



Southampton and District Badminton Association

1/ NAME

The Association shall be called the Southampton & District Badminton Association (SDBA).

2/ OBJECTIVES

The objectives of SDBA are:

- To encourage badminton in the district and to assist clubs and players in every way.
- To organise an SDBA league for inter-club fixtures.
- To organise and run annually, if possible:
 - Any competitions and tournaments as may be considered advisable.
 - Any league or tournament is to be open only to members of clubs affiliated to the SDBA.

3/ OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall consist of:

- Hon. Treasurer
- Hon. League Secretary
- Hon. Match Secretary
- Chairman (*to be elected by the Committee before the AGM*)
- President (*if deemed necessary*)

Any member or ex-member of any SDBA club is eligible to stand as an Officer or Member.

4/ MANAGEMENT

A Committee consisting of the Officers and up to six Committee Members shall manage the affairs of the Association. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting with a minimum of three to form a quorum.

The Hon. League Secretary must receive nominations for Officers and Committee Members at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, the consent of the nominee first having been obtained.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional persons and may appoint such sub-Committees as it may think necessary. The Officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of all such sub-Committees.

5/ PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS AND ADDITIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

The President and additional Vice Presidents, if deemed necessary for the running of the Association, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

6/ CLUBS

Clubs in the Association (SDBA) must conform to both the Constitution and the League Rules. They may have their own additional administration to include rules that are specific to their particular needs and facilities.

7/ MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all clubs approved by the Committee. Such clubs will be subsequently affiliated to the SDBA. Every affiliated member must be registered by each club to which he or she belongs and with Badminton England. Fees for match-playing members are due when requested by the League Secretary. The named Treasurer of each club is liable for payment of those fees.

8/ MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September each year with at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting to be given.

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall be mandatory, failure to attend will result in a penalty as described in the League Rules.

The Fixtures Meeting will follow the AGM.

The Hon. League Secretary must receive any items for inclusion on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting no later than 1 week before the meeting date.

All affiliated members of clubs belonging to the Association and Committee Members shall be entitled to attend the Annual General meetings but voting shall be restricted to the Secretary of each club or other nominated member of that club.

No representative shall exercise more than one vote, and the Chair will only accept questions or comments from one club representative.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Hon. League Secretary at any time or can be called at the request in writing of the representatives of at least five clubs. The purpose of the meeting must be clearly defined in the request. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given of any such meeting.

9/ ACCOUNTS

The financial year shall end on the **31st August** each year. A statement of accounts for the preceding 12 months, duly examined, shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

10/ CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Clubs involved with coaching or having any children (U16) affiliated should develop a Child Protection Policy to promote good practice with appropriate safety protection whilst the children are in the care of the Club. Coaches and Volunteers should produce statements to make confident and informed responses to specific issues when dealing with children. Coaches should obtain Child Protection Certificates and any other necessary qualifications if applicable.

11/ EQUALITY

Clubs are committed to ensure that they adhere to the UK Government's Equality Act 2010 and that it is incorporated across all aspects of its activities.

12/ INSURANCE

All SDBA Clubs must be registered and insured with *Badminton England* to enable competition play in the SDBA League and Tournaments, and also *Badminton England* tournaments.

13/ CLOSURE

In the event of the closure or dissolving of the SDBA at any time its assets, having paid all outstanding debts, shall be donated to any charity/charities or organisation/s as agreed upon by the SDBA Committee.

14/ CONSTITUTION ALTERATION

The items of this Constitution shall be altered only at any General Meeting convened in accordance with Item 8. A proposal for a change(s) can be made either by the SDBA Committee or by an SDBA Club or an SDBA Member.

A majority of those clubs voting to be in favour of the proposal shall be required to carry that proposal; one vote per club.