

GBA Level Doubles Rules

1. First season of levels matches to start on Wednesday 6th of September 2017 and all matches to be completed by Wednesday 29th of November 2017. The second season of levels matches to start on Wednesday the 10th of January 2018 and all matches to be completed by Wednesday 4th of April 2018.
2. The closing date for season 1 entries is Sunday, 6th of August 2017 & by Sunday 10th of December 2017 for season 2. Clubs must submit their entries by these dates along with full payment for the league entry. All leagues, apart from the lowest leagues of the senior and junior leagues, will consist of 10 matches. The entry fee is £50 per pair per season. No refunds are available after these dates. Junior entries are to be submitted with payment by a parent or legal guardian by the closing dates.
3. Match timetables and dates will be available on the GBA website, the GBA Facebook page, via email and at the badminton halls no later than Friday 25th of August 2017 for season 1 and no later than Friday 22nd of December 2017 for season 2. It is the responsibility of the clubs, players and, in relation to junior players the players parent(s), to make sure that they know what times and dates their matches are scheduled for.
4. Levels pairs are to represent their clubs and all participating players must be fully paid registered members of a GBA club by the closing date for entry. Junior players must be registered with the GBA prior to the closing date.
5. Levels pairs must be 2 male participants or 2 female participants.
6. Once all entries have been received by the closing dates the league committee will meet to determine the league position for each participating pair. The league committee will make every effort to make sure that pairs are allocated to the correct division within the first season.
7. All matches to be best of 3 games, first to 21 or by 2 clear points after 20-20 as per international badminton rules. All shuttles and lights are to be supplied by the GBA.
8. All matches must start on time with warm ups to kept to a minimum. All participants should be available at the halls at least 15 minutes prior to their designated start time.
9. If a pair is unable to start their match at the stated time, the first game will be awarded to the opposing pair and registered as a 21-0 game. If a pair is still unavailable to start the match 10 minutes after the designated start time, the match will be awarded to the opposing pair as a 21-0, 21-0 walkover.
10. The only exceptions to this rule is if the previous match has gone over the designated start time or if a suitable reason is offered to an event organiser prior to the match start time.
11. Each pair must have one person sign the result sheet at the end of their match with the scores filled in by the winning pair and handed to an event organiser.
12. No umpires will be provided for any of the matches and sportsmanship on all decisions are required at all times. Any disputes will be settled by an event organiser. Junior matches will be supervised by an adult.
13. No re-arrangements are available. If a pair cannot fulfil their fixture due to one or both players being unavailable, then it is up to that pair and their club to find a substitute(s).
14. The replacement players must be from a division beneath the league in question or from a reserve list. Reserve list players will be graded to a division which means they cannot participate in a division below their grading. Players cannot participate for 2 or more pairs in the same division or participate in a pair beneath their current league. The substitute player(s) must represent the same club as the unavailable player(s).
15. If a player becomes injured during a match, the match is to be forfeited and awarded to the opposing pair unless a suitable substitute player is available at that moment in time. If a player

becomes injured prior to a match taking place a suitable substitute player can take their place. The substitute player must represent the same club as the injured player.

16. Leagues will be split into senior and junior standards and will comprise of 6 pairs per league playing each other twice. The lowest adult and junior league will consist of a minimum of 4 teams playing each other 3 times or a maximum of 9 pairs playing each other twice.
17. If the lowest league has 9 pairs, each pair will play 16 matches. If the lowest league has 4 pairs, each pair will play 9 matches.
18. Relegation and promotion will take place with the bottom placed team trading places with the top place team from the division below. The 5th placed team will participate in a one-off playoff match against the 2nd placed team from the division below to determine whether a promotion/relegation takes place between the two teams. These matches are to be arranged by an event organiser and will need to be completed within 7 days of the last level league matches.
19. No relegation from the lowest senior league will take place. The 1st placed team in Division 1 of both the senior and junior leagues will be crowned overall league champions for that season.
20. All players under the age of 18 as of the 1st of September 2017 must be registered with either the GBA Junior Development Club or a senior club affiliated to the GBA. Players under the age of 18 currently playing in the senior leagues should continue playing in the senior leagues for a GBA affiliated club. Players currently participating in the junior leagues will be promoted into the senior leagues as part of the GBA Junior Development club and once they are deemed capable by the Guernsey Development Officer. Players will be available to represent senior clubs in the leagues at the discretion of the Guernsey Development Officer.

(Rules correct as of 22nd August 2017)