

Whitehorse Badminton Club Constitution

1 Club name and affiliation

The club will be called Whitehorse Badminton Club, and will be affiliated to BADMINTON England.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be to:

- play and promote badminton
- offer badminton coaching and competition opportunities to all members
- provide duty of care and protection to all club members
- make sure all club members are treated equitably.

3 Finance and Accounts

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The accounts will be kept by the Treasurer, and audited on a regular basis. The financial year of the club will end on 30th April. Any cheques drawn against club funds will be signed by at least two authorised signatories.

Should Whitehorse Badminton Club no longer be viable and the accounts need to be wound up then any residual funds, after all creditors have been satisfied, shall be distributed equally between the remaining members of the club.

4 Running of the Club

The club will be run by a committee consisting of:

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Match Secretary
- Any other positions as agreed at the AGM

At the AGM, the committee will resign but will be eligible for re-election.

5 Membership

Membership shall consist of:

- adult members
- junior members.
- Whitehorse Juniors is a subsidiary of Whitehorse Badminton Club and as such has adopted and agreed to abide by all the Club's policies and procedures.

All members will be subject to the constitution and codes of conduct adopted by the club. Fees will be set and reviewed annually by the committee and approved at the AGM. In exceptional circumstances, the committee can ask for an Extraordinary General Meeting to agree a change in fees during the season.

6 A G M

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May. At least twenty-one days' notice will be given to members.

The Agenda will include:

- a report from the committee
- Treasurer's report and the year's Accounts
- resignation of the current committee
- election of the committee for the coming year.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

Members have the right to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). It shall be held at the request of at least 25% of members. Notice for an EGM will be the same as for an AGM.

7 Constitution Changes

This Constitution can be changed only by majority vote at an AGM.

BYELAWS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

1 League and Friendly Matches

Members taking part in league and friendly matches shall pay a match fee for home and away matches at an amount as shall be agreed from time to time by the Management Committee.

2 Guests and Attendance of Members

Club members shall be entitled to bring guests in. Guests shall pay a visitors fee at such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by the Management Committee. Guests are allowed to attend the club a maximum of three times before being invited to join the club.

3 Club Evenings

Members attending club evenings shall pay a session fee at an amount as shall be agreed from time to time by the Management Committee. After gaining access to the court club members are asked to enter into their game as soon as possible in order to enable the maximum number of games to be played during each club session.

4 Membership of the Leagues

The Chairperson and General Secretary shall be the Club's official representatives at general meetings of Leagues and shall have the power to vote on all matters affecting the Club's interest. If unable to attend or act in these capacities the Management Committee shall have the power to appoint another member of the committee to officially represent the Club at such meetings.

5 Club Entries in Leagues

The Management Committee shall make a decision as soon as possible following the Annual General Meeting as to the type and number of entries to be submitted for entry into any League for the following season.

6 Club Tournaments

Club tournaments shall be arranged on a regular basis with the object of affording the opportunity to all members to compete. The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with the arrangements for the holding of such tournaments in whatever manner they think fit and shall also have power to co-opt members, if necessary, solely for the purpose of organising such tournaments. The main trophies shall remain the property of the Whitehorse Badminton Club at all times.

8 Match Selection (Friendly and League)

The method of initially selecting teams for the next season will be agreed at the AGM. Each team will be responsible for electing their Captain, who then has responsibility for selecting the team during the season, and may make changes to their team as and when required. Where players are asked to "play up" for teams in higher divisions it is the joint responsibility of the player and the Captain of the higher team to determine whether this would impact the player's availability for the lower team. If there is any impact on the player's availability, approval needs to be obtained from the lower team's Captain prior to playing in the match.