

# **RULES FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

## **1 Terminology**

### **1.1 Badminton Terminology**

#### 1.1.1 Player

A player is defined as any person playing the sport of badminton.

#### 1.1.2 Game (or Set)

A game (or set) is defined as a series of organized play in badminton between two players on opposing sides.

#### 1.1.3 Match

A match is defined as the basic contest in badminton between two two-player teams on opposing sides.

#### 1.1.4 Competition Night

A competition night is defined as the collection nine (9) matches between two club teams on a scheduled night.

#### 1.1.5 Nylon Shuttles

The Yonex Mavis 350 middle-speed nylon shuttle (blue band) is recognized as the official shuttle of the Lakeshore Badminton Association.

#### 1.1.6 Feather Shuttles

The Yonex AS-20 feather shuttle is recognized as the official shuttle of the Feather Badminton League.

### **1.2 Club Terminology**

#### 1.2.1 Club

A club is defined to be an organization of badminton players.

#### 1.2.2 Club Member

A club member is defined as any badminton player in good standing with a club.

### 1.2.3 Club Team

A club team is defined to be a group of six club members, four men and two women, to represent a specific club at a specific division.

## **1.3 League Terminology**

### 1.3.1 LSLRBA

The LSLRBA is an abbreviation of Lac St-Louis Regional Badminton Association, an organization whose role is to promote the sport of badminton in the Lac St-Louis region, as it is defined by Badminton Quebec.

### 1.3.2 LBA

The LBA is an abbreviation of Lakeshore Badminton Association, an organization of multiple clubs playing badminton with nylon shuttles.

### 1.3.3 FBL

The FBL is an abbreviation of the Feather Badminton League, an organization of multiple clubs playing badminton with feather shuttles.

### 1.3.4 League

The League is defined to be the system of organized badminton play between clubs in the LBA or in the FBL.

### 1.3.5 Division

A division is defined to be a group of club teams, classified by skill level, playing in a League.

### 1.3.6 League Director

The League Director is defined to be the person responsible for the day-to-day operations of the League(s).

### 1.3.7 Assistant League Director

The Assistant League Director is defined to be the person who assists the League Director and who helps make decisions for the well being of the League(s).

### 1.3.8 League Directing Committee

The League Directing Committee is defined to be a group of three members of the LSLRBA Executive Committee whose role is to make decisions regarding issues that come up throughout the League season such as the evaluation of a player's eligibility level. The permanent members of this committee are the League Director and the Assistant League Director.

### 1.3.9 Eligibility List

The eligibility list is defined to be a listing of the classification levels of all the players that are current playing in the LBA/FBL or who have played in the LBA/FBL in the past.

## **2 The League**

### **2.1 Composition**

2.1.1 The League is composed of an arbitrary amount of divisions, to be determined by the League Director prior to the beginning of each badminton season based on the number of club teams submitted for entry into the League.

2.1.2 Each division will consist of no more than seven (7) club teams.

2.1.3 In the event that a division contains more than seven (7) club teams as a result of club team submissions, the League Directing Committee has the right to proceed in the following manner:

- move a club team to a higher division
- move a club team to a lower division
- create two individual divisions of the skill level in question

### **2.2 Player Classification**

2.2.1 Each player is subject to a skill-level assessment by the League Directing Committee. Based on this assessment, each player is classified into a minimum divisional level and put on the eligibility list. This classification may not be appealed during the season.

2.2.2 At any time, the League Directing Committee may review a player's classification level and re-assign that player as required. This re-classification may not be appealed during the season.

2.2.3 The number of classification levels is determined by the League Director prior to each season.

## **2.3 Player Eligibility**

2.3.1 A player must be sixteen (16) years of age or older before September 1st in order to be eligible to play in the LBA or the FBL.

Note: To support junior development programs throughout the various clubs, the League permits each club team to have up to a maximum of two (2) players between the ages of fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) (including any substitutions).

2.3.2 A player must belong to a club in good standing with the League in order to be eligible to play.

2.3.3 A player may not play in a divisional level lower than the one they are assigned to on the eligibility list.

2.3.4 Each player may be registered to only one club team, regardless of division, per League.

## **2.4 Club Team Eligibility**

2.4.1 (updated) Generally, the player on a club team that has the highest classification level shall determine the divisional level of that club team. Final decisions on the divisional eligibility of any club team, however, are at the discretion of the League Directing Committee.

