

Senior Rules Appendix 1 for the Mid-Wilts Badminton Association

Leagues	1.1	All Association Leagues shall consist of one or more divisions of not more than eight teams, with the possible exception of the last two divisions. These divisions of all Leagues shall as much as possible be structured to arrange 12 matches per season per team. Not more than two teams per club shall play in the same division. Any club/team withdrawing from a League during the season shall have all its previous matches declared null and void. On wishing to re-enter the following season, its divisional position shall be at the discretion of the Committee. This means that the club or team may find they are required to re-enter in a lower division.
	1.2	If one or more teams during the season merge, then the teams entered by the merged clubs shall take up the divisional positions of the original clubs, but with a new name if applicable. The Committee shall ensure that in carrying out this rule no other rule is infringed. If so, the teams shall be relocated within the divisions at the discretion of the Committee.
Registration	2.1	4/2 Mixed League A player may only play for one club and an official registration form must be signed by the player and sent to the Association's Fixture Secretary. In the event of a "last minute" addition, the Association's Fixture Secretary must be notified prior to that player's first match. Notification by email (preferable) or SMS text message/phone call is acceptable, but does not remove obligation to provide a signed registration form. If a club enters more than one team in a League, its players shall be registered for the team which it is intended they play and all team registrations shall be submitted together. Gentlemen registered for a lower team may only play twice for a higher team of the club and ladies may play three times. On the 3rd/4th occasion respectively that player shall automatically be registered for the higher team. In the event of a third team being entered, in the unusual circumstances of players from the lowest team playing for the highest team, the player is considered to having played for both higher teams. A higher team member cannot play for a lower team of the club without sanction of the Committee. A decision by the Committee shall be made within two weeks of a written request being received.
	2.2	Ladies, Doubles and the 3/3 Mixed Leagues. Registrations must be on the official form, but this need not be for the club that holds their 4/2 Mixed League registration. The form, when signed, must be sent to the Association's Fixture Secretary. Registration of these teams, particularly the 3/3 Mixed, must be regarded as separate to the 4/2 Mixed. In the new doubles league pairs can consist of 2 men, 2 ladies or a man and lady.
	2.3	Failure to comply with either Rules 2.1 or 2.2 will mean that all games by the player(s) involved will be deemed to have lost 21-0/21-0.
Transfer	3	A player may only be transferred during the season at the discretion of the Committee. Transfer requests must be made in writing and sent to the Association's Fixture Secretary. A decision by the Committee shall be made within two weeks of the request.
Matches	4.1	All matches, including the Knock-Out Cup, must be played between the 2nd week of September and the 2nd week of April. Matches played outside of that will be null and void. The

