

LATROBE VALLEY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INC.

MATCH REGULATIONS

1. Competition.

- (A) These regulations govern the conduct of Competition Matches organized by the Association.
- (B) The format of matches shall be determined by the Committee prior to the commencement of each season and shall be notified on the entry forms for the season. Provided that no section shall have more than (10) teams.
- (C) Any team to be Upgraded or Downgraded in a season will be regraded at the completion of the 5th or 6th round of the competition and this shall be decided at the discretion of the Grading Committee. The team being Up or Down Graded will receive the average premiership points of the teams in the grade they move to.

2. Regulation Dress.

- (A) Regulation dress must be worn by players taking part in Competition.
- (B) Regulation Dress as adopted by Badminton Victoria is as follows: - Players may wear
coloured Badminton, Squash or Tennis apparel. Tracksuits are not acceptable during competition.
- (C) Excluding football shorts, football socks, peaked caps, hats, bandanas, shirts with pictures, sloppy joe jumpers are Not Acceptable. Bike Shorts or Tights if worn under skirts or shorts of the same or matching colour
- (D) Up two (2) articles of clothing may carry the clothing manufacturer's normal small emblem not exceeding twenty (20) square centimetres.
- (E) The back of the shirt or Windcheater may carry the name of the members Association/Club they represent, provided the lettering is ten (10) centimetres or less in height
- (F) In final series matches, the Referee shall determine whether a player complies with the Regulation Dress requirements
- (G) In competition, a player being found at fault in non-compliance of the Dress Regulations shall be noted on the team sheet by a team captain and signed. After a warning the team at fault shall be penalized two (2) premiership points.. Referees & L. V. Executive may sign team sheet for penalties.

3. Shuttles.

- (A) The Committee shall at the start of the season adopt certain makes of shuttles for use in Competition. Written approval from the Executive is required for any other brand.
- (B) Shuttles used in any match shall comply with the laws of Badminton. (Law 4)
- (C) Shuttles shall be supplied by the Home Team club matches, and by the Association for Finals series matches. A charge will be made by the Association for shuttles used in Semi & Preliminary Final matches. Shuttles used in Grand Finals are supplied wholly by the Association Free of charge.

4. Registration.

- (A) As each player plays the first game for the season, their name, address and date of birth must be registered on the submitted result sheet. Failure to comply with Regulation 4 will result in immediate loss of points.
- (B) All players must include grades played in other competitions (E.G. Associations) including Juniors.
- (C) Change of name since previous season or during current season must be notified on the result sheet.

5. Team Composition & Qualifications.

- (A) When teams are listed prior to the start of the season, all players must be named on the team entry sheets in grades. Extra players named on the entry list are permitted to play as graded by the Grading Committee at the start of the season. This applies to home and final matches. Specific permission shall be obtained from the Grading Committee only for unlisted players.
- (B) All players named in a grade which is submitted at the start of the season, are the graded players who may play in the Final Teams. Any variation to this rule is subject to, qualification. The replacement player may be equal or lower standard than the players replaced.
- (C) A complete team shall consist of not less than 3 players in a three (3) player team, two (2) men and two (2) ladies designated a four (4) player team according to the format of matches determined by the Committee under Match Regulation I (b).
- (D) A three (3) player team without at least two (2) players shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to the opposing team. A four (4) player team unable to field at least three (3) players, with not less than one (1) man and one (1) lady, shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- (E) In the event of a team being short of one (1) player, the remaining players shall play in the higher positions, and the lower game unable to be played shall be forfeited.
- (F) Each team shall exchange complete written teams prior to the start of the match.
- (G) If a club has two (2) teams in the one (1) grade, players may not transfer from (1) team to another in that grade after that player has played three (3) matches in any one (1) grade. In any one (1) season, a player shall not play in a lower grade once that player has played six (6) matches in a higher grade or grades. Players shall not take part in any finals matches unless they have played three (3) matches in the grade concerned, or in a lower grade or grades, subject to restriction of regulations or discretion of Grading Committee.
- (H) Player's standards to be determined by the Grading Committee.
- (I) Players transferring from one (1) club to another within the Association will retain the previous grading.

6. Substitutes.

- (A) In the event of a player becoming injured or becoming ill during a match so that that player is unable to continue, a forfeit shall be given to the opposing team for the game concerned. The team in default shall retain all points scored at the time of the default.
- (B) A substitute shall be allowed for all remaining games.
- (C) A substitute shall be allowed in any match, for a player listed on the team sheet who fails to arrive on time to play the first game. The substitute player shall play in the place of the listed player in all games.
- (D) A substitute must be fully eligible in all ways to take part in the match.

