

PLAYFORD TROPHY – TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) The Competition shall be called the Team Championships and shall be open to all clubs who are affiliated to the Ipswich and District Badminton League.
- 2) The rules of the Competition shall be in accordance with the regulations detailed in the current handbook of the Badminton Association of England.
- 3) The Competition will be handicapped based on a combination of the leagues in which each Club's top mixed, mens and ladies teams are playing in during the current season. All Clubs with all their teams in the second division and below of each league retain the same handicap throughout the season. These handicaps are listed overleaf.
 - a) Handicaps of clubs represented in the first division of any league are calculated individually and will vary depending on the handicap of their opposition. These will be calculated and advised at the time of the draw. They will be based on the final league position in the previous season of each Club's top mixed, mens and ladies teams.
- 4) Each club is allowed to enter one team. Each team shall play one match against an opposing team selected by ballot and the winner shall advance to the next round where the procedure will be repeated. The winner is the team which wins most points including handicap. In the event of a draw the away team is the winner. If the final is a draw on points the trophy will be shared. There will be no seeding.
- 5) The type of match to be played is as described on the attached match structure. There is no setting. Each game to be played to 21 (rally point scoring).
- 6) In each match one team will be nominated as the home team, this decision being made by ballot. The home team will be responsible for the following:-
 - a) The provision of a venue
 - b) The provision of shuttles
 - c) The offering of a range of suitable dates to their opponent within 7 days of receipt of notification of the next match.
- 7) Each team captain must, before a match starts, provide the captain of the opposing team with a detailed list of the games in which each member of their team will be competing.
- 8) It is the responsibility of the **WINNING CLUB** to provide the result of the match to the Competition organiser within seven days of the date of the match.
- 9) Players may only play in the event for the club they represent in the Mixed League in the same season. Any club that breaks this rule will forfeit the match and their opponents awarded a bye to the next round.
 - a) If a player plays in the Playford Trophy prior to playing in a Mixed League match they will be tied to the clubs mixed teams for which they played in the Playford Trophy for the remainder of that season.
- 10) Players can represent only one club in the mixed league and only one club in the mens/ladies league in any one season.
- 11) The Final will be arranged by the Competition organiser. It will be played with best quality nylon shuttles, unless both finalists regularly use feather shuttles in their home league matches. If this is the case, feather shuttles will be used for the Final.
- 12) The Competition organiser's decisions on all matters appertaining to the Competition are final.