



PHBA LEAGUE RULES

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1 Effective From Date

The date of which these rules were voted into favour by a majority vote at the AGM by eligible PHBA Committee Members.

Effective From Date: 24th September 2023.

2 Management

The management of the league shall be in the hands of the Committee of the Portsmouth and Havant Badminton Association (hereafter known as PHBA) and will be subject to current laws and regulations of badminton as laid down by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). Any matters of discipline, if not clarified within those rules, will be dealt with in accordance with PHBA procedures.

3 Constitution

PHBA has a constitution which is the method of governance that defines how PHBA shall operate. The Constitution is supported by the PHBA rules.

4 Clubs

4.1 League entry

Any new clubs wishing to take part in the PHBA league shall submit their application to the PHBA Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM each year.

The league shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the PHBA, subject to prior Committee approval.



4.2 Player registration fees

All Player Registration fees (for playing members only) must be paid and settled with the Treasurer within 14 days of the end of the league season.

If a club folds before it has paid its registration fees it is still bound to pay those fees for any of the players that have played matches for the respective club. The named Secretary of the club is liable for paying those fees.

4.3 Club withdrawal

In the event of any club withdrawing from the league during the season all results concerning that club's team(s) with any other clubs' teams shall be deleted from the league tables.

4.4 Banishment

Clubs could become banned from PHBA if they do not adhere to the rules. This will be by review of the PHBA Officers based on evidence. Banishment could incur for, but not limited to, the following reasons.

- Failure to settle club's fees.
- Violent or dangerous conduct towards other clubs, players, or others.

In the instance of a club being banished from PHBA, the Club Officers will also wear the ban for the period defined by the PHBA Officers. Attempting to join PHBA with a new Club name but the same Club Officers will not be allowed.

5 League

5.1 Structure

The league shall consist of both doubles and singles. Refer to the further sections for the associated rules.

5.2 Trophies

Trophies are given to the divisional winners at either the AGM or at an end of season presentation and must be signed for by a representative of the club.

All trophies remain the property of PHBA. Trophies are to be kept in good condition.

Loss or damage will result in the club who received the trophy becoming accountable for replacement or repair.

6 Players

6.1 Registration & Eligibility

Players will not be eligible to participate in the league fixtures, in any discipline, unless their associated club has obtained their PHBA membership and registered the player with the PHBA.

A player must be registered with their full first name and surname.

Players must be registered prior to playing a league fixture.



A player may play for multiple clubs across the disciplines, but they must define their primary club during registration and must be named as an Associate Member of the other clubs. The player registration fee to PHBA is only paid once per player per season.

For example.

Player 1 competes for Club 1 in Mixed.

Player 1 competes for Club 2 in Ladies.

6.2 Banishment

Players could become banned from PHBA if they do not adhere to the rules. This will be by review of the PHBA Officers based on evidence. Banishment could incur for, but not limited to, the following reasons.

- Failure to settle player fees.
- Violent or dangerous conduct towards other clubs, players, or others.

In the instance of a player being banished from PHBA, the ban will follow the player for the period defined by the PHBA Officers. Attempting to join PHBA with a new Club will not be allowed.



7 Doubles League

The league consists of three disciplines for doubles: Ladies, Open and Mixed separated into divisions.

Each team shall play all the other teams in the same division twice, (one 'home' fixture and one 'away' fixture) during the assigned season. Typically, the season will consist of a minimum of 6 months.

7.1 Division Structure

The number of teams allocated to any one division within each discipline shall be at the discretion of the PHBA Committee. The final allocation shall be made in the best interest of all club members.

Where practical, the number of teams in each division should be at least six.

If there are an unequal number of teams in any one division the lower division should contain more teams than the division above.

7.2 New Teams

New teams, whether this is an extension to an existing club's team count or a new club, will typically be placed into the lowest division, but this can be intervened by the Committee in the best interest of other clubs.

