

**GLASGOW AND DISTRICT CHURCHES'
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**



**CONSTITUTION
and
RULES**



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CONSTITUTION

(REVISED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1974)

- 1 The Association shall be called the "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.
- 3 Affiliation will be open to all Churches and kindred associations 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 two Assistant General Secretaries, and shall be considered as not representing any club in the Association. The President is eligible to hold office for only two seasons. The retiring President will hold the office of Immediate Past President.
- 6 The following Office-bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting: Secretaries for League Competitions, Tournament Secretary, Convener of Selection Committee, Convener of Badminton News Sheet, Social Convener, Minute Secretary, and Maxwell Memorial Conveners (4).
- 7 The following Committees shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting: Tournament Committee (Maximum of 7 members), Selection Committee (maximum of 3 members), and Badminton News Sheet Committee (maximum of 2 members). 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 powers 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. Ten 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 Tournaments; the Swan, Jack, and Reserve Swan Trophy Competitions; the Stevenson Trophy Competition; and the Maxwell Memorial Inter-Group Championship.

- 12 Should any question arise which is not provided for by the Constitution and Rules, the Executive Committee shall have the power to determine same.
- 13 At the A.G.M. 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 A.G.M. 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 in writing of any change of address of their Match Secretary. Such notifications will be acknowledged in writing by the General Secretary.
- 21 The Annual Affiliation Fee shall include affiliation to the Scottish Badminton Union and shall be fixed as necessary by the Executive Committee.
- 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 on 1st April, or on joining. If unpaid by 1st April, a recorded delivery letter will be sent to the club's Match Secretary of record. After 1st May, affiliations and subscriptions will be accepted until 1st June, but only on payment of a £2 late fee. 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 on 1st June. Similar action may be taken against any club which fails to meet its financial obligations to the Association.

- 24 Affiliated clubs are eligible for membership of (1) The Mixed Doubles League, (2) The Gent's Doubles League, (3) The Youth League. In addition, clubs entering the Mixed Doubles League can enter a team in (4) The Reserve Doubles League. Clubs must complete a membership form giving the name and address of their Match Secretary, night or nights of play, and the situation of their hall.
- 25 The official playing season of the Association will start on 1st October.
- 26 All matches in Association competitions shall be played according to the Laws of the Game as approved by the Scottish Badminton Union, with the exception that the minimum size of court shall be 40 feet (12.2 m) in length, and 19 feet (5.8 m) in breadth.

THE MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE

- 27 All matches to be for four mixed doubles couples, each to play one game of 15 points with each of the opposing couples. If three couples only form a team, the defaulting club will lose four games, each game 15 points to 0, for the couple short, but if fewer than three couples form a team, the match will be forfeited.
- 28
 - (a) All players taking part in the League must be registered and the appropriate fees paid. This fee includes copy of the Association's Annual Handbook.
 - (b) Registrations are for one season only and must be sent to the Treasurer; incomplete forms will be invalid.
 - (c) No registrations will be accepted after 31st January each season.
 - (d) Registrations must be received three clear days before becoming valid, except that a maximum of twice per season per club, the registration of one player may be made by noting this fact on the score sheet. Such registration will only become valid if the appropriate fee and forms reach the Treasurer within seven days of the match.
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) When a player is registered by a club, he or she may not be transferred during the season, except in cases where a player joins another club, and the transfer meets with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 29 When a match is forfeited, the score will be recorded as 16 games to 0, each game 15 points to 0.
- 30
 - (a) The scheduled starting time for all matches must be at least three hours before the recognised closing time of the hall.
 - (b) In unfinished matches, the result of the games completed will be taken as the final score and League points awarded accordingly.
 - (c) Play in all matches should commence not later than 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time. Clubs responsible for a later start will deduct one game, 15 points to 0, for each ten minutes, or part thereof, late. The games will be deducted from the defaulting club's total of games won and the League points then awarded accordingly.

