

Barton Badminton Club Constitution

1 Club name and affiliation

The parent club will be called Barton Badminton Club. The club will run an integral but entire section for juniors named the Barton Junior Badminton Club. Both Clubs will be affiliated to BADMINTON England and abide by the principles and laws of badminton as set down.

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

- a) All club monies will be banked in accounts held in the name of the parent club, Barton Badminton Club.
- b) The accounts for Barton Junior Badminton Club will be identified separately from the parent club by the Treasurer, and audited annually.
- c) The financial year of the club will end on March 31st.
- d) Any cheques drawn against club funds will be signed by at least two authorised signatories.
- e) Should either the main club or Barton Junior 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 donated to a club or organisation with similar aims and objectives.

4 Running of the Club

- a) Barton Junior Badminton Club will be run by the Barton Badminton Club Management Committee as a separate section for financial management and specialist coaching/welfare issues.
- b) The Management Committee consists of the following members:
 - President
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Club Captain
 - Junior Club Co-ordinator* or welfare officer*
 - Match Secretary*
 - Additional members to a total of 9 [the Committee may co-opt upto four Club Members during the year if the need arises]

*The individual may hold one other Officer Position on the Committee

Officers are elected for up to a three year term after which they must resign but can stand for re-election if they so wish on an annual basis.

At the AGM, the committee, with the exception of the President and any officer who has not completed a three year term, will resign but will be eligible for re-election.

- c) There is a separate Selection Committee for the Senior Club, which is elected at the AGM. Under the leadership of the Club Captain this committee is tasked with ensuring teams are selected on merit and to enable players and partnerships to achieve their potential, team captains appointed, and that league and cup fixtures are organised and completed to the satisfaction of the ESBL Committee.
- d) The Selection Committee consists of:
 - i. The Club Captain and four Club Members.
 - ii. The Selection Committee should meet at least two times in the year.
 - iii. All meetings should have a quorum of four members including the Club Captain.
 - iv. Ad hoc decisions necessary for particular matches during the season may be left to the discretion of the Club Captain in consultation with the team captains and players involved.
- e) The Head Coach of the Junior Club and Junior Club Co-ordinator will organise the selection of teams for junior matches, linking to the ESBL via the Club Captain.

5 Membership

- a) Membership of the Club shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee, but within the context of open access to all.
- b) The maximum membership of the Senior Club will be 50 adult members including students. The membership of the Junior Club will be dependent on court availability and limited to a maximum of 22 per four-court venue session. The Management Committee dependent on hall availability may temporarily alter these figures.
- c) Where it is not possible to accommodate membership the individuals should be signposted to appropriate alternatives and supported in accessing these services.
- d) Membership shall consist of:
 - i. Full members – any person over 18 years of age or over 16 years of age and not in full time education.
 - ii. Student members – any person under the age of 25 and in full time education not attending the Junior Club.
 - iii. Junior members – any person under 16 years of age at the start of the season attending the Junior Club.
 - iv. Visitors – to comply with insurance regulations, visitors may attend for a maximum of 5 occasions subject to paying the appropriate visitors fee. All visitors shall become Associate Members upon payment of their first night's visitors' fee. Thereafter, a player must then have their application approved and pay the appropriate membership fee, or if approved, a continuing visitor fee plus insurance costs, to continue to play at the club.
- e) All members will be subject to the constitution and codes of conduct adopted by the club.
- f) Fees will be set and reviewed annually by the committee and approved at the AGM.
- g) The Club year shall commence on the 1st of September, with play beginning as soon as the venues are available.
 - i. Subscriptions from existing senior members shall be due by the 1st October. Members paying by the due date will be entitled to a 10% discount on the subscription that has been set. After 1st November only members who have paid their subscriptions may play in matches or at club nights. The Committee may accept subscriptions after 1st November subject to an additional fee at the discretion of the Committee.