7.2.1 Nominations

Applicable to the following disciplines only – Ladies, Open & Mixed.

When a player enters two teams in the same discipline, the four best players must be nominated as the 'A' Team before the start of the first league fixture.

When a Team enters three Teams into the same discipline, then the next four best players must be nominated as the 'B' Team before the start of the first league fixture.

This rule applies indefinitely when more than two teams are entered by one club.

Nominated players cannot play down into a lower division.

Nominated players can play up into a higher division; by one team level only.

These nominated players shall be submitted to the PHBA Hon. League Secretary at least three days prior to the first fixture of each club.

7.3 Playing Up or Down

A player may play up, at a higher level, without the change of nomination on two occasions. On playing a third fixture at the higher level the player automatically changes nomination to the higher level.

The club should ensure their player is made aware of the imposed change of nomination prior to playing their third at the higher level.

A nominated player will be restricted and cannot play down.



Players who are nominated may play up to another team for the same club regardless of the division that team is in, but by only one team level.

Players who are not nominated may play either up or down to another team for the same club regardless of the division that team is in, but by only one team level.

Any players who are not nominated may only play fixtures at two levels from whichever team they play their first fixture for. i.e., either up one team or down one team. E.g., a player who plays their first fixture for their club's third team can then only play up to the second team (not the first team) or down to the fourth team (not the fifth team).

Players who have not yet played for their designated team may have their nomination amended to another team provided the PHBA Hon. League Secretary is notified prior to the fixture for the new team.

Players who have played for their team may only play regularly for a lower team if they have not already played more than two fixtures, but the PHBA Hon. League Secretary must be informed that the player will be dropped down for the remainder of the season. Under no circumstances will that player then be able to play for a higher team for the remainder of the season.

7.4 Promotion & Relegation

7.4.1 Option 1 - Five or few teams in the division.

The team with the most points at the end of the season shall be the division champion and automatically promoted to the division above if applicable.

The team with the least points at the end of the season shall be relegated to the division below if applicable.

7.4.2 Option 2 – Six or more teams in the division

The team with the most points at the end of the season shall be the division champion. The team in second place will automatically be promoted to the division above if applicable.

The team with the least points and second least at the end of the season shall be relegated to the division below if applicable.

7.5 Withdrawal

Teams who withdraw during the season will consume one of the automatic relegation slots. This can therefore mean all teams remain in the current division for the next season.

7.6 Tie Break

In the end of a tie break at the end of the season the following logic will be applied.

League points equal between two clubs.

- Number of fixtures won.

League points and fixtures won equal between two clubs.

- Head-to-head of fixtures won between the two teams.



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League points, fixtures won and head-to-head equal then the clubs may either.

- Play a one-off fixture at a neutral venue sharing the cost of court hire and shuttlecocks equally.
- Flip a coin with two Committee members present.

7.7 Teams

7.7.1 Structure

The Team structures are defined below.

7.7.1.1 Ladies

There will be 4 ladies within one Team composed of Lady A, B, C & D.

Ladies will play best of three games as two pairs. (A & B / C & D).

Ladies will play best of three games as two pairs (A & D / B & C).

Ladies A&B will play A&B and C&D on the opposing Team.

Ladies C&D will play C&D and A&B on the opposing Team.

Ladies A&D will play A&D on the opposing Team.

Ladies B&C will play B&C on the opposing Team.

7.7.1.2 Open

There will be 4 players within one Team composed of Player A, B, C & D.

There is no restriction on pairing. Example below.

Team 1	Team 2
Men x 3	Men x 2
Ladies x 1	Ladies x 2

Pairs will play best of three games as two pairs. (A & B / C & D).

Pair will play best of three games as two pairs (A & D / B & C).

Players A&B will play A&B and C&D on the opposing Team.

Players C&D will play C&D and A&B on the opposing Team.

Players A&D will play A&D on the opposing Team.