- 31 The home club should provide eight feathered regulation shuttle-cocks; if a less number than this is provided and the match cannot go on, the home club will forfeit the match.
- 32 (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 games being taken into consideration for this purpose).
- (c) In the event of clubs tying for the League Championship or for relegation, games will determine the positions. In the event of games being equal, points difference will determine the positions.
- 33 Clubs which fulfil fewer than half of their arranged fixtures will have all results declared void, and will be treated as having withdrawn.
- 34 Except as noted in (v) to (vii), promotion and relegation will be as follows:
- (i) The winner of a division will be promoted two divisions.
- (ii) The runner-up will be promoted one division.
- (iii) The second bottom club will be relegated one division.
- (iv) The bottom club will be relegated two divisions.
- (v) The second bottom club in Division 1 and the runners-up in Divisions 2 and 3 will remain in their respective divisions.
- (vi) The bottom club in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2, and the winner of Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1.
- (vii) The winner of Division 3 will be promoted to Division 2.
- 35 All games should be umpired: the clubs to make their own arrangements regarding same.
- 36 In all League matches, the Match Secretary of the home club must complete the score sheet and return same to the Divisional Secretary. Actual starting time must be noted on each score sheet.
- 37 (a) League fixtures can only be altered with the sanction of the Divisional Secretary, who will ensure that an alternative date is arranged for the fixture. This will normally involve offering two dates for the playing of the match. Clubs not adhering to this rule will be fined two League points.
- (b) 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.
- 38 In cases where League fixtures are unplayed by the fourth Saturday in 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.

THE GENT'S DOUBLES LEAGUE

- 39 The following clauses of the Constitution will apply: 28, 32(a), 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.
- 40 All matches to be for three couples, each to play one rubber with each opposing couple. If fewer than three couples form a team, the match will be forfeited.

- 41 When a match is forfeited, the score will be recorded as 9 rubbers to 0, 18 games to 0, each game 15 points to 0.
- 42 (a) The scheduled starting time for all matches must be at least three hours (three-and-a-half hours for single court clubs) before the recognised closing time of the hall.
- (b) In unfinished matches, the result of the rubbers completed will be taken as the final score and League points awarded accordingly.
- (c) Play in all matches must commence not later than 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time. Clubs responsible for a later start will deduct one rubber, 2 games to 0, each game 15 points to 0, for each twenty minutes, or part thereof, late. The rubbers will be deducted from the defaulting club's total of rubbers won and the League points then awarded accordingly.
- 43 The home club should provide 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.
- 44 (a) Two League points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw (only rubbers being taken into consideration for this purpose).
- (b) In the event of a tie for the League Championship or relegation, rubbers, if necessary, games, and then points difference will be taken into account.

THE RESERVE DOUBLES LEAGUE

- 45 The following clauses of the Constitution will apply: 28, 30(a), 31, 32(a), 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42(b), 42(c), and 44.
- 46 Matches will consist of 6 rubbers, comprising three mixed doubles (played in order of merit), one ladies' doubles, one gent's doubles, and one further mixed doubles — the partnership of which is different from any of the previous mixed doubles: no person may play more than two rubbers. If fewer than 6 rubbers are played due to shortage of players, the defaulting club will forfeit the match.
- 47 When a match is forfeited, the score will be recorded as 6 rubbers to 0, 12 games to 0, each game 15 points to 0.
- 48 (a) The Reserve competition is for reserve players only. Clubs running a reserve team must at all times have three first team couples registered as such.
- (b) Players who have taken part in four or more first team matches (League, Swan, or Jack Trophy), will be considered first team players. Clubs may promote and demote players up to and including 31st December of each season, providing they have not played in four or more first team matches, as above. Such promotions/demotions must be notified to the Divisional Secretaries involved.
- 49 Clubs considered to have acted unfairly shall be reported to the Executive Committee, who will rule on the matter.

THE YOUTH LEAGUE

- 50 The following clauses of the Constitution will apply: 27, 29, 30, 32(b), 32(c), 33, 35, 36, 37, and 38.
- 51 The Leagues will be arranged as considered best by the Senior Office-bearers.
- 52 The age limit for players will be under 18 years on 1st September each season.
- 53 A senior member of the club must accompany the youth team at home and away matches.
- 54 The Match Secretary of the home club must write to the away club Match Secretary to confirm the fixture and give directions as to location of hall. All matches to be played on Saturday afternoons, unless alternative arrangements are made in advance.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules

- 1 All players must be registered in accordance with Clause 28 of the Constitution.
- 2 Entries received late, or without fees, will be refused.
- 3 Partnerships in all Doubles events are confined to players registered for the same club.
- 4 Competitors will be given an approximate 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 15 points each, except the Ladies' Singles, which will be the best of three games of 11 points each.
- 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 Hon. Referee at the Hall, whose decision on all matters will be final.
- 9 Competitors will receive their Official Programme prior to the start of the Championships.

