

MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2022 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Ghillies Lair (Harvester Restaurant), Bridge of Dee

Date: 26th July 2022

In Attendance:

Steven Plank	Racquets / League Chairman
Ken Watson	Scorecard Secretary
Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
Ken Lavèty	71 Club / Committee Member
Claire Johnston	Glen Ythan
Colin Ross	Fetteresso

1. APOLOGIES

Tom Metcalfe	Inverurie / League Secretary
Claire Elder	Ladies Elite / Tournament Secretary
Steven Chappell	ABA / Committee Member
Kim Garrett	Committee Member
Ryan Clunie	Committee Member
Dan Broadhead	Banchory / Committee Member
Andrew Strachan	Aberdeenshire
Andrew McDonald	RGU
Blair Spence	University of Aberdeen
Joe Robinson	Badminton Scotland

2. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The following league constitution changes were proposed:

5b.) No club shall be permitted to have more than two teams in any division other than the lowest;

- Where, under the normal promotion arrangements, a club would have more than two teams in a division (other than the lowest) any promotion to such division shall be limited to sufficient teams for the club to have two teams in that division.
- If, under the normal promotion provisions, any further team of that club should be promoted to the same division, such team shall not be promoted and the next highest team in the division shall be promoted instead.
- Where, as a result of relegation of one or more of its teams, a club would have more than two teams in a division other than the lowest

in any league, the lowest placed of its teams that would otherwise remain in that division, will be relegated to a still lower division.

11d.) To be eligible to compete in a play-off match, a player must have played for said team at least once during that season's regular fixtures.

15d.) If a club has two teams (or more depending on limitations) in the same division, any internal matches involving these teams should be scheduled to be played before any external fixtures are scheduled to be played by these teams. Clubs are strongly encouraged to abide by these fixtures, however, it is recognised that at times, and for various reasons, matches may need to be postponed or rescheduled. Teams must fulfil any internal fixtures (both home and away) before December 24th of the current season at the latest. Failure to comply with this Rule renders the un-played match(es) null and void unless under extenuating circumstances which the League committee in its absolute discretion shall determine a justifiable reason for postponement.

16d.) Any player may play 'up' ~~as many times as required to fulfil matches a~~ **maximum of 2 matches per season whether that is for the same higher team or multiple higher teams within a club.** However, players are not permitted in any circumstance to play 'down'. In the event of a team fielding an ineligible player in a match, the opposing team will be granted a walk-over as defined in Rule 22.

The above significant changes were voted on and approved. Minor updates were also approved to the wording in Rules 5a, 12, 15e, & 29 of the league constitution.

There was, however, further discussion relating to amended Rule 16d. Despite voting in favour of this amendment, it was felt by several voters that a limit of playing up only 2 matches per season was too restrictive. Statistics presented at the EGM suggested that a limit of playing up 4 matches per season would be a more viable constraint for clubs. All clubs were therefore asked to formally confirm their preferred limit to this rule to either state any player may play 'up' a maximum of 2 matches per season, or a maximum of 4 matches per season. Feedback confirmed that the majority of clubs agreed the limit should be set to **play 'up' a maximum of 4 matches per season.**

The approved League Constitution document has been put into effect for the 2022/23 season and can be downloaded from the League website.

3. AOCB

- i. The League Chairman requested the League create a "WhatsApp" group chat to include at least one contact for each club. This would hopefully provide a more effective form of communication between the Committee and clubs as opposed to relying solely on email which often goes unanswered and unacknowledged.

Steven Plank
League Chairman

Tom Metcalfe
League Secretary

Ken Watson
Scorecard/Website Secretary