

## **GBA Singles League Rules**

1. First season of singles league matches to start on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 and all matches are to be completed by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. The second season of singles league matches to start on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 and all matches to be completed by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.
2. The closing date for season 1 entries is Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 & by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 for season 2. Clubs must submit their entries by these dates along with full payment for the league entry of £15 per person. All leagues, apart from the lowest leagues of the senior and junior leagues, will consist of 6 matches. 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 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 for season 1 and no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2017 for season 2. It is the responsibility of the clubs and players and, in the case of junior players the parents, to make sure that they know what times and dates their matches are scheduled for.
4. Senior players are to represent their clubs and 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 and will represent themselves.
5. Once all entries have been received by the closing dates the league committee will meet to determine the league position for each participating player. The league committee will make every effort to make sure that players are allocated to the correct division within the first season.
6. 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.
7. All matches must start on time with warm ups to be kept to a minimum. All participants should be available at the halls at least 15 minutes prior to their designated start time.
8. If a player is unable to start their match at the stated time, the first game will be awarded to the opposing player and registered as a 21-0 game. If a player is still unavailable to start the match 10 minutes after the designated start time, the match will be awarded to the opposing player as a 21-0, 21-0 walkover.
9. 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.
10. Each player must sign the result sheet at the end of their match with the scores filled in by the winning player and handed to an event organiser.
11. 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. All junior matches will be supervised by an adult.
12. No re-arrangements are available.
13. If a player becomes injured during a match, the match is to be forfeited and awarded to the opposing player as a 21-0, 21-0 walkover.
14. If a player is injured before the match starts a suitable substitute player can take that player's place so long as the substitute player's league grade is not above the league that the original player was participating in and the substitute player is a member of the same club as the injured player.
15. If a player is injured for a significant period of the season, a substitute player can take their place for the remaining matches. A reserve player can only participate in a league of their grading or higher and the substitute player is a member of the same club as the injured player.

16. Leagues will be split into senior and junior standards and will comprise of 4 players per league playing each other twice. The lowest adult and junior league will consist of a minimum of 4 players playing each other twice or a maximum of 7 players playing each other once.
17. If the lowest league has 7 players, each player will play 6 matches. If the lowest league has 4 players, each player will play 6 matches.
18. Relegation and promotion will take place with the bottom placed player trading places with the top place player from the division below.
19. No relegation from the lowest senior league will take place. The 1<sup>st</sup> placed player in Division 1 of both the senior and junior leagues will be crowned league champions for that season.
20. All players under the age of 18 as of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017)