

Perth & District Badminton Club Constitution

1. Club Name

The club shall be called the Perth & District Badminton Club (“the Club”).

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club shall be to:

- play and promote badminton in the Perth area;
- increase the standard of play among members; and
- encourage a positive and rewarding badminton and social environment.

The Club shall operate as a not-for-profit unincorporated association.

3. Board of Directors

Number of Directors and Quorum

The Club shall have a minimum number of three Directors, and a maximum number of seven Directors. A majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of directors. All matters to be decided by the Board of Directors will be based on a simple majority vote cast by the Directors present.

Qualification of Directors

All fully paid Adult Members of the Club are eligible to be a Director.

Election and Term of Directors

The election of Directors shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Directors shall be elected to hold office for a term of one year. A Director may resign from office by submitting a written resignation and will be effective on the date specified.

Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be occupied by the remaining Directors, provided that there remains a minimum of three Directors. At their sole discretion, the Directors may call a Special Meeting of members to fill any vacancy. If there are less than three Directors and the remaining Directors do not call a Special Meeting within two weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy, any member may call a Special Meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancies.

Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any Director on two days notice. A meeting may proceed on less than two days notice with the consent of each Director. Meetings may be held virtually.

Where a majority of Directors consent, a vote on a motion can be made electronically (for example, email or text).

4. Directors and Officers

At minimum, the Board of Directors shall include a President (who shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Board of the Directors), a Vice-President, and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may add further Officer positions at its discretion, not to exceed a maximum of seven Directors in total. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary may be filled by the same person.

The Board of Directors shall appoint each officer from among the members of the Board of Directors and shall specify their duties. From time to time the Board of Directors may vary, add to or limit the powers and duties of any officer.

Board members shall act in the best interests of the Club, honestly and in good faith.

5. Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting of its members, the purpose of which shall be to review the operations and financial results of the Club during the past year, consider amendments to the constitution (if applicable), and elect members to the Board of Directors. A minimum of 10 days notice of the Annual General Meeting must be provided by email to the members. Except for constitutional amendments, all matters to be decided by the members will be decided by a simple majority vote cast by members present. Voting will be conducted by a show of hands, unless a ballot vote is requested by a member present in person at the meeting.

The Agenda for Meeting for the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. President's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Any Directors Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. Amendments to the Constitution (if any)
7. Election of Members of the Board of Directors
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

6. Finance

All Club monies shall be held in a bank account in the name of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Club and shall keep a record of all income and expenditures. The financial year of the Club shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Any member using their money for Club business must have received prior approval from the Board of Directors, and produce supporting receipts before reimbursement will be made.

7. Protection of Directors

While acting in their capacity as a Director, a Director shall not be individually liable for any loss caused by their actions carried out honestly and in good faith in the best interests of the Club. In addition, a Director shall not be individually liable for the actions of the Club, other Directors, members of the Club, or Club volunteers.

8. Conflict of Interest

A Director shall not participate in any decision in which they have a real, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

9. Membership

Membership in the Club shall consist of adult members (18 years or older) and junior members (less than 18 years old). To become a member, an individual must complete, sign and submit a Membership Application form and pay the applicable membership fee.

The annual membership fees shall be decided on by the Board of Directors prior to the beginning of each season's play. Adult and Junior membership fees, as well as guest fees, will be reviewed by the Board of Directors annually. Once set, the membership fees will remain unchanged throughout that season. Pro-rated memberships may be available at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

The members of the Perth & District Badminton Club believe in fostering an environment of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. As part of our commitment to making badminton accessible, the Club will offer financial support for membership, that can be requested through the confidential assistance of any Board member.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to decline a membership application, expel a member or refuse to renew the membership of any member for failure to comply with any provision of this Constitution or the Club's Rules. No reimbursement for paid membership fees shall be made when a member is expelled or otherwise leaves the Club.

If applicable, the Club shall maintain a membership waiting list. Where there is a waiting list, the Board of Directors will be responsible for deciding whether and when to accept additional applications for membership.

10. Guests

Guests on the court are welcome, unless the Board of Directors determines otherwise based on concerns relating to court availability. In advance of play, a guest shall check in, sign a waiver/liability form, and pay the guest fee (as determined by the Board of Directors). All guests must abide by the Club's Rules.

12. Rules

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make or repeal Club Rules, as long as the Rules are not inconsistent with the Constitution. The adoption of any such Rule shall be subject to approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting held immediately following the

adoption of the Rule. All Rules shall be effective as of the date of adoption by the Board of Directors and shall be binding on members and guests until: (i) repealed by the Board of Directors, or (ii) if not ratified by resolution at the Annual General Meeting following the adoption of the Rule.

13. Constitution Changes

This Constitution may be amended only at an Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds majority of members in attendance is required to amend the Constitution.

CLUB RULES

1. Club members and guests must check in when arriving at the courts.
2. Before play, guests shall pay a guest fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors reserves the right limit the number of guests who are permitted to use the facilities at any given session.
4. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change, amend or modify Rules at any time without prior notice to the members.
5. The Club is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
6. Parent(s) or the accompanying guardian(s) are responsible for junior members while taking part in Club activities.
7. Other than guests, non-members are not permitted to be on the courts.
8. Players must wear appropriate badminton attire. Suitable non-marking indoor footwear must be worn on the court areas at all times. No player wearing street shoes or wet court shoes will be permitted to enter the court areas. Players must change into their court shoes prior to entering the court areas. Shuttlecocks shall be provided by the Club and shall generally be made of nylon. Members wishing to play with feather shuttlecocks must provide them at their own expense. Protective eyewear is strongly recommended and is mandatory for any player 18 and under.
9. No food or drinks are permitted on the court areas.
10. All members and guests must follow proper court etiquette. Members and guests must conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb other players, and will not compromise safety and enjoyment of the facilities.
11. Members must comply with the following Code of Conduct:
 - (a) Respect the game and play fairly;
 - (b) Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games;
 - (c) Be courteous and treat all members and guests with respect and without discrimination or harassment; and
 - (d) Refrain from the use of profanity and abusive language.
12. When approached by any member of the Board of Directors regarding a breach of these Rules, members and guests must comply immediately.

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