

CONSTITUTION EVENLODE BADMINTON CLUB

The Club will be known as The Evenlode Badminton Club.

It will be affiliated to the Oxfordshire Badminton Association and to Badminton England

It will be managed by the General Committee who will be responsible to the membership for the administration and finances of the Club affairs.

The aims and objectives of the club will be to;

- play and promote badminton in the local community
- offer badminton coaching and competition opportunities to all members
- provide duty of care and protection to all club members
- to provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone • to ensure that all present and future members are treated equitably.

Membership shall consist of:

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

RULES

1. Existing members have the right to re-join the Club in subsequent seasons provided they have informed the Club Secretary of their intention to do so, by the commencement of the following season. The only exception to the rule being when a member, intending is prevented by illness of business absence from communicating. In such cases, committee discretions will usually be extended to deal with this problem. Renewal after an absence of one playing season will depend on reapplication for membership in the usual way.
2. Any club member may introduce visitors to the Club, but they will be limited to two visitors per member per night and should inform the Match Secretary or Chairperson in advance whenever possible. The host member will be responsible for the visitors fee and ensuring that it reaches the Treasurer or committee member delegated to collect fees
3. All Club members must pay full membership fees by 31 October of the current season. Any member not fulfilling this obligation shall forfeit membership and shall not be permitted to play on Club nights or in any match.
4. All Club members are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner both on and off court, particularly when playing matches.

5. All members shall abide by the rules of Badminton as indicated in the yearly handbook of the Badminton Association of England, and by the rules of the Evenlode Badminton Club. These shall incorporate any rules imposed by the venue used by the Club.

CHANGES TO RULES

Club rules may only be changed, amended or deleted at an AGM. The proposal to change, amend or delete rules shall be carried providing that 66% of the members attending the meeting are in favour.

MANAGEMENT

1. Evenlode Badminton Club agrees to adopt the BADMINTON England Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures. All individual members are deemed to have assented to the BADMINTON England Child Protection Policy and Code of Ethics and Conduct (“Code”) and as such recognise and adhere to the principles and responsibilities embodied in these documents.

2. The management of the Club shall be the responsibility of the General Committee, consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Child Welfare officer and four general committee members. Their tenure shall be limited to one year with a maximum term of 3 years with the following provisos *the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will not all resign at the same time and the option to continue for longer than 3 years is acceptable if agreed.*

3. All members of the General Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM.

4. The General Committee shall have a quorum of five members. The business of any meeting of the Committee shall be adjourned if the number of the Committee members falls below this number.

5. The General Committee shall meet together for a minimum of three times a year to conduct the business of the Club.

6. Any Club member may be co-opted on to the Committee for any purpose to assist the Committee in the management of the Club in general.

7. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that a copy of the Minutes of Committee meetings is posted on to the Club notice board and in conjunction with the Chairperson ensure that any action required is followed up within the prescribed time scale.

8a. Team selection shall be the function of a sub-committee. The membership of this Committee (“The Selection Committee”) shall represent, as far as possible, the range of experience in the Club, and will comprise:

The current Club Chairperson.

Members selected by the General Committee from club members who wish to volunteer to serve on this committee.

A member who is closely involved with the Junior Club.

A Junior member, where possible

These volunteers should be familiar with the playing skills and experience of as many other members of the club as possible.

8b. The Club Secretary will give suitable notice to all members of this committee being formed as soon as possible after the membership forms have been received.

8c. The Chairperson will make arrangements for a suitable time and venue for the meeting.

8d. The purpose of this committee is to examine the information provided by members as to their choices and preferences, and match them into teams in the most effective manner taking into account:

players' skills and experience

the requirements of other members

opportunities for player development

the needs of the club

8e. Information provided by members to the Selection Committee shall be provided to the committee members for use during the meeting for the sole purpose of making team selections, and the information shall not be divulged outside of the committee meeting.

8f. The results of the committee shall be published by the Club Secretary as soon as possible after the meeting has finished.

8h. The published results will be deemed to be final, subject to any exceptional matters, which shall be discussed as necessary by the committee but be dealt with by the Club Chairperson only.

9. There will be honorary roles of President and Vice President of the Club which may or may not be filled according to the wishes of the Club at the time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The Club shall hold an AGM as close as possible to the end of each playing season, but before the respective league AGMs to discuss necessary Club business.

2. The Secretary shall arranged 28 days notice of the date of the meeting to be posted on the notice board together with a proposed Agenda and request for the nomination of officers, by the last Club night.

3. Nominations for President and Vice-President will also be made at this time.

4. Any item of business including amendments to proposals which any Club member may wish to discuss at the AGM must be proposed and seconded and forwarded to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting the end of the season.

5. Only Club members may speak and vote at the AGM.

6. The AGM shall begin at 8.00 pm on the appropriate day and end at the completion of business.

7. The course of business at the AGM will be controlled by the Chairperson whose job it is to ensure that all points of view are fairly heard.

8. The order of the meeting shall be as follows:-

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

2. Matters arising

3. Chairpersons report on the previous years activities

4. Match Secretary's report on previous season

5. Treasurer's report and financial recommendations

6. Election of Officers and Committee

7. Items specifically notified to the Committee

8. AOB

Voting shall be by secret ballot. In the event of a tied vote, members will ballot again on the tied person