

HIGH WYCOMBE & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION LEAGUE CUP RULES - 2008/2009

1. The League Cup will be divided into two separate competitions, ie the Premier Cup, for teams in the Mixed League Divisions 1 & 2, and the Intermediate Cup for teams in the Mixed League Divisions below Division 2.

2.
 - (a) Each team will comprise three ladies and three men registered for their Club as per the League Rules.

 - (b) A Cup Match will consist of nine rubbers (ie 1 mens doubles, 1 ladies doubles and 7 mixed doubles). Each rubber will consist of two games to 21 points, rally point scoring, no extended play.

 - (c) Each team will play to the handicap as laid down by the HW&DBA and the result of the match will be determined by the aggregate **points score** taking the handicap into account. All games will start with the score 0 - 0.

 - (d) In the event of a tie on points, the side winning the greater number of games shall be the winner. If still level, the toss of a coin will decide the winner.

 - (e) **The order of play will be as per the result sheet and should be strictly adhered to. NB** The ladies and mens rubbers have to be played **last** - (ie **after** the 7 mixed rubbers).

 - (f) Matches should start promptly at the published time. If a team fails to supply a pair ready to play within 15 minutes after the agreed time of starting, the first rubber may be claimed and will be conceded to their opponents 21-0, 21-0. Thereafter at intervals of 15 minutes, rubbers will be conceded 21-0, 21-0, until one hour 15 minutes after the agreed time of starting when a match will be deemed to be conceded.

Alternatively, a team may waive its right to claim rubbers at the start of the match (as stated above) and agree to play the match with the proviso that should the match not be completed at the agreed finishing time, any uncompleted rubbers will be conceded by the team which was late in arriving. This latter arrangement is to be communicated prior to the start of the match.

3. The cost of court(s) hire and shuttles shall be shared by both teams. Refreshment costs, if any, will be borne by the Home team.

4.
 - (a) In order to be eligible for the Cup, a player must have played in at least **one** Mixed League Match for the team in which he is intending to play **before** 31 January of the relevant season.

 - (b) Any player having appeared on four or more occasions in the league for a higher team, **cannot** play for any lower team in the Cup, nor can a player registered down a team under league rules **after** 31 January of the relevant season play for the lower team in the Cup.

 - (c) A player (if eligible under 4(a) above) may play for a higher team and still be eligible to play for a lower team. Any such matches will not affect their eligibility for the Mixed League.

- (d) If there is any doubt concerning eligibility of players, you are advised to check with the League Cup Secretary **prior to each round being played, as permission for a player to play in an earlier round does not automatically extend to later rounds.** If an ineligible player is fielded by a team, the rubbers thus affected will be awarded to the opposition 21-0, 21-0.
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- (a) The dates for the completion of each Cup round will be circulated at the fixtures meeting, and must be strictly adhered to.
 - (b) In the event of difficulties arising from the availability of match venues, a cup match will be deemed to have preference, and if necessary a league match may be re-arranged to accommodate a cup match.
 - (c) If a match is not played on the due date without an alternative having been agreed, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin, to be carried out by the Cup Secretary, who will then inform the clubs concerned.
6. **BEFORE** the start of each match the opposing teams **MUST** exchange their lists (and order) of participating players as per the result sheet.

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