- ii. Junior Club fees should be paid within three weeks of the start of each term.
- h) New members shall pay subscriptions upon being accepted for membership.
- i) Where a new member wishes to join after the start of the Club year and before 1st November the full subscription will apply. Those joining after this date will pay a reduced subscription on a pro rata basis at the discretion of the Treasurer.
- j) Fees paid by visitors who subsequently become members shall be offset against subscriptions.
- k) Any request for a refund of membership fees will be dealt with under the Refund Policy.
- l) Barton Junior Badminton Club is a subsidiary of Barton Badminton Club and as such has adopted and agreed to abide by all the Club's policies and procedures.

6 Child Protection

The Barton Badminton Club incorporating the Barton Junior Badminton Club has adopted the BADMINTON England Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures. All individual members are deemed to have read understood and assented to the BADMINTON England Code of Ethics and Conduct ("Code") and as such recognise and adhere to the principles and responsibilities embodied in these documents.

7 AGM

- a) The Annual General Meeting will be held in April. At least Fourteen days written notice will be given to members.
- b) The Agenda will include:
 - i. A report from the committee, including the annual Development Plan.
 - ii. Treasurer's report and the year's Accounts with a separate report for the Junior Club
 - iii. The setting of fees for the coming year.
 - iv. The resignation of the current committee, with the exception of the President who may continue in office either for life or until resignation.
 - v. Election of the committee for the coming year.
 - vi. Election of the Selection Committee
- c) All members have the right to vote at the AGM. A simple majority shall decide any votes taken. In the event of a tie, The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to the Ordinary Member vote.
- d) 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.
- e) The Management Committee has the right to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Notice for an EGM will be the same as for an AGM.
- f) At General Meetings a quorum shall be 10 full members.
- g) There should be at least 3 meetings of the Management Committee each year, a quorum being five members at least two of which must be Club Officers, one of which must be the Junior Club Co-ordinator or the Child Welfare Officer.

8 Constitution Changes

- a) This Constitution can be changed only by majority vote at an AGM, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for the purpose.

- b) Any proposed changes to the Constitution must be received in writing by the Management Committee and then distributed with the Agenda for the meeting (see section 7).

9 Club Play

Senior Club:

- a) On Club nights all members are required to mix and play doubles generally, providing that sufficient members are present.

- b) The selection of players shall operate as follows:

- i. At JTHS:

- Board System – a peg board system is used for the selection of players. No1 plays and chooses 3 other players from the next 5 to obtain a balanced four. The winning pair go back on the board above the losers. Anyone not wishing to play when chosen automatically goes to the bottom of the board.

- ii. At the Village Hall

- The organisation of play shall be determined by a Club Officer or Committee Member.

- c) Match Practice/coaching – match practice/coaching may take place on one court after 9.00pm. Team captains/coaches must declare players to take part before 9.00pm. A minimum of 5 players shall be nominated and their names removed from the board.

- d) Junior Players – this is usually restricted and juniors will cease to play at 9.00pm. This shall not apply to any junior who has played in any adult team matches for the Club.

- e) Club nights in the village hall shall not normally be open to junior members.

- f) Members must wear suitable apparel when on court. Dark soled shoes (which mark the floor) shall not be worn.

Junior Club

The Head Coach using the Badminton England principles and supported by the coaching team will manage the sessions to an agreed Coaching Programme produced and developed to enable individuals and groups to:

- a) Be given the opportunity to develop their enjoyment of the game of badminton in a safe and supportive environment.
- b) Improve their understanding and enjoyment of the game of badminton.
- c) Develop their movement and racket skills.
- d) Develop the confidence to participate in more competitive badminton.
- e) Test their skills playing with and against other members of the groups in controlled games of badminton.
- f) Provide constructive coaching and feedback throughout the training period.

10 General

- a) The Club reserves the right to terminate the membership of any person who in the opinion of the Management Committee acts in any way detrimental to the best interests of the Club.
- b) The Club has adopted the Badminton England rules, policies and guidelines about best practice, and actively implements its Child Protection Policy and Procedures, which helps the club achieve best practice.
- c) The Management Committee shall decide any matter arising and not covered by the Constitution and Rules.

- d) The Management Committee shall resolve any dispute arising over the interpretation of the Constitution and Rules.