2.4.2 Each club team may be registered to only one division, per League.

## **2.5 Substitution Eligibility**

2.5.1 In order for a player to be eligible to be a substitute in the LSLRBA, that player must be in good standing with a club who is in good standing with LSLRBA.

2.5.2 When a player on a club team is unable to participate on a given competition night, that player may be replaced with another player based on the following criteria:

- the substitute is ranked on an equivalent level or lower on the eligibility list
- the substitute is not already registered with another club team in the same division

2.5.3 It is the club team's responsibility to inform the League Directing Committee, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to competition night, of any substitution with a player not on the eligibility list. If the club team cannot do so or chooses not to do so, then the substitute player's matches will be forfeited if the League Directing Committee discovers at any time that the substitute was ineligible to play.

2.5.4 A player may substitute for any club team up to a total of three (3) times in a valid divisional level. Upon the fourth substitution, that player's classification level is then set to that divisional level on the eligibility list for the remainder of the season.

2.5.5 A player may substitute for a single club up to a total of three (3) times in a valid divisional level. Upon the fourth substitution, that player's status is then fixed to be registered to that club team for the remainder of the season.

## **2.6 Registration**

2.6.1 To be in good standing with the LBA/FBL, each club is required to pay a membership fee of \$20 (twenty dollars).

2.6.2 To submit a club team for play in the LBA/FBL league, a club is required to pay an registration fee of \$10 (ten dollars) per club team per season.

2.6.3 All payments must be made in full upon submission of the registration form of the club team. All non-paid teams will have their games forfeited until the balance is paid.

2.6.4 The deadline for each club must submit their club teams and the club members registered to these club teams is October 15th, 2010.

2.6.5 The first scheduled competition night is set to November 9th, 2010.

## **3 Competition Nights**

### **3.1 Setup**

3.1.1 Each club must allocate a minimum of 2 1/2 hours (150 minutes) of facility time for each competition night based on the availability of two courts. If a club is unable to allocate the minimum amount of required time for a competition night, that club forfeits all remaining unfinished games (or sets) and all unplayed matches.

3.1.2 (applicable only to the LBA) The home club team shall be responsible for providing the nylon shuttles used for all the matches. If the home club team is unable to provide shuttles, the visiting club team may provide the shuttles if it chooses, but is under no obligation to do so. In the event that no shuttles are available, the home team forfeits all remaining unfinished games (or sets) and all unplayed matches.

3.1.3 (applicable only to the FBL) The home club team shall be responsible for providing two feather shuttles at the beginning of each match. Once those two feather shuttles are deemed to be no longer playable, each of the four players on the court is responsible for providing a feather shuttle each to continue the match. Once there are no more playable shuttles, each of the four players on the court shall continue provide a feather shuttle each until the match is over. Any remaining shuttles at the end of the match will be randomly given back to the players on the court (via racket spinning, usually).

3.1.4 The home club team shall be responsible for providing refreshments such as the facility regulations allow.

3.1.5 A representative, usually the club coach or the club team captain, from the visiting club team is required to fill out the scoresheet first. Full names must be used at all times when filling out the entire scoresheet.

3.1.6 A representative, usually the club coach or the club team captain, from the home club team will then fill out the scoresheet second. Full names must be used at all times when filling out the entire scoresheet.

3.1.7 It is the home club team's responsibility to ensure that the entire scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the beginning of the matches to avoid any misunderstandings. However, should there be errors discovered after the matches have started, the home club team shall forfeit all erroneous matches.

3.1.8 In the event that a club team plays another club team an odd number of times, the club team hosting the extra competition night will be required to fill out the scoresheet first. The visiting club team will fill out the scoresheet second as well as provide the refreshments for the competition night.

## **3.2 Format**

3.2.1 Each competition night will consist of nine (9) matches played. Specifically, four (4) men's doubles, four (4) mixed doubles, and one (1) women's doubles.

3.2.2 Each competition night is decided in a best five-of-nine match contest.

3.2.3 Each match is decided in a best two-of-three game (or set) contest.

3.2.4 Each game (or set) is determined based on the 21-point scoring system as defined by Badminton Canada, a subset of the International Badminton Federation (IBF).

3.2.5 Each men's doubles team from one club team must play each men's doubles team from the other club team.

3.2.6 Partners on the men's doubles team must remain together for the duration of the competition night.

3.2.7 Each woman on the mixed doubles team from one club team must play each woman on the mixed doubles team from the other club team.