7. Order of Play.

- (A) In three (3) player team matches, the order of play shall be three (3) singles and then three (3) doubles. In four (4) player team matches, the order of play shall be :-
Men's doubles, Ladies doubles,, then the Mixed doubles with all games being played in descending order of merit.
- (B) An interval of not more than five (5) minutes between games shall be allowed.
- (C) Team Captains may vary the order of play to enable play to be continuous except in finals. If captains agree to vary the order of play, then all possible games shall be played

8. Finals.

- (A) Dates and Courts: -
All matches will be played on the dates and courts set down by the Committee.
- (B) Qualifications: -
The four (4) teams having the greatest number of premierships points for the season shall play off for the premiership under the Page system.
- (C) Players shall not take part in any finals matches unless they play in three (3) matches in the grade concerned, or in a lower grade or grades with that club, subject to restriction of Regulation 5(G).
- (D) Players may only play in one (1) grade for finals in one (1) week.
- (E) Prior approval of the Grading Committee :- for players with exceptional circumstances in finals. Exceptional circumstances mean an unforeseen condition, which excludes a player from any possibility of playing. Any player in a club who has played at least three (3) games in any competition may, in exceptional circumstances, apply to the Grading Committee to play in the finals for either competition. This player must not be of better standard than the player being replaced.
- (F) Any club that has juniors playing in the L. V. J. B. A. and are qualified that season, are then automatically qualified to play senior finals in the same grade in which they are eligible to play will be decided by the Grading Committee with assistance from the Junior Committee will grade the juniors

9. Time of Commencement.

- (A) All matches will commence by eight (8:00) pm. If play has not commenced by eight twenty (8:20) pm, the first (1st) set may be claimed against the defaulting team and subsequent sets at twenty (20) minutes intervals until nine (9.00) pm when the match may be claimed.
- (B) Visiting captain to have sole use of the court for his team for fifteen (15) minutes, providing they arrive prior to seven thirty (7:30) pm.
- (C) All finals matches commence at eight (8:00) pm.
- (D) Match Regulations 9(a) and 9(b) are adjusted for stadiums where eight (8:00) pm starts apply. Clubs requiring eight (8:00) pm starts must notify the Association Secretary prior to the start of the season.

10. Toss.

Before commencing play in each set, the opposing team shall toss, and the side winning the toss shall have one of the following option:

- (A) Serving first
- (B) Not serving first
- (C) Choosing ends

The side losing the toss shall then have the choice of any alternative.

11. Results.

- (A) The captain of the winning team will be required to forward a copy of the scores of each match recorded on the official form and signed by the captains of both teams concerned, so as to reach the Result Secretary within three (3) mail days of the date of the match in question.
- (B) In the event of any match being forfeited, the captain of the non-defaulting team shall be required to lodge with the Result Secretary, the official form showing the names of the players who where to have taken part. These players shall be deemed to have played. Unless such form is forwarded within three (3) mail days of the fixed date of the match, the Result Secretary shall have the right to declare "No Match" and no premiership points shall be awarded to either team.

12. Forfeitures.

- (A) Teams forfeiting a match must notify the opposing team and the Result Secretary before twelve (12) noon on the date fixed for the match (By Law 2(d) (4). Notification in writing must be forwarded to the Result Secretary within three (3) days of the fixed date of the match. Non-forfeiting teams must send a completed score sheet (naming the players who from the team who would have played if a forfeit had not been called) to the Result Secretary within 3 mailing days.

13. Points.

Premiership points will be awarded as follows: -

- (A) One (1) point for each set won, plus two (2) points for the team with the most aces.
 - (B) In the event of there being two (2) or more teams equal on points and percentage, the position on the ladder shall be decided by a play-off under semi-final conditions.
 - (C) In finals where there is a tie in games and points then the first Mixed doubles (Club Competition) or first Doubles (Pennant Competition) shall be replayed in accordance with the scoring system used for that competition
- In finals where after the awarding of the additional point (s) for most aces create a tie the result will revert back to most games won.

14. Clearances.

- (A) A player being registered as a member of a club within the Association during the current or preceding season will not be eligible to register with another club within the association in the current season, unless a clearance is applied for and is granted.
- (B) Clearances shall be given between one (1) club and the other, and if a clearance is refused, an appeal may be made to the Committee.
- (C) Clearances shall be forwarded on the official form to the Result Secretary.

15. Referees.

See By-Laws 4 (A) and 4(B).
Appointed by the Association as listed in the back of the fixture books.

16. Umpires.

Each club is to supply umpires for finals on the following terms:

- (A) Semi-Finals:- Clubs not in the final four are to provide two (2) umpires per team for the grade where the team was entered.
- (B) Preliminary Finals:- Winner of 1 v 2 and the loser of 3 v 4 to provide two (2) umpires per team.
- (C) Teams not making the Grand Final, to supply one (1) umpire for umpiring the Grand Final. Players to umpire as directed by the referee. Clubs failing to supply umpires; will be fined ten dollars (\$10) per umpire.

17. Fixtures.

The Committee shall draw up a complete list of fixtures and Match Regulations to be circulated to all affiliated clubs prior to the first round matches.

18. Fines.

General fines for non-attendance at meetings and for not supplying umpires as requested shall be ten dollars (\$10).

19. Protests.

Any infringement of the By-Laws or Match Regulations shall be reported to the Club Secretary immediately detected. All protests must be lodged within seven (7) days of the incident concerned. All protests must be submitted in writing by the Club Secretary to the Association Secretary