

THE PARKLANGLEY CLUB

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PARKLANGLEY BADMINTON CLUB

RULES

1. AIMS

To provide the best badminton facilities possible.

To offer opportunities for the improvement of individuals' play via coaching and encouragement to advance through various levels, dependent upon ability.

To enter and run teams in local leagues and provide competitive badminton for all standards.

To encourage social events and other activities.

2. BADMINTON COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

2.1 There will be a Badminton Committee made up of a Chairman, and three member-representatives from each section night (hereinafter referred to as Rep(s). In all sections there should be at least one man and one lady representative.

2.2 **The Chairman will be elected from the members of the Committee by the members of the Committee. If no member of the Committee is prepared to stand as Chairman, then the Committee will seek nominations from the members of the badminton club. The Committee will then elect the Charman.** The Reps will be elected by the members of their section night.

2.3 **After three years the Chairman and the Reps must resign or stand for re-election.** The election will be held in the last quarter of the calendar year.

2.4 The Badminton Committee will appoint a Deputy Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary will make up the Executive Committee who may make decisions between meetings. These decisions need to be ratified by the committee at the next meeting.

2.5 If a serious disciplinary matter is raised it will be referred immediately to the Executive Committee who will agree the appropriate course of action.

2.6 The Badminton Committee will convene regular meetings and provide minutes of the meetings. The minutes will be posted on The Parklangley Club website.

3. FEES

3.1 The annual membership fee will be set by the Parklangley Management Committee. The

annual fee will entitle a member to play on their one allotted section night which starts at 7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 7.30 on Mondays and Fridays. The courts are booked out all evening but players must have vacated the building by midnight.

- 3.2 Provided there are spaces a member may pay an additional fee (as determined by the Parklangley Management Committee) which will entitle him/her to be a member of a lower section than their current level.
- 3.3 Apart from those members paying the additional fee as described in 3.2 above, a member may only play on any other lower section night on payment of a visitor's fee (determined by the Parklangley Management Committee) and with the express permission of that section's representative

4. SECTIONS

- 4.1 There will be 5 sections – the night of play for each section to be determined by the Badminton Committee. Nights of play may only be changed by a majority vote of the full badminton membership. The current nights of play and agreed maximum numbers are:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>No of courts and times</u>	<u>Peg colour</u>	<u>Max numbers</u>
A	Monday*	3 courts from 7.30pm until 9 pm 4 courts from 9 pm	Red	50
B	Wednesday	4 courts from 7 pm	Green	65
C	Tuesday*	3 courts from 7 pm until 8.30 pm 4 courts from 8.30 pm	Blue	60
D	Friday*	3 courts from 7.30 pm 4 courts from 8.30 pm	Yellow	55

Notes

*During school holidays the fourth court is available for club play from 7.30pm on Mondays and Fridays and 7pm on Tuesdays

- 4.2 Members of each section will be allocated a named peg which should be placed on the playing board on their arrival. The player whose peg is at the front of the board chooses the three members with whom he/she wishes to play from the next seven pegs.
- 4.3 In sections where ladies are in a significant minority, when selecting ladies' doubles, they can pick three from the first eight and then they can pick the first lady outside of the eight. If a man wants to select a mixed game and there is only one lady in the first eight, they can select a second lady from the first twelve pegs.
- 4.4 A member cannot pick a funny four (for example 3 men and one lady) if it is possible to pick a mixed out of the first eight.

- 4.5 If a member refuses to play a game having been selected, they are moved to the end of the board. A picker can sit out a game if they wish to be able to select outside the first eight
- 4.6 Members should play mixed, men's and ladies' doubles games only, except at the end of the night when singles may be played with the agreement of other players still present.
- 4.7 Members from other sections (who have not paid the annual subscription for a second night's play) may play down to a lower section as visitors, ONLY with the express permission of the lower section Rep, and on the payment of the visitor's fee.
- 4.8 Any complaint regarding play or disputes between members must be referred to the section Rep whose decision on the night is final.
- 4.9 In cases of breaches of the Club Rules, or conduct against the interest of other section players, the Rep has the right to ask a player to leave for that particular evening as a one off.
- 4.10 If the Reps feel that the incident warrants a further or permanent suspension, then it should be referred to a disciplinary committee. The disciplinary committee will normally be made up of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary. The committee will not include the Rep who is proposing the further or permanent suspension. Any decision will always be subject to The Parklangley Club Rules and Regulations.

