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## ORLB CONSTITUTION

### 1 – NAME

The league shall be known as the Oldham and Rochdale Badminton League, founded in 1995 being a merger of the Oldham and District Badminton League (est. 1946) and the Rochdale Area Badminton League (est. 1952).

### 2 – AFFILIATION

The league is not affiliated (since the EGM of 2006) to any county or national organization. Member clubs are likewise under no obligation to affiliate to any outside body.

### 3 – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the league shall be the encouragement and advancement of badminton in the area, and the provision of regular competitive matches.

### 4 – OFFICIALS

The Officers shall be elected at the AGM and shall be; President, Chairman, Vice-chairman, League Secretary, Treasurer, Press and Results Secretary, Tournament Secretary.

### 5 – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall consist of the Officers of the League and 4 other members who shall be elected at the AGM. The MC shall have the power to co-opt members in case of a

shortfall. Excluding Officers, no club shall have more than one member serving on the MC.

## **6 – MEMBERSHIP**

The membership shall be agreed at the AGM, or at the discretion of the MC.

## **7 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM shall be held by the end of May. Notice of the AGM, complete with requests for proposals for Officers and MC Members, and invitations for alterations and/or additions to the rules, shall be forwarded to clubs by March 31st.. Such proposals as above should be returned to the League Secretary by the third Saturday in April. The formal AGM Agenda will then be sent to clubs by April 30th.. All such proposals shall be duly proposed and seconded. Voting at the AGM shall be on the basis of one vote per existing member team (providing that multi-vote teams have the same number of individuals as teams actually present).

## **8 – EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

An EGM may be convened on any motion which bears the signatures of the Secretaries of 6 member clubs or at the behest of the MC. The notice convening the EGM shall specify the business of the meeting and shall be posted to Club Secretaries not less than seven days prior to the meeting.

## **9 – CLUB SECRETARY**

Each club shall nominate a Club Secretary.

## **10 – SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All subscriptions must be paid to the League Treasurer at the commencement of the season. Clubs not having met their financial obligations by October 1st. will be subject to removal from the League.

## 11 – LEAGUE RULES AND FIXTURES (Amended 26-05-16)

Amended League Rules and new fixtures will be available on the ORBL website prior to the season commencement.

## 12 – CLUB DETAILS

Full club details shall be supplied to the League Secretary by July 31st.

## 13 – TROPHIES

All trophies shall remain the property of the League, and must be returned in good condition to the Tournament Secretary by April 1st.

## 14 – DISPUTES

Any disputes or appeals on any matter connected with the League shall be submitted in writing to the League Secretary. If concerning fixtures such correspondence shall be directed to the Press and Results Secretary. The MC shall uphold the League rules and their decisions shall be binding on all members. Any matters not provided for in the rules shall be decided by the MC in its absolute discretion, in the best interests of the League and its members.

Match Rules

# Match Rules

## Rules as at May 2017

### 1 – RULES OF PLAY

All matches shall be played under the rules laid down by Badminton England.

For the complete book of rules go to :- <http://www.bwfbadminton.org/page.aspx?id=14915>

## 2 – LEAGUE POINTS (Amended 2017)

League points shall be awarded on the basis of one point per each match game won.

In addition at the end of the match, all aces will be totalled and an additional bonus point shall be awarded to each team for every complete 50 aces scored in the match by that team.

The Match Secretary will calculate the aces for each team from the scorecard and award the points.

## 3 – MATCHES

All matches shall consist of 18 games played to 21 points. Change of ends shall occur at the first score of 11 points, other than when pairs are playing two consecutive games against each other (when change of ends will be at the end of the first game).

## 4 – PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The top two teams in any division other than the first division are to be placed above the bottom two teams in the higher division at the end of the season. The MC will use this order of merit to determine the division in which a team is placed in the following season, and, dependent upon the number of teams entered in the league, will decide on the number of divisions and teams in each division. In the event of a tie on points, League positions will be determined by games won, and where these are also level on aces scored. Where a club has more than one team in the League, the 'B' team must not be in a higher division than the 'A' team, nor the 'C' higher than the 'B', and so on.

## 5 – COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

Matches shall start at 7.30pm unless otherwise agreed. In cases of late arrival, clubs MAY claim the first game 15 minutes after the official start time, and at subsequent 15 minute intervals if the opponents are not ready to play.

#### 6 – SCORECARDS (Amended 26-05-16)

The home team shall provide the scorecard and shall insert their players and order of play first, followed by the visiting team. **Full names must be exactly as registered with the League on the registration form. A point will be deducted for each incorrect name.** On completion of the match, the scorecard shall be signed by both captains and sent to the Match Secretary. The completed scorecard **must be received** by the Match Secretary **within a week of the match otherwise 2 points will be deducted from the home team.** Please complete the sportsmanship award on the reverse of the card. It is advisable for home teams to take a photograph of the scorecard before posting.

#### 7 – TEAM COMPOSITION (Amended 2017)

Each team shall consist of 6 players which may be comprised of any combination of male and female players.

To fulfil a fixture, clubs are allowed to play a maximum of 2 players down **to the immediate lower team** from a higher team. These should NOT be the clubs best players.

The Committee are to give guidance to allow an higher team player to play down to the immediate lower team on only 2 occasions in a season before a penalty is applied.

In the case of an exceptional situation, representation should be made to the Committee.

The Committee were charged to take a stricter line to ensure the rules are enforced.

If a player is injured during a match and is unable to

continue, the game they were playing in will be lost but a player from the remaining five players is allowed to play the remaining games for the injured player. This player will be chosen by the opposition.

Players will take part in one match at a time at one venue on any given evening.

