leagues, they must select which Club they wish to play for in each League and inform each Club Secretary accordingly. The Club Secretary of each Club must clearly state on their Club's registration form against that gent's/ladies' registration, that the Registration is for Mixed, Doubles only. No changes will be permitted during the season. A player registered Mixed only for a Club can represent only that Club in the Swan/Jack Trophy and similarly a player registered Doubles only for a Club can represent only that Club in the Jubilee Trophy.
- (i) Where a club has a second team, the team playing in the higher division will always be recognised as the first team of that club. Similarly with third or more teams.

- (2) (a) The order of play shall be as follows :

FIRST ROUND	<u>HOME</u>		<u>VISITORS</u>
	1st Couple	v	1st Couple
	2nd Couple	v	2nd Couple
	3rd Couple	v	3rd Couple

after the first round the visiting club shall state which of the following orders of play will be used :-

SECOND ROUND	<u>HOME</u>		<u>VISITORS</u>
	2nd Couple	v	1st Couple
	3rd Couple	v	2nd Couple

		1st Couple	v	3rd Couple
	<u>THIRD ROUND</u>	3rd Couple	v	1st Couple
		1st Couple	v	2nd Couple
		2nd Couple	v	3rd Couple
<u>OR</u>	<u>SECOND ROUND</u>	1st Couple	v	2nd Couple
		2nd Couple	v	3rd Couple
		3rd Couple	v	1st Couple
	<u>THIRD ROUND</u>	1st Couple	v	3rd Couple
		2nd Couple	v	1st Couple
		3rd Couple	v	2nd Couple

- (b) The above orders of play will be strictly adhered to unless altered by the mutual agreement of the participating clubs, who should establish an amended order of play at the time of this agreement.
- (c) If the agreed order of play cannot be fulfilled by a couple the defaulting club will forfeit that rubber.
- (3) (a) The formation of both teams will be entered on the score sheet and entry will be completed before the end of the First Round of play. No change to the teams is allowed after end of the First Round of play.
- (b) If fewer than three couples form a team, the match will be forfeited except that on four occasions within the season a team may play with two couples. In the Gents League Jubilee Cup matches count towards this total.
- (4) Play in all matches shall be continuous and if any rubbers cannot be fulfilled to the agreed order of play due to the absence of one or more players, these rubbers will be forfeited by the defaulting club, each rubber 2 games to 0, each game 21 points to 0.
- (5) When a match is forfeited, the score will be recorded as 9 rubbers to 0, 18 games to 0, each game 21 points to 0.
- (6) (a) Clubs must provide for all matches a minimum of three hours playing time for single court halls and three and a half hours court time for multiple court halls.
- (b) The agreed match finishing time must be stipulated at the commencement of the match.
- (c) In unfinished matches, the result of the Rubbers completed will be taken as the final score and League points awarded accordingly.
- (d) Play in all matches and on all courts must commence not later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time. Clubs responsible for a later start will deduct one rubber, 2 games to 0, each game 21 points to 0, for each twenty minutes, or part thereof, late for each court. The rubbers will be deducted from the defaulting club's total of rubbers won and the match result decided accordingly.
- (7) (a) The home club should provide a minimum of twelve feathered regulation shuttlecocks; if a less number than this is provided and the match cannot go on, the home club will forfeit the match.
- (b) Where both clubs have agreed in advance the use of 9 nylon or plastic shuttles is approved.
- (8) (a) All divisions will consist where possible of five clubs playing each other home and away.
- (b) Two league points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw (only rubbers being taken into consideration for this purpose).
- (c) In the event of clubs tying for the League Championship or for relegation, rubber difference will determine the final position. If necessary games and then points difference will determine the final position.
- (9) Clubs which do not fulfil more than half of their arranged fixtures will have all results declared void, and will be treated as having withdrawn.
- (10) Promotion and relegation will be as follows :-

- (i) The winner of a Division will be promoted one Division;
  - (ii) The bottom club will be relegated one Division;
  - (iii) If a club has two teams in the same division the matches involving these teams must be played before any other matches are played by these teams. Failure to comply with this Rule renders the unplayed match(es) Null and Void.
  - (iv) No more than two team from one club are permitted in the same division. Promotion/relegation will be adjusted accordingly.
- (11) All rubbers should be umpired; the clubs to make their own arrangements regarding same.
- (12) In all League matches, both Match Secretaries must complete a score sheet and return same to the Divisional Secretary within three days. If the Divisional Secretary does not receive the score sheet within this time it may result in the offending team forfeiting the match. The club submitting the score sheet and the actual starting time must be noted on each score sheet.
- (13) (a) The dates of the league fixtures can only be altered with the sanction of the Divisional Secretary who **must** be informed immediately by the home club of an agreed postponement. The alternative dates for the re-arranged fixture **must** be notified to the Divisional Secretary, and the away team, within 10 days of the postponement being granted. This will normally involve the home team offering two dates, which do not conflict with previously arranged G&DCBA fixture dates, for the playing of the match. It would be helpful if the away team could inform the home team of any G&DCBA fixtures not in the handbook. The away team, having been offered the alternative dates for the postponed match, will have 10 days to notify the Divisional Secretary, and the home team, of the acceptance of one of these alternative dates. **Failure by either club to conform to these rules will result in the forfeit of the match.**
- (b) Where a club has two or more players selected for an Association Representative Match that club will be entitled to a postponement on request to the Divisional Secretary.
- (c) In the event of a club failing to fulfil an arranged fixture without the sanction of the Divisional Secretary, such club shall be held liable for expenses.
- (14) In cases where League fixtures are unplayed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, and where fault for delay has not or cannot be determined, no League points will be awarded to either of the two clubs concerned in each case.
- (15) Clubs considered to have acted unfairly, shall be reported to the Executive Committee, who will rule on the matter.

