

**LANCASTER, MORECAMBE AND DISTRICT
BADMINTON LEAGUE**

**OFFICIAL HANDBOOK
2024/25**

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The League Committee will be formed by the above post holders and a representative from each Club, who will be invited to each Committee meeting.

Ascension BC - James de Wolf

Bolton-le-Sands BC - Jessica Logue (Chair) and Chris Foote

Brookhouse BC - Glenys Knowles

Carnforth BC - Adrian Greenwood

Hest Bank BC - Chris Carter (Treasurer), Amy Dickinson (Vice-Chair) and

Gaye Jackson (League Secretary).

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RULES

Introduction

Please read this document carefully as some rules have changed and new ones may have been added. These changes have been voted in at the League AGM.

If you are unsure about any of the Rules please contact the League Secretary.

THE LEAGUE

1. The League shall be called the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League, hereafter called The League, and shall comprise such Divisions and be restricted in number of teams as shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
2. All Clubs must be affiliated to Badminton England.
3. The League shall be governed by a Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and other League Officials as nominated from each Club together with a nominated representative of the Junior League. The Committee is also to administer the Cup Competitions and may co-opt members as required. The Tournament shall be run by a Tournament Committee and shall be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the League, plus a Tournament Secretary and co-opted Representatives of each club.
4. Social Media - The League has two official social media accounts, with the aims of sharing important league information and encouraging new players to join. These are: Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League (Facebook page) and @lancasterbadminton (Instagram).
5. Each team shall pay a League Fee as decided annually. Such fee to be paid at or before the AGM, this fee will include entry into the Riley and Hayhurst Cup Competitions. Any club entering a new team will not pay any league fees for that team, in the first year.
6. League fixtures will be managed by the League Secretary and a co-opted independent person.
7. The Fair Play Rule - All Clubs and players entering the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League agree to comply with the Fair Play rule. Players at all levels must be able to participate in badminton which is free from drugs, violence and discrimination, technical manipulation, cheating and any form of exploitation which is an attempt to win or manipulate the outcome of a match for the benefit of themselves or others.

The rule is to ensure fair competition for all players, honesty, friendship, team spirit, equality and respect in written and unwritten rules such as integrity, tolerance, care, excellence and joy. If this rule has been broken by an individual or a club, the penalty which is deemed fair by the League committee will be imposed.

If there is any doubt about a situation, please ask the League Committee.

For full details of the Fair Play procedure look on the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League website.

8.a) The bottom team of Division 1 at the end of the season shall be relegated to Division 2 and the top team from Division 2 shall be promoted to take its place. In the event of teams finishing level on points, positions will be determined by the number of matches won. In the event of the two teams still being tied, individual game points will be counted to determine placings.

8.b) Two teams at the bottom of Division 2 at the end of the season shall be relegated to Division 3 and the top two from that Division shall be promoted to take their place and so on down the remaining Divisions. The Committee reserves the right to lift teams in order to fill vacancies in higher Divisions.

9. All contact to the League Secretary and other League Committee members must come only from the Club Secretary. Any email or contact between League members must follow the required protocol, it must not be in an abusive, aggressive or hostile manner or it will be deleted and not dealt with. The sender will be issued with a first written warning. If resent in a polite and factual manner it will be dealt with. Following any member being given two formal written warnings in the current season, there will be a penalty imposed.

10. New rules can only be introduced when they have been 'voted in' at the AGM.

11. No tournament, other than private internal Club events, shall be organised without the knowledge and sanction of the League Committee.

12. The decision of the League Committee on any question or on any interpretation of the Rules shall be final and binding.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. The Annual General Meeting shall take place in June/July of each year and Clubs shall be given 21 days notice of the same. The Treasurer shall submit a statement of accounts and Officers shall be elected at the meeting.

2. One vote per team (from the previous season) is allowed for each club at the AGM.

3. Applications to join or withdraw from the League, and also any proposal for implementation at the AGM, must be in the hands of the League Secretary by May 1st. At the discretion of the Committee, a new team deemed of a sufficiently high standard may be placed in a Division higher than the lowest Division. The request must be submitted by 1st May and the club must provide a list of players' names so that a decision can be made by the Registrations Sub-Committee (RSC).

4. Any Club failing to send a representative to the AGM without prior approval from the League may be barred from playing in the League during the coming season, and may have to apply for re-election.