Dr. ROBERT MAXWELL MEMORIAL INTER-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Rules

- 1 The Competition will be known as the "Maxwell Memorial Inter-Group Championship".
- 2 All registered players under 21 years of age on 1st September each season are eligible to play for their group.
No player can play for more than one group.
- 3 Each team will consist of 8 players (four gents. and four ladies), and each tie of eight rubbers (4 Mixed Doubles, 2 Gents' Doubles, and 2 Ladies' Doubles). Each player will play two rubbers (1 Mixed Doubles and either 1 Gents' Doubles or 1 Ladies' Doubles).
- 4 Teams will be selected by the Group Conveners.
- 5 The Senior Office-bearers will make the draw and decide the venue for each tie; the Competition will be knock-out.
- 6 The Group winning the Competition will hold the trophy for one season, and the players of the winning Group will receive a Badge or some tangible recognition. The Convener of the winning Group will be awarded the trophy, and will be responsible for its safe custody.
- 7 Couples must be arranged in order of merit, and any disputes between the Groups will be decided by the Executive Committee.

STEVENSON TROPHY

Rules

- 1 All teams in the Youth League will be entered in this knock-out competition.
- 2 Ties will be played at the hall of the first named club, or elsewhere by mutual consent.
- 3 Ties must be played by the date stated in the Handbook, the date for playing each tie to be arranged by the clubs.
- 4 The Semi-finals and Final will be arranged by the Executive Committee.
- 5 Teams will comprise three mixed doubles couples, each playing one rubber against their opposite number, and single games of fifteen points against the other two opposing couples. The club winning more contests (either rubbers or games) will be the winner.
- 6 The home club will provide shuttlecocks and the away club will pay half the cost.
- 7 A senior member to accompany Youth League teams at all home and away ties.

SWAN AND JACK TROPHIES

Rules

- 1 (a) The First Round of the Swan Trophy will contain all clubs in the upper divisions.
(b) The First Round of the Jack Trophy will contain all clubs in the remaining divisions.
- 2 Ties will be played at the hall of the first named club, or elsewhere by mutual consent.
- 3 Ties must be played within the period arranged, for the first two rounds of the trophy. In later rounds, the home club must offer two dates within the stipulated period for playing the tie. The dates offered must be clear of 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 Each tie will consist of eight rubbers (4 Mixed, 2 Ladies' and 2 Gents' Doubles). No player can take part in more than two rubbers which must be different events.
- 5 The captains of the teams must hand each other a copy of their teams and placings prior to the start and arrange an order of play.
- 6 In all ties, clubs must play the Mixed, Ladies' and Gents' Doubles in their correct order of merit.
- 7 If, due to shortage of players, fewer than six rubbers are played, the match will be forfeited by the defaulting club.

- 8 In the event of a tie, games and points will count.
- 9 It will be the responsibility of the winning team's captain to forward the completed score sheet to the Assistant General Secretary within three days.
- 10 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.
- 11 The shuttlecocks will be supplied by the home club and the away club will defray half the cost.
- 12 In the event of a club withdrawing, they must notify their opponents and the Assistant General Secretary.
- 13 The Association will arrange the Semi-finals and Finals. Clubs taking part in the Semi-finals will pay £1 each to help defray costs.

RESERVE SWAN TROPHY

Rules

- 1 Rules for the Swan Trophy will apply with the exception of 1(a), 1(b), and 3.
- 2 Only clubs in membership of the Reserve Doubles League are eligible to enter a team.
- 3 The home club must offer two dates within the stipulated period for playing the tie. The dates offered must be clear of opponent's fixtures as published in the Handbook, and advice must be given at least 10 days prior to the first date offered. Failure to offer two dates, or to accept one of the dates offered, may result in disqualification.
- 4 Recognised first team players are not eligible to take part in the Reserve Swan Trophy.