

## LINCS COMBINATION LEAGUE RULES

1. At the start of each season, the Club/Match Secretaries of Clubs shall forward to the General League Secretary a full list of their Club's fixtures for that season and also inform on any rearrangements which may be made during the season.
2. Every Club which has more than one team competing shall send in writing (or by email) to the General League Secretary at least seven days before the date of its first match but no later than 1 November, the names of two ladies and two men nominated as first team players and if a Club has three teams in the League, the names of two ladies and two men nominated as second team players. They shall not be eligible to play at any time during the season for a lower team.
3. In addition no player shall be eligible to play for a lower team if he or she shall have played in a higher team that season on more than two occasions.
4. Nominated players must play at least twice.
5. Players may not play in the same competition for more than one Club during the same season.
6. All Club members wishing to play in the Lincs League should be affiliated to both BE and LBA by 1 November.
7. Players who wish to represent their Club in any League Competitions must be registered by their Club with the General League Secretary at the start of the season and no later than the Club's first match.
8. Clubs failing to register their initial teams and players (in writing or by email) will have one point deducted from each match played until the registration is received. No points or rubbers will be awarded to the offending team in such cases. The opposing team will retain any points and rubbers won during such matches.
9. Any player wishing to represent their Club after the start of the season must be registered with the General League Secretary in writing (or by email) and receive permission before they are eligible to play. Failure to do so will result in the automatic loss of the relevant rubbers but no such rubbers will be awarded to the opposing team.
10. Substitutes coming into a match after play has started may not count any wins to their team.
11. Shuttle speed shall conform to Rule 4 of the Laws of Badminton.
12. Feathered or nylon shuttles having cork bases shall be used in accordance with Rule 10 of the Laws of Badminton.
13. Teams shall be ready to commence play in matches by the agreed starting time. Where there is undue delay Club Secretaries should write to the General League Secretary who after investigation may deduct rubbers from the offending team and award to the complainants.
14. Order of play will be as printed on the scorecards unless both captains agree otherwise. Scorecards of every match shall be received within seven days of conclusion of play by the General League Secretary, sent by the captain of the home team. The Committee shall respond immediately to any Club found to be in breach of this Rule by deducting one point.
15. Matches should not after the start of the season be rearranged unless due to the following reasons. Where bad weather conditions prevail making travelling to the venue hazardous. Where the venue becomes unavailable for reasons outside the control of the home club. Away teams who cancel matches (except as in bad weather conditions above) may be asked to pay any cancellation fees of hall hire.
16. Where matches are conceded both home and away teams must forward scorecards with a suitable explanation to the General League Secretary within seven days of the conclusion of play. Two points will be deducted from the team conceding the match and two points awarded to the opposing team.
17. Final League tables will be decided on a point's basis, three points for a win, two points for a winning draw and one point for a losing draw. Where teams have an equal number of points then positions will be decided on a rubber average. If rubber averages are equal then games will decide and if games are equal then points for and against will decide. Where points, rubbers, games and points for and against are all equal then the winning draw shall be awarded to the winner of the first mixed rubber.
18. All League matches are to be completed by 30 April.
19. Where a Club has more than one team in the League then those teams shall play their matches against each other before 31 December.