- Committee may extend beyond this timeline at their discretion, but only in extenuating circumstances, e.g. Rule 14.3.
- 4.2 The scoring of matches is 1 point per rubber, plus 2 bonus points for a win, i.e. team 'A' wins match 5 rubbers to 4, team 'A' receives 7 points instead of 5. In the event of a drawn match, the Association's Fixture Secretary shall determine the allocation of bonus points.
- 4.3 All matches shall consist of 9 rubbers, excluding the Ladies division that shall be 6 rubbers. All rubbers are best of three games to 21 points with extended play if required, unless otherwise agreed by both team captains prior to the onset of the match, when rubbers may be 1 game of 21 points with no extended play. In cases where insufficient time is not available for the full match to be concluded in one evening, the teams must decide to conclude the match on another night or agree a satisfactory arrangement as to the final result. This must not infringe other Rules and the Association's Fixture Secretary must be notified within three days of the original match date.
- 4.4 Each team must have the required number of pairs on court, warmed up and ready to play, within 15 minutes of the start time to match court quantity available from the home team (unless otherwise agreed by the captains prior to the onset of the match). When unavailability of any pair from either team interrupts or wholly prevents the order of play, the disadvantaged team's captain is to make a case to the Association's Fixture Secretary if the match is subsequently unable to finish as planned.
- 4.5 Team pairings shall be ranked in order of strength, pairings and rankings for the full match shall be exchanged simultaneously by both team's captains prior to the match and written on the score sheet. These shall not be subsequently changed except with the consent of the opposing captain.
- 4.6 In the event of a player becoming injured during a match and being unfit to continue, those rubbers he/she are unable to complete shall be concluded and scored 21 points against while the points scored counted. The remaining rubbers conceded by the injured player shall be those he/she was nominated to play prior to the commencement of the match and scored 21-0/21-0 against.
- 4.7 Match result sheets must be filled in correctly, signed by both team captains and received by the Association's Fixture Secretary within seven days of the match being played. A penalty of 2 points shall be deducted from a team that fails to return their score sheet on time.
- 4.8 Conceding. If any team concedes three matches in a season, they are deemed to have withdrawn from that League. The matches already played in these instances will be declared null and void and all scores deleted. The following season the team shall be relegated to the bottom division. In the event of a walkover (concession), the defaulting team shall be deducted 2 points, whilst the receiving team shall receive nine points gained against the defaulting team in the matches. The Committee reserves the right to intervene and further adjust points where justified or warranted. All action will be recorded and teams informed of the Committee's decision in advance of the AGM. The Committee's decision is final.
- 4.9 That all first, second and third division matches in the League shall play with cork-based feather shuttlecocks complying to BE laws of pace and flight.
- 4.10 All other League matches, tournaments and competitions, shall

		play with cork-based shuttlecocks conforming to BE laws on pace and flight be used.
	4.11	If a club has two teams in the same division, they shall play each other twice as per the final publish schedule (see Rule 7.2). The first leg shall be played before 31 October and the second leg no later than 31 January each season.
	4.12	If at the end of a season two teams are equal on points their position will be determined by number of matches won, number of games won then number of aces won.
	4.13	No player shall play more than one matches for any team, club or division on the same night. Where a player is unable to play then rules 4.7 and 4.10 apply.
	4.14	Playing-up (for a club's leading or senior team(s)). A doubles player is permitted to 'play up' only two times in a league season irrespective of gender.
Promotion and Relegation	5	All Association Leagues. Each year the top team of a division shall be promoted and the bottom relegated. The club finishing second in the lower division shall have the opportunity to challenge the team finishing second from bottom in the higher division for their place in that higher division. If the team from the higher division loses, they are relegated. The challenged team shall provide the courts and the challenger shall provide the shuttlecocks. These matches are to be played before the AGM of the current season.
Knock-Out Cup	6.1	Players shall only play in this competition for the club that holds their 4/2 Mixed League registration. A club may enter a team representing each of their 4/2 Mixed League teams into this competition. A member may only represent one team per season in Cup matches. In the event of a club who only has a 3/3 Mixed team and not a 4/2 Mixed team, entry will be considered on request to the Association's Fixture Secretary and will be at the discretion of the Committee.
	6.2	A team shall consist of four men and two ladies playing 4 men's doubles, 1 ladies double and 4 mixed doubles. A match shall consist of 9 rubbers of 2 games to 21 points with NO extended play, and must be played within the timeline stated at the Annual Fixture Meeting, otherwise the defaulting team shall forfeit the match. The result of the match shall be decided on a points basis including the handicap. In the event of a draw the match shall be replayed at the away team's home venue. If after a replay teams are still tied; the toss of a coin shall decide the result. In the final, if the two are tied then the Trophy is shared between the clubs.
	6.3	The final shall be played at a neutral venue decided by the Committee on the date given to both teams.
Fixtures	7.1	The Annual Fixture Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in September of each year, unless otherwise advised by the Committee. Each club must be represented at this meeting by at least one member to ensure prepared fixtures schedules are distributed. The penalty for failing to attend will be at the discretion of the Committee, which may mean exclusion from the League(s).
	7.2	Clubs will be given until a cut-off date, usually end of September, from the Annual Fixture Meeting to finalize any adjustments needed to the fixture schedule and notify the Association's Fixture Secretary and affected clubs of any changes prior to the cut-off date. Thereafter, any postponement of a match from the final published schedule is subject to Rule 7.3.
	7.3	The postponement of any match is prohibited for any reason

other than non-availability of courts, a clash with a tournament sponsored by the Association or WCBA, extreme weather conditions or by agreement of the Committee.