Players B&C will play B&C on the opposing Team.

7.7.1.3 Mixed

There will be 2 ladies & 2 men within one Team composed of Lady A, Man A, Lady B & Man B.

The mixed team will play best of three games as two pairs.

Lady A & Man A will play A&A and B&B on the opposing Team.



Lady B & Man B will pay B&B and A&A on the opposing Team.

Lady A & Man B will play A&B on the opposing Team.

Lady B & Man A will play B&A on the opposing Team.

7.8 Fixtures

7.8.1 Structure

All fixtures in all disciplines shall consist of 6 sets each comprising of the best of 3 games to 21 points. The set will be extended from 20-all to a 2-point clear advantage or the first to reach 30.

Clubs are to ensure adequate time is available for fulfilment of fixtures.

7.8.2 Arrangements

Fixture dates shall be arranged at a meeting of the secretaries which will typically follow the AGM. The fixture meeting is mandatory for the Club Secretaires, but a club delegate can attend on their behalf.

Failure for a club to attend the fixture meeting may result in penalty points being awarded. The Committee shall review the circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Each club shall define their venue, proposed match start time and dates for their fixtures.

Matches played during the week must not start before 19:00 unless agreed by both clubs during the fixture meeting. Clubs who wish to have an earlier start time must ensure this is clear, known and agreed by the opposing club.

Confirmed fixtures are to be submitted to the PHBA Hon. League Secretary after the fixture meeting to load onto the PHBA website.

A 14-day period is provided to all clubs to review the fixtures detailed on the website to ensure accuracy, propose changes, and finally confirm.

All fixtures should be completed rather than conceded and wherever possible played even if the result is void.

7.8.2.1 Interclub Matches

Clubs who have multiple teams within the same division are to play their interclub matches at the start of the season prior to playing any other clubs.

The return fixture is to be played in the second half (3 months) of the season prior to playing other clubs.

7.8.2.2 Change of Fixture

Once fixtures have been confirmed prior to the start of the league, fixtures shall only be re-arranged by uncontrollable situations such as inclement weather or unavailability of the venue.

If a Club Secretary or Team Captain wishes to change a fixture after the 10-day review period, they must submit a request to the PHBA Hon. League Secretary with the rationale.



The non-availability of a Teams 'best' player/s is not a valid reason to request a postponement.

Club Captains are not bound to accede to any request for a fixture postponement unless inclement weather or unavailability of the venue.

Inclement weather guidance will be in conjunction with the Met Office as opposed to the opinion of any individual of a club or committee.

The PHBA Committee retains the ability to suggest a postponement of a fixture based on the guidance of the Met Office. The PHBA Committee will not be responsible for any costs incurred and the venue should be understanding based on the circumstances.

7.8.3 Unfinished Fixtures

If a fixture is unable to be completed due to insufficient time available at the venue, then the Home Team will forfeit any games yet to be played including the games which may be part-way through. An exception to this rule will be scenarios out of the control of the Home Team such as Fire Alarm at the venue or a power cut etc.

If the away team or players from the arrive late and therefore cause a delayed start and in turn a late finish of games or match which does not complete by the end of time available at the venue, they are liable and therefore forfeit any outstanding games, including those in play.

If the match cannot be finished due to a scenario outside the control of Home Team, as defined above, providing both Team Captains agrees, the remaining sets or games can be played within a 14 day period by the same players at a venue chosen by the Home Team. Expenses to be confirmed in advance to the re-arranged fixture on who will cover the expenses of both venue and shuttlecocks.

The PHBA League Secretary must be informed.

7.8.4 Defaulting Team

Any Team who fails to arrive for the fixture or communicate in advance their inability to fulfil an agreed fixture will be considered to have defaulted unless the Clubs have agreed to a re-arrangement of fixture. The PHBA League Secretary must be informed.

If a rearranged fixture cannot be played at all, unless due to inclement weather, the team who requested the initial postponement will be deemed to have defaulted.

