

Hertfordshire Junior Badminton League

League rules, 2019/20

League organisation

1. The League match day is Sunday 22 March 2020, and on that day each of the 10 teams plays a series of matches against other teams.
2. The draw for the first round of matches is made at random at the start of the match day in the presence of the players and their Team Managers.
3. The draw for each subsequent round is made by the League Organiser using the Swiss system (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss-system_tournament) which aims to ensure that in each round each team plays a team with a similar profile of results to their own.
4. The number of rounds to be played is determined according to the available playing time and is likely to be about 6.
5. Each team plays in every round.
6. No team plays another team more than once.
7. At the conclusion of play, teams are ranked according to the number of points scored. If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, they are ranked according to the number of points conceded, the team conceding the fewest points being ranked highest.
8. The winning team is presented with the League shield and has the right to hold it for one year. Medals are presented to members of the teams in first, second and third places.
9. In all matters relating to the League, the League Organiser's decision is final and binding.

Player eligibility

1. Players are eligible to play in the League if they are born on or after 1 January 2007 and they are not a member of the Hertfordshire County squad this season.
2. Players are eligible to play in a district team if they were born in it, live in it, attend a school in it or are a member of a junior club in it. Players are eligible to play in a club team if they are a member of the club. At the discretion of the League Organiser these conditions may be relaxed in particular cases in the interests of promoting participation.
3. No player may play for more than one team.
4. If a Team Manager fields an ineligible player, games in which this player takes part are forfeited to the opponents by the score of 0-15.

Team Managers

1. On the match day each team nominates a Team Manager to the League Organiser before play starts. The Team Manager is responsible for:
 - Ensuring the eligibility for their team of each player in it.
 - Submitting an entry fee of £3 per player to the League Organiser.
 - Ensuring the correct team players go onto the right court for their games. Two minutes are allowed for knocking-up before the start of each game.

2. No Team Manager is allowed to act as scorer, umpire or line judge for a game involving their own team.

Match organisation

1. All matches are played on a full court.
2. A team consists of 2-4 girls and 2-4 boys.
3. Team Managers may enter different teams for their matches (thus providing match play opportunities for more than 4 girls and 4 boys in total.)
4. A match comprises one game in each of the five events: girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles, played in this order.
5. Each game is played to 15 rally points, with no extended play beyond 15 points.
6. No player may play more than two games in a match.
7. If a team has fewer than the minimum number of players for a match, games that cannot be played are forfeited to the opponents by the score of 0-15.
8. There is a scorer for each match who records the score for each game and submits a completed match score sheet to the League Organiser promptly at the end of the match.