

# EAST LOTHIAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## LEAGUE RULES

Match-play Season	The match play season will commence in the first full week of October each year.
League Structure	The league structure shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting.
Team	A team from a club will consist of <b>four gents and two ladies</b> .
Eligibility of Players	<p>Players are eligible to play for only one ELBA club in any one season. All team players must be playing regularly at an ELBA affiliated club to be eligible to play for a team.</p> <p>Where a club is entering multiple clubs in the league they <b>must register</b> the names of four gents and two ladies, that will form their recognised first choice team, for every team other than their lowest ranked team, e.g. if they are fielding 3 teams in the league, this registration is required for all but the third team. This registration <b>must have been lodged</b> with the league secretary prior to each team's first match. Failure to register a team under the above ruling will result in the forfeiture of any matches played prior to such registration.</p> <p>For clubs with more than one team in the ELBA league, <b>players can only play one match for the team above per season</b>. Once a player plays a second match for the team above they become ineligible to play for the lower team. Effectively, this means once a player from a lower team plays a second match for the team above they are locked into the higher ranking team for the rest of the season.</p> <p>No registered player can play for a lower ranked team for the same club without prior agreement from a majority of the ELBA committee, following a request to the committee to do so in exceptional circumstances.</p>
Match	<p>A match shall consist of nine games, four mixed, four mens' doubles, and one ladies' doubles. Each team will play a <b>home and away match against every other team in their division</b>.</p> <p>Two types of scoresheets are available (on the website). One for <b>2 courts in use</b> (2 hours required) and one for <b>3 courts in use</b>. (1.5 hours required)</p>
Game	A game shall consist of two sets to twenty-one points each, with setting, with a half point awarded for each set won.
Local Rules	Local rules shall apply in respect of a 'let' and/or 'fault' due to lights, rafters, and other obstacles.
Umpiring	Each league game may be umpired if either team requests it.
Shuttles	<p><b>The home team</b> to provide <b>shuttles</b> for a match.</p> <p>All First Division matches should be played with feather shuttles. The standard is Yonex Aerosena 30 shuttles, but this can be changed on agreement by both teams prior to a match. Second Division can use alternate types of shuttles on agreement by both teams. To summarise shuttles used in matches should be of a type agreed in advance by both teams.</p>
Fixtures/Venues	A provisional fixture list will be drawn up following the AGM and a meeting of all Match Secretaries arranged as soon as possible after the AGM. The fixture list is published as a guide for Match Secretaries. It is acceptable for matches to be arranged on any date and at any venue that suits both teams. The fixture lists will be published with both home and away matches. As far as possible each team will have an equal number

of home or away matches and these can be reversed for the following season. If a match is played in a neutral venue then the costs will be split between both teams.

If two teams from the same Club are in the same Division then these matches must be played **before the 31<sup>st</sup> January** each season. Failure to comply with this rule will result in these matches being declared void and no points awarded.

#### Order of play

All teams must have at least one pair / couple ready to play at the appointed starting time for a match. Any team failing to comply with this rule will forfeit the first game of the match. Also, teams must ensure that all six players are ready to play no later than half an hour after the appointed start time. Any players not ready for play at this time will forfeit their first game and their second game in the order of play, if not present in the hall when required to play.

Unless agreed by both teams, the order of play must be strictly adhered to.

Should any Club fail to meet its obligations in respect of any match, the League Secretary must be informed immediately.

#### Results

The **completed and signed scoresheet** with the results of each match shall be sent **electronically** to the League Secretary by the team captain of the **home club within three days** of the match being played. Failure to submit a score sheet will result in the match being declared a walkover to the visiting team.

All information on the scoresheet should be completed i.e.

- a) Date and venue of match
- b) Name of players in each team
- c) Match won by.....
- d) Number of sets won by each team .....

NO ALTERATION SHALL BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES EXCEPT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ONLY IF SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

The above Constitution & Rules were unanimously accepted at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 11 October 2011 and modified on 01/10/25.