If a team defaults more than once in a season, subsequent fixture cancellations will result in forfeiture of those fixture.

Scenarios outside of the control of the Home Team such as power cut, fire alarms or 'acts of god' will be managed by exception and the teams will not be deemed to default.

If a match is not contained within the time limits of the venue booking, then the Home Team will default the outstanding games within the match. This is providing the Away Team arrive on time to ensure the match play commences at the correct time. Refer to Timing section for further information.



7.8.5 Defaulting Player

A player who fails to arrive for a fixture will default their matches.

Once play commences if a player cannot complete their games, then those games will be forfeited 21-0 to the opposing team.

Playing an unregistered player/s will result in forfeiture of all their events within the fixture.

7.8.6 Fixture Conceding

Any conceded fixture will be reviewed by the Committee to review the league positions and the effect this could have on the division.

7.8.7 Costs

Teams which default or concede a fixture will be liable to cover any venue costs incurred by the opposing club.

Clubs who typically hold league fixtures during a club night whereby they normally utilise courts cannot claim any loss from defaulting or conceding of opposing team.

Clubs who hold their fixture on a separate night where a venue is booked for league matches and the fee must be paid to the venue can pass the cost onto the club who defaulted or conceded. A receipt from the venue will be required to ensure fair transparency of costs.

The club who owes the fee has a 14-day period to settle the fee to the impacted club and this must be paid to a Club Officer.

7.8.8 Timings

Fixture start times for a club's home fixture is stated on the PHBA Club Information Form and PHBA Website.

All players are entitled a 10-minute grace period from the fixture start time to being ready to play the fixture.

This can be extended due to unforeseen circumstances but must be agreed with the opposing Team Captain.

A player who may suddenly be unable to attend the fixture can be replaced with another player from the club if the opposing Club Captain is content. This player will not be deemed as late but Teams should ensure to the best of their ability the fixture can be completed within the remaining time.

If the fixture cannot be completed within the allotted time, the club whose player incurred the change of player are therefore liable and will default the fixture.

7.8.9 Fixture Management

During the fixture the Team Captain is responsible for the timings and any amendments which may arise such as delayed start.



7.9 Matchplay

7.9.1 Play

Once a fixture has commenced the play shall be continuous, except for a brief refreshment.

7.9.2 Scorecards

Scorecards can be obtained from the PHBA website.

Before the commencement of a fixture, the Team Captains for the fixture shall exchange scorecards.

Once scorecards have been exchanged, no change of player sequence, or pairings can take place.

The exception to this is due to a change of player for the fixture due to inability to attend but this must be agreed with the Team Captains as defined within the Fixture rules.

The scorecard must use the full first and surname of each player.

7.9.3 Shuttlecocks

The home club shall cover all costs associated with the shuttlecocks.

The home club should provide 'knockers' for the warmup period of the fixture.

The same brand and speed of shuttle must be used throughout the fixture and warm up period.

Both teams must agree to change the shuttle during game play.

No players will intentionally damage the shuttlecock to trigger a change of shuttlecock.

7.9.4 Scoring

A league point will be awarded for each game won.

A match shall consist of the best of three games.

The first team to reach 21 points will win the game unless the score is 20-all.

When the score becomes 20-all, the team which gains a two-point clear lead shall win that game.

If the score reaches 29-all, the team which reaches 30 first (30-29) will win the game.

The winning Team will serve first in the next game.

7.9.5 Scorers

Scores (not umpires) can be provided in a league fixture if one of the Team Captain wishes.

7.9.6 Change of Ends

Teams will change ends at the end of the first game, at the end of the second game and when the first team acquires 11 points in the third game.

If a team does not change ends, once this is identified, the teams shall change ends as soon as this is identified, and the shuttle is not in play. The current score will stand.

7.9.7 Change of Courts

The Home team shall move courts to player to next pairing.