Inter-District Matches		The re-arrangement of postponed matches therein must be notified to the Association's Fixture Secretary within seven days of the original match date.
	8.1	The non-playing team captain shall be selected by the Committee. Clubs can offer suggestions of players to be included in the team squads. The Committee shall have the final decision on selection.
	8.2	A player can only be eligible for selection having played a minimum of 5 League matches in any of the Association's Leagues.
	8.3	The Association teams shall be selected by three members representing three separate clubs comprising the following: 'A' and 'B' teams – members from clubs in top divisions; Masters (the term now used to refer to veterans since 2019) team – shall consist of three masters; Junior team – members from junior clubs. The non-playing captain has the power to enlist any individuals to act as non-playing Captain for the day.

Junior rules Appendix 2 for the Mid-Wilts Badminton Association

1. The Mid Wilts Fixture secretary will write to each appropriate club and if advised to schools before each season to ascertain how many and in which age groups teams will be entered. The league will then be constructed from these applications and dates for matches will be advised.
2. It is essential that all schools and clubs who wish to play in the league are registered with Badminton England and therefore with Wiltshire County Badminton Association or their own County Association if outside of Wiltshire.
3. The league shall consist of 4 age groups, under 12, 14, 16 and under 18 and shall consist of level leagues where boys and girls can play in the teams and a girl's only league. The leagues will be split into divisions depending on the number of teams entered. This will be carried out by the Mid Wilts Committee having discussed the teams with their local coaches/managers and will be based on competence.
4. Age qualification will be based on the school year, the 1st September.
5. Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 players and no more than 6 players.
6. If teams arrive with less than 4 players (i.e 3 players) then the team will lose 4 points but may still play the whole match as follows; players 1&2 play 1st and 2nd Doubles, 1&3 play 3rd and 4th Doubles, 2&3 play 5th and 6th Doubles and all play singles. For 2 players the match will be conceded.
7. Players can only play for 1 club/school in the aged leagues and where a club/school has entered more than 1 team then players from lower teams can play up but players from higher teams cannot play down. A player is registered for the higher team if he/she plays more than 3 times for a higher team. 'A'

team players will need to be registered before the start of the appropriate league if clubs/schools are entering more than 1 team in a league.

8. Pairs for doubles and individuals in singles must be in the order of strength with no duplication of any pairing in the doubles. (Except as clause 6 above)

9. Matches will be played at a location, day and time as agreed by the Mid Wilts Committee on dates to be arranged by the fixture secretary of the Mid Wilts League.

10. In the under 16, under 18 and girls only leagues matches will consist of 6 doubles rubbers (1 set to 21 with extended play) and 3 singles rubbers (2 sets to 21 with extended play) making a total match score of 9 rubbers. Each doubles set shall be worth 1 point and each singles set shall be worth $\frac{1}{2}$ point. In under 12 and 14 leagues matches will consist of 6 doubles rubbers and 3 singles rubbers all played to the best of 3 sets to 11 with extended play.

11. 2 points will be awarded for winning the match and the losing team will score zero. For draws the points shall be shared 1 each.

12. Each time a team plays it will pay a sub and this value will be set by the main Mid Wilts Committee and be voted on at each annual AGM. (Currently £25 per team per Saturday if playing 2 matches).

13. Schools may use the leagues as competitive matches for their teams who will enter the National Schools and School games competitions which are held annually.