

Gosford Hill Badminton Club

Member of Oxfordshire Badminton League

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Established: 1967



Club Constitution

1. Name

The name of the club shall be Gosford Hill Badminton Club, hereafter called the Club.

The name of the junior club shall be Gosford Hill Colts Badminton Club, hereafter called the Colts.

Gosford Hill Colts Badminton Club is a subsidiary of Gosford Hill Badminton Club and as such had adopted and agreed to abide by all the Club's policies and procedures.

2. Objectives

The Club will provide facilities for its members to play badminton at an agreed venue.

The Club will maintain affiliation to competitive local leagues for the purpose of providing its members with the opportunity to play representative badminton for the Club.

The Club will provide duty of care and protection to all Club members.

The Club will ensure that all members of the Club are treated equitably.

3. Membership

Membership shall consist of adult members and junior members.

Membership of the Club will be open to all badminton players on an annual basis who are able to demonstrate a competent standard of play. Members are automatically affiliated to Badminton England and Oxfordshire Badminton Association.

Social members are always welcome.

All members will be subject to the constitution and codes of conduct adopted by the Club.

4. Committee

The committee in whose hands the management of the Club's objectives is placed shall consist of no more than nine members of the Club.

The following Officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and they must include: Chairperson; Treasurer; Club Secretary; Match Secretary; and Social Secretary.

A quorum of five committee members is required for decisions to be passed at a committee meeting.

Officers for the Colts include: Child Welfare Officer; Volunteer Co-ordinator; Head Coach; Assistant Coach.

5. Subscription

5.1 Senior Club

All members shall pay an annual subscription with the following subscription rates being made available : Senior, Senior Student (those aged 18 years or older in full-time education i.e. studying for further qualifications or higher degrees) and Student (those aged 18 years or younger in full-time education at school or college). The subscription rates will be agreed from year to year by the Club at the Annual General Meeting under the advice of the Treasurer. Any exceptions to these subscription rates will be considered and applied at the discretion of the committee.

The payment of the annual subscription shall entitle members to membership of the Club for the playing season.

Members joining during the season will be charged on a pro rata basis according to a schedule agreed by the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

No subscription may be returned to any member who may wish to resign from the Club, or is unable to play or is dismissed.

Any member who has been unable to play for the whole season through illness shall be entitled to apply for a discount on their subscription for the following season. This rule will be applied at the discretion of the Committee.

5.2 Colts

The Colts will accept members in the age group 11-18. Younger members can be accepted at the discretion of the Colts Officers. The pricing structure for the Colts will be determined by the Colts Officers to be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Match Fees

Match fees are to be agreed on a yearly basis by the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Visitors Fees

Visitors fees are to be agreed on a yearly basis by the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

A player can attend the Club as a visitor on three occasions after which they may be invited to join the Club. At such time the visitors fees previously paid will be deducted from the subscription to become a full member of the Club.

8. Nominations

All nominations for membership of the Committee must have the approval of the member nominated and be both proposed and seconded by members of the Club.

9. Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year before the end of June, notice of which must be given to all Club members at least fourteen days prior to such meeting.

Only members personally present at such a meeting may vote.

Non-members may attend by invitation of the Committee but may not vote.

The Agenda will include; a report from the Chairperson on behalf of the committee; Treasurer's report and the year's accounts; Match Secretary's report.

Members have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting. It shall be held at the request of at least 25% of members. Notice for an Extraordinary General Meeting will be the same as for an Annual General Meeting.

10. Accounts

All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

The accounts will be kept by the Treasurer and checked annually.

Any payments drawn against Club funds will be signed by at least two authorised signatories. When it is necessary to use a club debit card for making payments, these shall be authorised, in advance, by the Treasurer and another member of the committee.

The Club accounts for the year up to the end of the playing season shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval together with a report on the Club's activities during the year.

Should the Club no longer be viable and the accounts need to be wound up then any residual funds, after all creditors have been satisfied, shall be donated to a club or organisation with similar aims and objectives.

11. Committee Powers

In addition to the powers in section 4, the committee shall :

- have the power to co-opt any member of the Club to assist in the management of the Club
- hold no less than three committee meetings in each year
- manage the organisation of the Club
- have the power to dismiss from Membership of the Club any person whose actions are detrimental to the objectives of the Club or are in gross or repeated violation of the Club rules
- have the power to introduce new rules as may from time to time appear necessary, but such additional rules shall be confirmed or rejected at the next General Meeting of the Club
- in the event of equal voting the Chairman shall have the casting vote

12. Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed changes to the constitution may only be approved by the Club in a General Meeting, fourteen days notice of such a meeting must be given to Club members. Copies of the proposed changes may be generally displayed with the notice of such meetings.

13. Playing Rules

Members are expected to :

- abide by the rules of the Club
- setup and clear away nets, shuttles, etc.
- wear suitable badminton clothing and non-marking soles
- enter into their game as soon as possible in order to enable the maximum number of games to be played during each Club session
- follow the equity statement set out by Badminton England
- take due care of club equipment including nets and shuttles.

14. Playing Season

The playing season shall run from September to the following April.

Club nights will be on Thursdays and be of at least three hours duration, but may be amended by a meeting of the Committee under special circumstances.

Additional evening sessions will be arranged by the Match Secretary as necessary to enable the Club to fulfil match commitments.

15. Team Selection

The selection of players for the Club teams will be made by a Selection Committee comprising at least three members of the full committee.

16. Insurance

Public liability and personal accident insurance will be affected each year by the Committee.

It is the responsibility of the individual members to confirm themselves that they are covered under the policies.

17. Data Protection Act

Information about Club members, such as contact details, provided to the Committee of the Club may be held on computer and distributed to other Club members as deemed necessary for the running of the Club. The rules governing the use of such data and the rights of individuals are set out in the club's Privacy Statement and all members of the club must comply with all regulations set out there. Club members who do not wish their contact details to be passed on should make this clear in writing to the Club secretary. Members who wish to view their record should contact the Club secretary.

18. General

Any dispute arising out of or not covered by the Constitution shall be referred to the committee where decision or interpretation shall be final.

All complaints must be made in writing to the Club secretary for reference to the committee.