Team captains can agree prior to start of match play to deviate from this but should note on the scorecard.

For the final pairings, the home team shall decide which pair play on which court.

7.9.8 Results

The scorecards of the fixtures shall be ratified, agreed, and signed by both Fixture Captains at the end of the fixture.

The respective Club Member is responsible for entering the result onto the PHBA website.

The Home Club is responsible for entering the result onto the website within 5 days and the away club should verify the result within 5 days from there.

No more than 10 days should elapse from fixture to confirmation of results.

All scorecards should be retained by Clubs for the duration of the season.



8 Singles League

Each Player shall play all the other Players in the same division twice, (one 'home' fixture and one 'away' fixture) during the assigned season. Typically, the season will consist of a minimum of 6 months.

8.1 League Structure

The number of players allocated to any one division shall be at the discretion of the PHBA Committee. The final allocation shall be made in the best interest of all players and club members.

Where practical, the number of players in each division should be at least six.

If there are an unequal number of players in any one division the lower division should contain more players than the division above.

8.1.1 Option 1 – Single Division

A single division of players of mixed gender.

8.1.2 Option 2 – Multiple Divisions

Multiple divisions of players of mixed gender.

8.2 New Players

New players, whether this is an extension to an existing club's player count or a new club, will typically be placed into the lowest division, but this can be intervened by the Committee in the best interest of other clubs.

8.3 Player Restrictions

The PHBA Singles League is an open league with no restrictions on player ability. The league will be mixed and both men and women will be within the same league.

8.4 Promotion & Relegation

8.4.1 Option 1 - Five or fewer players in the division.

The player with the most points at the end of the season shall be the division champion and automatically promoted to the division above if applicable.

The player with the least points at the end of the season shall be relegated to the division below if applicable.

8.4.2 Option 2 – Six or more players in the division

The player with the most points at the end of the season shall be the division champion. The player in second place will automatically be promoted to the division above if applicable.

The player with the least points and second least at the end of the season shall be relegated to the division below if applicable.

8.5 Withdrawal

Players who withdraw during the season will consume one of the automatic relegation slots. This can therefore mean all players remain in the current division for the next season.



8.6 Tie Break

In the event of a tie break at the end of the season the following logic will be applied.

League points equal between two players.

- Number of fixtures won.

League points and fixtures won equal between two players.

- Head-to-head of fixtures won between the two players.

League points, fixtures won and head-to-head equal then the player may either.

- Play a one-off fixture at a neutral venue sharing the cost of court hire and shuttlecocks equally.
- Flip a coin with two Committee members present.

8.7 Fixtures

8.7.1 Structure

All fixtures shall consist of 1 set each comprising the best of 2 games to 21 points. The set will be extended from 20-all to a 2-point clear advantage or the first to reach 30.

Restricting this to a 2 game and 1 set match is to ensure that play can be completed within a 60-minute period to help mitigate the costs for players.

8.7.2 Arrangements

Players will be responsible for arranging their own fixtures between each other to enable them to select a suitable time for both players.

All fixtures should be completed rather than conceded and wherever possible played even if the result is void.

8.7.2.1 Interclub Matches

Clubs who have multiple players within the same division are to play their inter-players matches at the start of the season prior to playing any other players

The return fixture is to be played in the second half (3 months) of the season prior to playing other players.

8.7.2.2 Change of Fixture

Fixtures can be rearranged but sufficient notice must be given. If a player incurs a court cost due to the cancellation of the fixture, the cost is to be shared. A receipt of court costs is required. A player cannot use this court for another means and request the fee to be split.

Shuttlecock costs cannot be claimed as an expense during rearrangement requests.

Inclement weather guidance will be in conjunction with the Met Office as opposed to the opinion of any individual of a club or committee.



The PHBA Committee retains the ability to suggest a postponement of a fixture based on the guidance of the Met Office. PHBA Committee will not be responsible for any costs incurred and the venue should be understanding based on the circumstances.