## **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (1) All players must be registered in accordance with Rule 1 of the Mixed/Gents/Ladies Doubles League.
- (2) Entries received late, or without fees ,will be refused.
- (3) Singles entry can be from either Club. Players cannot play in the Doubles event and the Ladies Doubles event. This is due to the difficulty in scheduling of matches on the day of the event.
- (4) Competitors will be given a time for First Round ties only.
- (5) Competitors absent when called upon to play will be scratched.
- (6) All Championship events will be the best of three games of 21 points.
- (7) All competitors must be prepared to umpire games if called upon.
- (8) All points regarding play or any disputes will be decided by the Honorary Referee at the Hall, whose decision on all matters will be final.

## **THE SWAN AND JACK TROPHIES.**

- (1)
  - (a) The First Round of the Swan Trophy will contain all clubs who enter teams in the competition..
  - (b) The First Round of the Jack Trophy will contain all clubs losing in their first tie of the Swan Trophy.
  - (c) No first team registered / tied player can play in the second team. See Mixed and Doubles League Rule (1)(e).
  - (d) A second team Swan/Jack player would be tied to the first team Swan/Jack on the second appearance for the first team Swan/Jack.
- (2) Ties will be played at the hall of the first named club, or elsewhere by mutual consent.
- (3) First Round ties will be arranged by the Executive Committee and in all other rounds the home club must offer two dates within the period stipulated for playing the tie. The dates offered must be clear of the opponent's fixtures as published in the Handbook, and advice must be given at least ten days prior to the first date offered. Failure to offer two dates, or to accept one of the dates, may result in disqualification.
- (4)
  - (a) The following rules of the Mixed, Doubles League will apply: Rule 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e)(i), 1(e)(iii) 1(g), 1(h), 1(i), 4, 6(a), 6(b), 6(d), 7, 11 and 15.
  - (b) Rule 1(f) will also apply excluding the last sentence: "In addition, the defaulting club may be fined two League points".
  - (c) Rule 6(c) will also apply, excluding "and League points awarded accordingly".
- (5) Each tie will consist of six rubbers, comprising of three Mixed Doubles (played in order of merit), one Ladies' Doubles, one Gents' Doubles and one further Mixed Doubles – the partnership of which is different from any of the previous Mixed Doubles. No player may take part in more than two rubbers
- (6)
  - (a) The Captains of the teams must hand each other a copy of their teams and placings prior to the start. No change to the teams is allowed after the start of the match.
  - (b) The order of play as stated on the score sheet must be adhered to unless mutually agreed by both teams prior to the match commencement.
- (7) In all ties, clubs should play the Mixed, Doubles in their Correct order of merit.
- (8) If, due to shortages of players, fewer than four rubbers are played, the match will be forfeited by the defaulting club.
- (9) In the event of a tie in rubbers, games and then, if necessary, points will count to decide the match result
- (10) Both team captains shall send a completed score sheet to the General Secretary within three days. The actual starting time must be stated on the score sheet.
- (11) As there is no entry fee for this competition, the home club must arrange to take a collection at each tie. The home club's secretary to send the amount of this collection to the Assistant General Secretary as soon as possible thereafter. Such collections, after meeting expenses incurred by the Association, will be devoted to charitable organisations as decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (12) The shuttlecocks will be supplied by the home club and the away club will defray half the cost.
- (13) In the event of a club withdrawing, they must notify their opponents and the General Secretary.
- (14) The Association will arrange the Final. Clubs taking part in the Final will each pay half of the shuttlecock costs and a collection as detailed in Rule 10 will be uplifted by both team captains during the match.

**THE JUBILEE TROPHY.**

- (1) The following clauses of the Constitution will apply: 25.
- (2)
  - (a) The following rules of the Mixed, Doubles League will apply: Rule 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(g), 1(h), 1(i), 2, 3, 4, 6(a), 6(b), 6(d), 7, 11 and 15.
  - (b) Rule 1(f) will also apply excluding the last sentence: "In addition, the defaulting club may be fined two League points".
  - (c) Rule 6(c) will also apply, excluding "and League points awarded accordingly".
- (3) First Round ties will be arranged by the Executive Committee and in all other rounds the home club must offer two dates within the period stipulated for playing the tie. The dates offered must be clear of the opponent's fixtures as published in the Handbook, and advice must be given at least ten days prior to the first date offered. Failure to offer two dates, or to accept one of the dates, may result in disqualification.
- (4) In the event of a tie in rubbers, games and then, if necessary, points will count to decide the match result
- (5) Both team captains shall send a completed score sheet to the General Secretary within three days. The actual starting time must be stated on the score sheet.
- (6) The shuttlecocks will be supplied by the home club and the away club will defray half the cost.
- (7) In the event of a club withdrawing, they must notify their opponents and the General Secretary.
- (8) The Association will arrange the Final. Clubs taking part in the Final will each pay half of the shuttlecock costs.
- (9) This competition is open to all clubs in the Association whether or not they have a team in the Gents League.