## 8 – UMPIRES

At the request of either team, an Umpire shall be in charge of each game and shall be provided alternately by each team. In the event of players disagreeing and the Umpire being unable to decide, a 'Let' shall be allowed.

It is a fault if....

1 – The shuttle is caught and held on the racket and then slung during the execution of the stroke; or if the shuttle is hit twice in succession by the same player with two strokes; or if the shuttle is hit by the partners.

2 – If in serving....

(a) the initial point of contact with the shuttle is not on the base of the shuttle,

or (b) any part of the shuttle at the instant of being struck be higher than the server's waist,

or (c) if, at the instant of the shuttle being struck, the shaft of the racket be not pointing downward to such an extent that the whole of the head of the racket is DISCERNIBLY below the whole of the server's hand holding the racket.

## 9 – SHUTTLECOCKS & SHUTTLE SPEED

A good quality feather shuttlecock shall be used for matches. The home team shall be responsible for the provision of

reasonably sufficient numbers of shuttlecocks to fulfil the match

A shuttle shall be deemed to be of correct pace if when a player of average strength strikes it with full underhand stroke, from a spot immediately above the back boundary line, in a line parallel to the side lines at an upward angle, it falls not less than 530mm (1 foot ) and no more than 990mm (2 feet 6 inches) short of the other back boundary line.

#### 10 – SCORING SYSTEM

The BE system of 21 points per game shall be adopted. A point is awarded to the winner of each rally, irrespective of server. A game must be won by 2 clear points, unless the score reaches 29 all, when the next point will decide the game.

#### 11 – LETS

The ceiling on the opponents' side of the net, and ALL protrusions over the whole court area, shall be a let.

#### 12 – REGISTRATIONS (Amended 25-05-16)

Each club shall register a list of players (in duplicate) on the form provided, giving each player's full name and submit to the League Treasurer to whom the registration fees shall also be paid (copy for the Results Secretary).

**Player registrations are to be submitted before the season's matches commence.**

Only those players so registered may play for each club. New players can be registered on the back of the scorecard. The last date for registration of players is the last day of February in each year although the Committee can allow new registrations after this date in emergencies.

#### 13 – NOMINATION OF PLAYERS (Amended 25-05-16)

All Clubs must nominate all their team prior to the commencement of the season. Clubs should provide reserves for the higher team from a lower team. Up to 2 reserves may be allowed to play down from an immediate higher team in order to allow a fixture to be fulfilled where this would not otherwise be possible.

The Management Committee has the right to ensure that teams play the matches in the spirit of the game and to issue directions to teams where it is clear that clubs have not done so.

#### 14 – POSTPONEMENTS (Cancellations) (Amended 26-05-16)

Officially, matches can only be postponed if a venue is unavailable. However, every effort should be made to re-arrange postponed matches. The Committee will decide on any unplayed matches at the end of the season and the team responsible for the original postponement will be deducted 10 points.

\* If a club needs to postpone a match, they must give as much notice to their opposition as possible. Postponing just before a match is due to be played is not acceptable.

\* The home team is responsible for informing the Match Secretary if a match is postponed. An email to the Match Secretary should be sent stating why the match was postponed and which team was responsible for the postponement.

#### 15 – TRANSFERS

Any transfer of players must have the sanction of the MC or the Press and Results Secretary. Transferring players should have settled their financial obligations. The last date for Registration or transfer of players is the last day of February in each year. Transfer of new or inexperienced players after this date may be allowed at the discretion of the MC.



Note :- Whilst not forming part of the rules when pairs play each other in consecutive games the second game should be started by the serve going to the pair that won the first game.

16 Secretaries' Meeting Attendance – **new rule** (Added 26-05-16)

All clubs should be represented at the pre-season Secretaries' Meeting.

Registration fees for all clubs will be £8 per player. However if clubs are represented at the Meeting, the Registration Fee for each player will be discounted to £6. This will apply to all subsequent registrations on cards.

ADDENDA – CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION AND FINES

1. Registration fee per player per club (See rule 16)

£8 or £6/£3.00 Juniors (Amended 26-05-16)

4. Failure to pay all outstanding monies within 28 days  
surcharge £5.00

Knockout Team Rules

### OLDHAM & ROCHDALE BADMINTON LEAGUE

#### KNOCKOUT TEAM HANDICAP RULES

1 – Matches shall be handicapped by the Management Committee. The handicap for each match shall be forwarded to the secretary of the home teams in a sealed envelope, which is NOT to be opened until the end of the match.

2 – Any player not registered with the ORBL may not play in the competition without prior sanction of the Management Committee, who require a minimum of 14 days notice. The Management Committee reserve the right to re-handicap in such a case.

3 – Every club must nominate 6 players for each team playing in the Team Handicap at least 14 days before the first round. The dates can be found in the Diary section of the handbook. The handicap for each match will be based on the teams nominated. *The league would encourage all clubs to only nominate players who regularly play in each team.* All team nominations should be forwarded to the Press and Results Secretary.

4 – Teams shall share the cost of the shuttles used.

5 – There shall be no setting.

6 – The home team are required to write their complete team, together with pairings, on the scorecard before handing the card to the visiting team for completion, before starting the match.

7 – Matches shall be decided on aces. The team finishing with the greater total of aces, including the handicap, shall be the winner (the handicap will include a half point to avoid a tie).

8 – The final shall be played on a neutral court, if possible.

9 – When a club has more than one team drawn at home in the same round which results in insufficient court space on the listed home night, the team(s) appearing lowest in the draw shall be deemed to have been drawn away, provided the new home team can accommodate this reversal.

10 – All rules of the Badminton England apply, except for the above cases.

11 – In the event of an unfinished match/no result, the match card should be forwarded to the Press and Results Secretary with an explanation of the circumstances resulting in the non-completion of the match. The League Management Committee may then decide the result.

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