8.7.3 Unfinished Fixtures

If a fixture is unable to be completed due to insufficient time available at the venue, then the Home Player will forfeit any games yet to be played including the games which may be part-way through.

An exception will be the late arrival of the away player.

If both Players agree, the remaining games can be played within a 14-day period by the same players at a venue chosen by the Home Player who will cover the expenses of both venue and shuttlecocks.

The PHBA League Secretary must be informed.

8.7.4 Defaulting Player

Any Player who fails to arrive for the fixture or communicate in advance their inability to fulfil an agreed fixture will be considered to have defaulted unless the Players have agreed to a re-arrangement of fixture.

If a rearranged fixture cannot be played at all, unless due to inclement weather, the Player who requested the initial postponement will be deemed to have defaulted.

If a Player defaults more than once in a season, subsequent fixture cancellations will result in forfeiture of those fixtures.

Once play commences if a player cannot complete their games, then those games will be forfeited 21-0 to the opposing team.

Scenarios outside of the control of the Home Player such as power cut, fire alarms or 'acts of god' will be managed by exception and the players will not be deemed to default.

Playing an unregistered player/s will result in forfeiture of all their events within the fixture.

8.7.5 Fixture Conceding

Any conceded fixture will be reviewed by the Committee to review the league positions and the effect this could have on the division.

8.7.6 Costs

Players which default or concede a fixture will be liable to cover any venue costs incurred by the opposing Player.

The Player who owes the fee has a 14-day period to settle the fee to the impacted Player.

A receipt of payment should be obtained to eliminate disputes of payment.

8.7.7 Timings

Fixture start times will be agreed between the two players.



All players are entitled a 10-minute grace period from the fixture start time to being ready to play the fixture.

This can be extended due to unforeseen circumstances but must be agreed with the opposing Player.

8.7.8 Fixture Management

During the fixture the Home Player is responsible for the timings and any amendments which may arise such as delayed start.

8.8 Matchplay

8.8.1 Play

Once a fixture has commenced the play shall be continuous, except for a brief refreshment.

8.8.2 Scorecards

Scorecards can be obtained from the PHBA website.

The scorecard must use the full first and surname of each player.

8.8.3 Shuttlecocks

The Player shall cover all costs associated with the shuttlecocks and split equally between themselves.

The home Player should provide 'knockers' for the warmup period of the fixture.

The same brand and speed of shuttle must be used throughout the fixture and warm up period.

8.8.4 Scoring

A league point will be awarded for each game won.

A match shall consist of two games.

The first Player to reach 21 points will win the game unless the score is 20-all.

When the score becomes 20-all, the Player which gains a two-point clear lead shall win that game.

If the score reaches 29-all, the Player which reaches 30 first (30-29) will win the game.

The winning Player will serve first in the next game.

8.8.5 Scorer

Scores (not umpires) can be provided in a league fixture if one of the Team Captain wishes.

8.8.6 Change of Ends

Players will change ends at the end of the first game.

If a Player does not change ends, once this is identified, the Players shall change ends as soon as this is identified, and the shuttle is not in play. The current score will stand.



8.8.7 Results

The scorecards of the fixtures shall be ratified, agreed, and signed by both Players at the end of the fixture.

The respective Player is responsible for entering the result onto the PHBA website.

The Home Player shall submit a copy of the scorecard to the PHBA Hon. League Secretary within 5 days and the away club should verify the result within 5 days from there.

No more than 10 days should elapse from fixture to confirmation of results.

All scorecards should be retained by Players for the duration of the season.



9 Premier League

Premier League rules will be added to this document in advance to the Premier League being available within PHBA.

10 Matchplay General

The following rules apply to all leagues and disciplines within PHBA.

10.1 Attire

Players must wear suitable clothing for badminton and appropriate footwear for the venue. This will likely consist of non-marking soles.

