

## **WCBA County League Rules:**

1. The League shall be known as The Wiltshire Premier League and entries shall be invited from the top two clubs in membership of Division 1 (Mixed) status in each of the three local League / Associations in Wiltshire.
2. A club may enter ONE team only in the League.
3. A player may play for ONE club only, and must be a bona fide member of the club affiliated to Wiltshire CBA, and be registered to play for that same club in local League competition. The player must be affiliated through the County Association to the Badminton Association of England Ltd., at least 28 days prior to their first appearance, failure to comply with this may result in their games being deemed null and void with points deducted.
4. A team shall consist of 3 men and 3 ladies, playing a match of 3 men's, 3 ladies' and 3 mixed doubles.
5. Team pairings must be ranked in order of strength so that the strongest pair plays each other; pairings and rankings for the full match shall be exchanged before commencement of play, and shall not be altered except with the consent of the opposing team captain.
6. Each competing team shall play all the other teams either home or away.
7. Fixtures shall be arranged mutually between each club, to be completed by 31 March, and once agreed shall not be rearranged except for unavailability of home courts. Unavailability of players is not sufficient reason to postpone a match.
8. Weekday matches shall only start prior to 7pm if both team captains agree.
9. The home team shall provide 'feather shuttlecocks' of their choice.
10. Matches shall consist of 9 rubbers of best of three games to 21 points with setting. One point shall be awarded for each rubber won. In the event of a walkover, the opposing team shall be awarded 9-0 victory.
11. If a team has no pair ready for play within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time it shall be liable to forfeit one rubber and shall similarly be liable to forfeit a further rubber if no pair is ready to play for each 15 minutes thereafter. Any claim under this rule must be clearly indicated on the match result sheet and signed by both team captains
12. Three hours is allowed for match completion. If the match is not complete within the allocated time, the away team will be awarded points for unplayed rubbers
13. If a team withdraws from the league, all matches played by that team shall be declared null and void and their records removed.
14. In the event of a tie on 'match points' won the team with the higher games difference shall be placed in the higher position in the league table.
15. Match result sheets must be signed by both Team Captains and sent by the home club to the Competition Secretary within three days of the fixture being played.
16. In the case of disputes or complaints, in the first instance, any protest or appeal must be sent in writing to the Competition Secretary. The County Committee, or appointed Disciplinary

Committee, shall not reach a decision without giving both clubs the opportunity to state their case.

17. The Laws of the Game shall be those of the Badminton Association of England Ltd., 'The Laws of Badminton'. Local bye laws must be made known to the away team prior to the start of play.

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