

Plymouth and District Badminton League

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Tournament will be run by **Plymouth and District Badminton League** in accordance with the Tournament Regulations of Badminton ENGLAND and is sanctioned by Devon County Badminton Association.
2. Tournament planner software will be used throughout.
3. Entries must be made on the official form and must be received by the Tournament Secretary listed on the prospectus cover, with entry fees, by the stated closing date. BOTH doubles partners MUST submit an entry form. Competitors seeking a partner must enter 'Partner Wanted' in the "Partners Name" section but do so knowing they may be paired with a player of unknown standard/ability. Illegible or incomplete entries may be ignored.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entries without assigning any reason and will seed all level events. The Committee also reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in each event. All entries will be accepted on a 1st come, 1st served basis. If entries are oversubscribed, the date of receiving entry forms will be taken into account. When determining seeding, the Badminton ENGLAND Player Grading List followed by the rankings lists shall be used. The Committee reserves the right to use their discretion in selection and seeding, to limit entries in any particular event, or alter or modify the programme in any way it sees fit, if it is in the interest of the tournament or where standard of competitors is not known. Its decisions on all matters shall be final. In all cases, Badminton ENGLAND Tournaments regulations will be followed.
5. 1 competitors must be present at least 10 minutes before their start time & report to the Tournament 'check-in' table immediately on arrival and be prepared to play at all times.
6. ally points scoring shall be used throughout, as outlined within the Laws of Badminton. In games where setting is allowed, at 20 all, the side gaining a 2 point lead first shall win that game. At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point wins that game. The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed THREE minutes. An interval not exceeding 60 seconds shall be permitted when the leading score reaches 11 points in each game. An interval not exceeding TWO minutes is also permitted between games.
7. ompetitors must be prepared to play at the times stated for the commencement of each event. Evening events will remain the same times as previously stated. Competitors must report to the Tournament Desk immediately upon arrival, and must not leave the hall without Tournament Desk permission, until otherwise eliminated from all events. ANY COMPETITORS NOT READY TO PLAY WHEN CALLED UPON WILL BE LIABLE TO BE SCRATCHED AND/OR PENALISED.
8. lay shall not take place on days other than those sanctioned and no competitor shall be obliged to commence a match before the stated times but finish times cannot be guaranteed. Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside these times of play shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.
9. n accordance with Tournament Regulations of Badminton ENGLAND, clothing must be acceptable and its suitability, within the Badminton ENGLAND regulations, and final decision on suitability will be at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.
10. **Areosensa 20** feather shuttles will be used throughout the tournament.
11. All entry fees are £10 per person per doubles event and £10 per person per singles event.
12. **Plymouth and District Badminton League** is committed to providing equal treatment for all its members, associated members, prospective members, guests and prospective guests in compliance with the Equality Act 2010. By entering this tournament you agree to comply with Badminton ENGLAND's Equality and Diversity Policy. A copy of the policy can be downloaded from the Badminton ENGLAND website.
13. **CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**
 - (a) Play in any tournament shall not take place on days other than those specifically sanctioned.
 - (b) No competitor shall be obliged to start a match before 9 a.m. or in the case of junior tournaments Under 13 and below after 8.00 pm, Under 14 or 15 after 9.00 pm; Under 16-19 after 10.00 pm; and all other tournaments after 11 p.m. In all Junior Tournaments play on Sundays should be planned to end not later than 7 p.m.
 - (c) Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside the times of play shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.
 - (d) The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed three minutes.
 - (e) Except in the case of a player's first match, the time of which should have been notified to them, the Referee must give at least 10 minutes notice of his intention to put a player on court. Every player is entitled to at least 20 minutes break after any best of three singles match, and at least 10 minutes break after any best of three doubles match. These periods are inclusive of the 10 minutes notice period referred to above. No one should be expected to play more than three singles best of three matches after 5.00 pm.
 - (f) A declaration on the entry form of the county that player represents in County Competition, and where this is not applicable their County of residence.
14. **WITHDRAWALS:**

Should you need to withdraw, you must contact the Tournament Secretary. Competitors prevented from playing by illness or injury, or other unforeseen cause, shall have entry fees returned in full provided only that at least 36 hours' notice is given. No refund is due if withdrawal is made within 36 hours of the start of the tournament. Withdrawal during the Tournament must be notified to the Tournament Secretary.
15. **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

Only genuine cases will be considered and all applications must be made to the secretary 15 minutes prior to the pair being due on court. All entries received WITHOUT named partners and NOT paired before the draw will be entered on the substitution list.
16. Entry is at the competitor's own risk and by signing the entry form the competitor will imply the acceptance of the above conditions and notes listed on page 3 of the entry form. All competitors, or their guardians, undertake that to the best of their knowledge that the competitor is healthy to compete.
17. **ELIGIBILITY:**

Players will be eligible to play in the Plymouth and District Badminton League Christmas Tournament by being affiliated to a Devon club and / or by the same rules as determined by Badminton England for County players.
18. **DATE OF BIRTH REQUIREMENT:**

All players will be asked to give their date of birth on the entry form
19. **EVENT(S) FORMAT:**

The first round will be played on a 'Round Robin' basis with the number and size of each group being determined by the number of entries; events in the round robin will be one game per match with no setting.
The group winners will be based on "games won", followed by "highest points for", followed by "lowest points against": in the case of a handicapped event the group winners will be based on "points won" followed by "lowest points against"
Group winners and runners-up will contest the quarter and/or semi-finals and the finals. At the knock-out stages, matches will be best of three games, with setting: in the case of a handicapped event the knock-out matches will be best of three games with no setting.
No coaching is allowed once a match has commenced.