Guidance can be found on the BWF website.

10.2 Shuttlecocks

The shuttlecocks shall be the correct speed for tournament play as laid down in the current BWF Laws of Badminton.

- Construction & Composition
 - The shuttle shall have 16 feathers fixed in the base.
 - The feathers shall have a uniform length between 62 mm to 70 mm when measured from the tip to the top of the base.
 - The tips of the feathers shall lie on a circle with a diameter from 58 mm to 68 mm.
 - The feathers shall be fastened firmly with thread or other suitable material.
 - The base shall be 25 mm to 28 mm in diameter and rounded on the bottom.
 - The shuttle shall weigh from 4.74 to 5.50 grams.
- Flight
 - A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530 mm and not more than 990 mm short of the other back boundary line as in Figure 1 - Badminton Court Shuttle Speed.

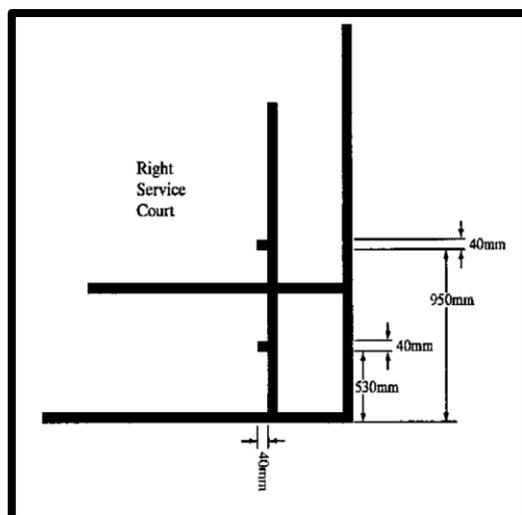


Figure 1 - Badminton Court Shuttle Speed



Some courts contain markings to help demonstrate the correct tolerance on speed testing.

No composite feature (hybrid) shuttles or plastic shuttles shall be used in PHBA League Fixtures or tournaments.

Clubs may use any shuttle for their club nights.

10.3 Faults

Faults are to be adhered to the defined faults in BWF Laws of Badminton.

10.3.1 Service

- Incorrect service

10.3.2 During Service

- Is caught on the net and remains suspended
- After passing over the net, is caught in the net

10.3.3 During Play

- Lands outside of the court
- Fails to pass over the net
- Touches the ceiling of walls
- Touches a person or clothing of a player
- Is hit twice in succession by the same player. However, a shuttle hitting the head and the stringed area of the racket in one stroke shall not be a 'fault'
- A player touches the net with racket, person, or clothing
- Invades an opponent's court over the net with racket or person except that the striker may follow the shuttle over the net with the racket during a stroke after the initial point of contact with the shuttle is on the striker's side of the net
- Invades an opponent's court under the net with racket or person such that an opponent is obstructed or distracted
- obstructs an opponent, i.e., prevents an opponent from making a legal stroke where the shuttle is followed over the net
- deliberately distracts an opponent by any action such as shouting or making gestures

10.4 Court Etiquette

Court etiquette is expected from players and spectators to ensure a competitive but friendly environment for both players and other members within the court venue.

Players are entitled to challenge line calls but must do so in a fair and polite manner. No player is to feel threatened during play or during a challenge of decision.

A spectator is not a line judge during match play and should refrain from interfering with play.

10.5 Court Movement

The home team shall be responsible for moving court to play the next pairing and cannot refuse to do so.



Team captains can agree prior to start of match play to deviate from this but should note on the scorecard.

Both Team Captains must agree prior to start of match play else they must adhere to the rule.

For the final pairings, the home team shall decide which pair play on which court.

11 Tournaments

Tournament rules are defined and captured in separate documentation due to the nature of the tournament which could be unique.

12 Photography and Videography

All players and clubs must adhere to any local rules and regulations within the sporting venue where badminton is being played.