3.2.8 Each man on a club team may only play one mixed doubles match.

### **3.3 Match Play**

3.3.1 Choice of side or serve is determined in a random manner prior to the first game (or set) of the match.

3.3.2 The teams shall alternate sides after each game (or set).

3.3.3 The winning team of the previous game (or set) shall serve first in the next game (or set).

3.3.4 Should the match be decided on a third game (or set), the teams shall alternate sides one extra time when one of the two teams reaches eleven (11) points.

3.3.5 Coaching during games (or sets) is not permitted.

3.3.6 A break of ninety (90) seconds is allocated between each game (or sets) and five (5) minutes is allocated between each match.

### **3.4 Injury**

3.4.1 A player who suffers an injury during a match may take one-time timeout of five (5) minutes. If that player cannot immediately continue after the five (5) minute timeout, then that player's match is forfeited. If that player cannot play later in the competition night, then those player's matches are also forfeited.

### **3.5 Re-scheduling**

3.5.1 No competition night re-scheduling requests will be considered.

3.5.2 If a club team is unable to play on the scheduled competition night, that club team automatically forfeits the competition night. If both club teams are unable to play on the scheduled competition night, then the home club team is declared the winner by default.

3.5.3 A competition night may be postponed for one of two reasons:

- 1) Unexpected facility closure
- 2) Large-scale meteorological storm

The League Director will re-scheduled the postponed competition night based on the availability of the home club's facility with the consent of the visiting club. If the two club teams are unable to reach a consensus as to the re-schedule date, then the League Director shall fix a re-schedule date based on the home club team facility's availability. At this point, the re-scheduled date may not be appealed.

3.5.4 In the event that a competition night must be postponed, it is the responsibility of the home club team to notify the League Directing Committee prior to the scheduled start time of the competition night. If no notification is given to the League Directing Committee prior to the scheduled start time of the competition night, then the home club team shall automatically forfeit the competition night.

3.5.5 The end-of-season date is Friday April 9th, 2011. No competition nights, regardless of reason, may be postponed past this date.

3.5.6 In the event of an unavoidable facility closure in the middle of a competition night, eg) fire, power outage, etc, the completed matches will be counted as the final score. All unfinished and unplayed matches will not be counted and will not be re-scheduled to an ulterior date.

#### **4 Results, scores, and standings**

4.1 At the end of the competition night, the scoresheet results are to be verified by representatives from both clubs, then signed to acknowledge accuracy.

4.2 From the date of the competition night, the home club team has ten (10) days to submit the signed scoresheet to the League Director. Submissions are accepted in the following forms:

- 1) The scoresheet may be scanned and emailed to [scoresheet@lba-abl.org](mailto:scoresheet@lba-abl.org)
- 2) The scoresheet may be faxed to (514) 626-6009
- 3) The scoresheet may be handed to the President or League Director in person

4.3 Scoresheets submitted after ten (10) days will incur a penalty of a deduction of one (1) match against the home club team and one (1) match in favor of the visiting team. Every five (5) days after that will incur an additional match penalty on top of the existing penalty/penalties. After twenty (20) days, the home club team shall automatically forfeit the competition night.

4.4 A club team is awarded two (2) points for a competition night win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) for a loss.

4.5 At the end of the season, if there are clubs with the same amount of points, the final standings shall be determined in the following manner:

- 1) by the total number of matches won
- 2) by the percentage of games (or sets) won
- 3) by the percentage of in-game (or in-sets) points
- 4) head-to-head record between the two club teams

In the event that all four conditions result in a tie, the one final competition night will be scheduled by the League Director with the consent of the two club teams in question. The club team winning the coin toss has the right to choose to be the home club team or the visiting club team. The club team hosting the extra competition night will be required to fill out the scoresheet first. The visiting club team will fill out the scoresheet second as well as provide the refreshments for the competition night.

## **5 Miscellaneous**

5.1 The Annual General Meeting, abbreviated AGM, is defined as an open meeting of the LSLRBA held within one month of the end of each LBA/FBL season.

5.2 One copy of these League Rules is available on the website of the LSLRBA ([www.lba-abl.org](http://www.lba-abl.org)) under the League section. All other rules concerning badminton play can be found on Badminton Canada's website (<http://www.badminton.ca>) under the Rules of Badminton section.