5. GENERAL RULES AND CONDUCT OF PLAY

- 5.1 Outdoor shoes will not be worn on the badminton courts.
- 5.2 Proper badminton shoes must be worn on court. Black-soled playing shoes should not be worn unless they can be shown to be of the "non-mark" type. Appropriate badminton clothing must be worn.
- 5.3 Visitors to club nights are welcome. However, before inviting a friend along it is important that the visitor is of the appropriate standard for that club night. In addition, the member should consult their rep for advice as some club nights are full and busy. Before playing a visitor should purchase a visitor's peg from reception. A receipt will be issued and the visitor's name and address will be written into the visitor's book. The peg will be returned at the end of the evening. If a visitor attends regularly, they will be asked to join the club or be requested to stop attending.
- 5.4 No food or drink is allowed on the playing surface under any circumstances.
- 5.5 Sections A and D will be allocated up to 3 tubes of shuttles during a section evening. B and C section will be allocated 4 tubes. Tubes will be issued one at a time and need to be signed for at reception. Any unused shuttles MUST be returned to reception by the last member to leave the badminton hall. If the shuttles on a club night are considered to be particularly poor, they should be collected and returned to the club manager.
- 5.6 There will be an additional tube of shuttles over and above the normal allocation available at reception on each club night. It will only be issued to a rep who will have to sign for it.

5.7 If no Rep is able to be present on a section night, they should nominate a member to act as a representative to act in their absence.

5.8 In any dispute on the night, the Rep's decision will be final.

6. JOINING PROCEDURE

6.1 Members

6.1.1 Members of A, B, C and D section wishing to play up to the section above must approach their current section's Rep. The Rep will then contact the appropriate higher section Rep to request a play up. The original Rep may put forward a maximum of 2 members at any one time.

6.1.2 The 2 members nominated for play up may attend the higher section on two occasions before their official play in by the Rep. The Rep should assist the members to ensure they play against other members with a broad range of ability whilst complying with the rule that a player chooses from the next seven pegs.

6.1.3 The Reps will judge the suitability of the members playing up on the nominated night. If a player fails to reach the necessary standard, the Rep should highlight areas where improvement is necessary.

6.1.4 A member failing a play up, may not attempt a further play up for a further six months. If this is unsuccessful then a period of six months must elapse before another attempt is permitted.

6.1.5 The Reps will be the arbiter of the standard for each section.

6.2 Prospective new members

6.2.1 Players from outside the club wishing to try out a section night, must first contact the Club. The player will be invited to an appropriate section night. The Rep will make a decision as to the suitability of the player as soon as possible but must make a decision by the end of the third visit. In exceptional circumstances a Rep can apply to the Badminton Club Chairman to extend the try out beyond the third visit. The Rep will sign the player's joining form and ensure that this is handed to the Club Membership secretary.

6.2.2 The office will send a maximum of two players per night to play in.

6.2.3 When a section has a waiting list the office will inform visitors that they would not be allowed to play in until 9.00pm although they would be free to watch before that time. The office will not send visitors to sections with a waiting list during September and October.

6.2.4 A visiting player may play on their first three visits without payment. For subsequent visits, the player must buy a peg from the Club reception and place this on the playing board before play. On completion of play, the visiting player must return the peg to Reception.

6.2.5 At the end of play, the section Rep should make a decision as to the suitability of the player to join that section and sign the player's joining form or advise the visiting player whether he/she should continue attendance on that section night for a further

assessment. If the player is not of the right standard the Rep will recommend play in another section. The decision to recommend play in another section will be communicated to the other section night Rep via the Club Membership Secretary.

- 6.2.6 The Junior Membership fee will be set by the Parklangley Management Committee annually. A junior may attempt to play in to a senior club section and if successful, will pay the annual junior fee. A Bromley Performance Centre junior recommended by the Club Coach will also be entitled to join an adult section night. If a junior has successfully played in and the section has a waiting list, the badminton committee will consider whether to add their name to the waiting list or allow them to join the section immediately.

7. WAITING LIST FOR ENTRY TO SECTION NIGHTS

- 7.1 If a section night is full, members and visitors who undergo a successful play up or play in, will be added to a waiting list.
- 7.2 [If a badminton club member is unsuccessful in a play up their name will remain at the top of the list but will have to wait six months before attempting another play up \(see 6.1.4\)](#)
- 7.3 The Club Membership Secretary will control the waiting list under the auspices of the Chairman of the Badminton Committee. In any dispute, the Chairman's decision will be final.
- 7.4 Any member who is unable to play through injury will be taken off the section numbers and added to the waiting list but will be allowed to rejoin the section as soon as they have recovered. Members on maternity leave will also be allowed to rejoin immediately. When a member returns after injury or maternity leave section membership numbers may go over the maximum number. The Club Membership Secretary will regularly keep in touch with such members to see if they are fit enough to rejoin.
- 7.5 Anybody on the waiting list who turns down an opportunity to join the section will be put to the bottom of the waiting list.
- 7.6 If a club member is on a waiting list for another section and another member is on a waiting list to move in the opposite direction, there can be an exchange.