Players and clubs must obtain consent from all players prior to taking photographs or video of matches.

All players and clubs must be aware of other members of the public who may be within the sports hall.

13 Rule Infringement

All complaints on players or clubs breaching rules shall be submitted via email to both the Hon. League Secretary and Hon. Association Secretary and the respective Club Rep within 7 days of the alleged infringement.

The email shall contain the information relating to the alleged infringement and should be fact based.

The committee will rule on exception circumstances and their decision is final.

Rule infringement can incur a penalty where applicable. The penalty will likely be a point deduction.

14 Rule Amendments

All clubs and players within the membership may submit requests to amend the league rules. All requests must be submitted to the Hon Association Secretary via email and must include:

- Section ID & Title
- Proposed change
- Rationale for change

The proposal shall be reviewed by the committee and providing this rule is deemed fair and in favour of all clubs & players within the membership it shall be put forward to a vote.



15 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

All data collected by PHBA will be stored in line with the Data Protection Act implemented 25th May 2018.

Both Clubs and the Association are required to obtain data from members to effectively operate.

This information may include but not limited to:

- Full First & Surname
- Home Address
- Contact Details
 - Mobile and/or home phone number
 - Email address
- Emergency Contact
- Age bracket
 - Junior
 - Senior
 - Master
- Parental Consent
- Photography & videography inclusion or exclusion
- Etc.

15.1 PHBA Website

The PHBA website will detail the following information regarding players who are members of the association.

- Full First & Surname
- Contact Details
 - Club reps only and their choice of contact details. Both email and phone number are optional and can be excluded from the website.

15.1.1 Player Appearances

Upon completing a fixture for a club, the players Full First & Surname will be recorded on the website as an appearance.

15.2 Club Information Form/Sheet

The Club Information Form/Sheet shall include the following information.

- Full First & Surname

15.3 League Entry Form

The league entry form will request information from Clubs on their Club Officers for the following roles as a minimum.

- Club Secretary
- Club Match Secretary



- Club Treasurer

The information obtained shall consist of the following.

- Full First & Surname
- Full home address
- Mobile phone number
- Email address

This information will be stored in a Google Drive for PHBA, but access is restricted to PHBA Committee Officers Only.

A printed copy may be kept in a PHBA Folder which is kept and maintained by the PHBA Hon. Association Secretary.

15.4 The Player Registration Form

The Player Registration Form requests information for the Players who are members of the Clubs, and the following information is collected.

- Full First & Surname
- Gender
- Junior or Senior
- Associated Club

This information will be stored in a Google Drive for PHBA, but access is restricted to PHBA Committee Officers Only.

A printed copy may be kept in a PHBA Folder which is kept and maintained by the PHBA Hon. Association Secretary.

15.5 Opt-Out

If any club or player is vehemently against any aspect of the information described above being displayed in capacity, they are to inform PHBA Secretary who will have it removed. Please bear in mind other clubs and players require contact details to contact you.

15.6 Disposal

Any paper copies will be destroyed via shredding.

15.7 Data Request

Any player or club can request the data that is stored by PHBA in relation to them.

15.8 Data Resale

No information on members or clubs is forwarded, distributed to, or sold to any individual, companies, or organisations.

Data on the website is freely available to anyone who wishes to obtain it.



16 Code of Conduct

All clubs and players shall comply with the Badminton Code of Ethics and Behaviour as defined by Badminton England.

Badminton England website shall be the repository of this document and any updates are out of the control of PHBA.

[Badminton England Code of Ethics and Behaviour.](#)



17 Change Log

Type	Summary	Date
Addition	Photography and Videography	August 2023
Addition	Participation In Badminton By Transgender and Non-Binary Players Policy (BE). Men's title changes to Open and unrestricted open league	August 2023
Removal	Player restrictions on ability	August 2023
Removal	PHBA Open League rule section removed	August 2023
Additional	Code of Conduct	August 2023