8. TEAMS

- 8.1 Team selection for winter leagues will be undertaken by a Selection Committee appointed by the Badminton Committee. The Selection Committee will normally comprise Reps from across the match playing sections.
- 8.2 The individual Team Captains will be responsible for their team's arrangements during the season and must work closely with the Badminton Administrator to co-ordinate fixtures and results.
- 8.3 It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to advise the Badminton Administrator of fixture changes resulting in courts becoming free.
- 8.4 Two tubes of shuttles will be provided by the Club for matches initially. An extra tube is available on request. In exceptional circumstances a fourth tube can be requested. Any unused shuttles MUST be returned to the Club.

- 8.5 Team Captains are responsible for collecting the match fees (as determined by the Parklangley Management Committee) and paying them into the Club Office.
- 8.6 There can be a junior badminton membership which is for matches only. The membership fee will be set by the Parklangley Management Committee.
- 8.7 The club will remain open until the last match is finished and the bar will be open, for match players only, after 11pm.

9. CLUBS AT PARKLANGLEY

- 9.1 Only Parklangley teams representing The Parklangley Club may play matches at Parklangley. Only the Badminton Committee Chairman and the Badminton Committee may allow a non Parklangley team, in exceptional circumstances, to play a match at Parklangley.
- 9.2 An outside badminton club may only hire the badminton courts in exceptional circumstances. Any application has to be approved by the Committee.

10. BADMINTON COURT BOOKINGS

- 10.1 Any member of the Parklangley Club may block book courts for badminton before 4pm on weekdays and at weekends apart from Sunday evening after 7pm
- 10.2 During peak times (after 4pm on weekdays and after 7pm on Sundays) the courts may be only booked for a maximum of two hours by members. The two hours can be two courts for one hour or one court for two hours
- 10.3 The courts may not be block booked after 4pm on weekdays and after 7pm on Sundays by members of the Parklangley Club.
- 10.4 Members of the Badminton Section may book badminton courts three weeks in advance.
- 10.5 Those Parklangley Club members who are not members of the Badminton section and Tennis Coaches may book courts two weeks in advance.

11. MINI TENNIS

- 11.1 If badminton is being played on the courts, mini tennis can only be played behind the netting/curtain on badminton courts so that the foam balls do not pose a risk of accident to the badminton players.
- 11.2 The badminton courts may not be booked for mini tennis after 7pm on weekdays and Sundays but may be booked at any time on Saturdays.
- 11.3 The Badminton committee will be consulted before any block and coaching course bookings of the badminton courts for mini tennis are accepted.

12. THE PARKLANGLEY CLUB COACHING SERVICES POLICY

- 12.1 This policy applies to all members of the badminton section of the Parklangley Club (“the Club”).

12.2 This policy applies to all premises owned or operated by the Club, including (but not limited to) the Parklangle Club at 44a Wickham Way, Beckenham, BR3 3AF

12.3 In this policy “coaching services” means the provision of any of the following on court, whether for payment or not and whether to a group of other players or to an individual,

- a. Structured, planned lessons as part of a termly lesson programme advertised by the Club
- b. Drills, practice routines and/or fitness training routines designed to improve skills or techniques in the relevant racket sport
- c. One to one lessons arranged by the two players with the intention of teaching or practising particular skills or techniques, rather than playing a social or competitive match

12.4 No member of the Club or non-member may provide coaching services unless they have

- a. entered into a contract with the Club setting out the terms on which coaching services may be provided, the times at which those services can be provided and the location of the courts which may be used and that contract has not been terminated.
- b. provided to the Manager of the Club in writing details of their current qualifications to provide coaching services, to include (in the case of tennis coaching services) evidence of their Badminton England level of qualification and accreditation as an Badminton England coach.
- c. provided to the Manager of the Club a current Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate satisfactorily demonstrating that they are a fit and proper person to provide coaching services.
- d. provided to the Manager of the Club written evidence of current and suitable public liability and personal indemnity insurance to cover their provision of coaching services.
- e. provided to the Manager of the Club updated evidence of the insurance referred to in paragraph (c) above promptly following renewal

13. OTHER

13.2 Badminton members may book squash courts at the Old Dunstonians’ site. They should ask at reception how to gain access and operate the lights.

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