CLUB RULES

1. In-season registrations - Any in-season registrations are at the discretion of the Registrations Sub-committee. Clubs must submit details of the player's standard and proposed position within the club. Players cannot be registered with 5 or fewer League matches remaining in Division 1. This does not affect the lower divisions (see Club Rule 9.). In-season players can be requested to be registered for any team in a club providing they are not stronger than any player in the teams above them.
2. Anywhere in the Rules where it mentions 'extenuating or exceptional circumstances', clubs are required to contact the League Secretary/RSC to discuss and gain agreement prior to the match. All are at the discretion of the League Committee.
3. Clubs with more than one team must star only three ladies and three players from the open category for each team fielded. All players must be starred for a team or as a 'club reserve' if they are not deemed strong enough to gain a regular team position. The starring of players of recognised ability in a team below their standard is not permitted in-season. In case of doubt or dispute the League Committee will inform the club of the lowest Division/Team in which that player can play.
4. A list of pool/loan players is to be given to the League Secretary. Un-starred players in each club may be registered as a League pool player and may only play for the lowest team of any Club in the league. Starred players in Division 3 (clubs lowest team) may be registered as loan players. The score sheet must clearly highlight the pool/loan player.
5. Players starred for a higher team are not allowed to play for a lower team.
6. Team players must play at least 50% of league matches (or pro rata for in-season registrations) in a season for their starred team. This does not include Cup matches or apply to a club's bottom team.
7. In the absence of player/s for any reason, Clubs with more than one team must draw on reserves from the lower teams chosen in the strongest ability order. The use of a player from a 'C' or 'D' team in order to protect the 'B' team is not permitted.
8. After 6 matches players are not eligible to play for the higher team unless starred to a higher team; Cup games played up do not count towards the '6' games allowed to play up. Referral to the Registrations Sub-Committee with details of the situation is required if the starring needs to be amended.
9. Any starred player may be de-starred and then play for a lower team. Once a player is de-starred, the player is eligible to play for the higher team up to a maximum of 6 times, including the fixtures already played. Application to de-star and re-star must be made to the Registrations Sub-Committee in writing, and the player may not play until formal approval is received by that Club. No player shall be de-starred if the lower team has three or fewer matches remaining on its fixture programme. The League Committee may investigate any case where it thinks that the starring rule is being abused.
10. Any club wishing to protest about the result of any match, or infringements of the Rules, must do so in writing to the League Secretary within 3 days of the match taking place.

11. In the event of a complaint or dispute the Club or the player involved shall appear before a disciplinary sub-Committee to put their case. A Club or player shall have the right to appeal to the full Committee if they disagree with the decision of the sub-Committee. The disciplinary sub-Committee shall comprise the League Chair, Vice-Chair, League Secretary and two invited Committee members.
12. No player shall play for more than one team on a single night.
13. Score sheets and team starrings can be made available on request from the League Secretary.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. a) All Club Members (competitive, senior, social player or junior) must hold an active Badminton England membership by the date required by Badminton England and be affiliated to Lancashire County Badminton Association (CBA) and the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League through the club they wish to represent. A visitor log must be maintained by each club, with visitors allowed to make 6 appearances at club social sessions before they, too, must be registered with both Badminton England and Lancashire CBA. Visitors who make a team appearance have to affiliate to both Bodies and Lancaster, Morecambe and District League prior to their first appearance.
1. b) All competitive players must be registered with Lancaster League. Requests to register a player must be made by email to the Registrations Sub-Committee at least 48 hours prior to any competitive play taking place. Only when a confirmatory email from the Secretary has been received is the player authorised to play. Please also see Club Rules point 1.
1. c) Any player without the required Badminton England membership will be refused permission to play until correct affiliations are in place. If they do play, all games/points will be taken from that player retrospectively.
2. No player may play for more than one Club during the same season without the sanction of the League Committee. From the date of such sanction being given the player shall be ineligible for League or Cup badminton for 28 days. This does not apply to 'pool' and 'loan' players.
3. Players are not permitted to play for a lower team in their club. All requests for pool/loan players must be made via the Club Secretaries.

Any team in Divisions 2 and 3 can use players in the Division 3 pool/loan system if they are unable to replace an unavailable Division 2/3 team member with a player from that clubs lower team.

Using the Whats App process:

Stage 1- Request player from their clubs lower teams to see if available to play.

Stage 2- Request a POOL player from the Division 3 Whats App group.

Stage 3 - Request LOAN player from Division 3 Whats App group.

Stage 4 - Request Pool player from Division 2 Whats App group

4. No player shall play for more than one team on a single night.

TEAMS

1. For the Team Structure please refer to document on the League website. For queries on team composition refer to Badminton England's ' Participation in Badminton by Transgender and Non-binary Players Policy'.
2. (a) Each team shall appoint a Captain. Each Captain shall arrange the team as in the rules for team structure and their names and rankings shall be handed to the opposing Captain before the start of play.

(b) The options of side or serve for players at the commencement of each event shall be decided by spin or shuttle toss.

(c) A match shall consist of nine Events, and played to the Rally Points Scoring System as adopted by Badminton England, each consisting of two sets of 21 points. Setting is permitted. The winner is the first pair to reach 21 points, but must win by 2 clear points, until at 29-all, the first to 30 points wins the set

(d) The first game in the order of play shall commence at the time stated in the League Handbook for the Home team.

FIXTURES

1. a) Following the published season fixtures, clubs may approach the opposition to request rearrangements of a fixture at any time during the season. The opposing team may refuse this change if not convenient. The League Secretary must be advised of the new agreed date as soon as possible to update the website. If a team cannot submit a full team, the resulting missed games are forfeited by that team and awarded to the opponent. All rearranged matches have to be played and score sheets submitted by the date the last league match is played, otherwise the match is forfeited (0-0).

b) When a club fails to provide the requisite number of players for a match, the match will go ahead with the unplayed games being awarded to the opposition; 5 players being the lowest permitted number.
2. Clubs with two or more teams in the same Division must play both home and away fixtures before Christmas.

3. Substitutes are eligible to play all un-started games in any League or Cup Match, if agreed with the opposition.
4. The Home team shall provide shuttles, and those shuttles shall conform to the Laws of the Game. All matches shall be played with feather shuttlecocks. New shuttles shall be made available on request.
5. Each game can have a scorer if requested by any player. The scorer may intervene in the event of a dispute being unresolved and order that a 'let' be played. The League Committee shall have full power to appoint a neutral adjudicator should they consider it necessary.
6. The match result must be uploaded onto the BaddersWeb system and the score sheet sent to lancscommittee@outlook.com within 2 days of the match by the Home team. The AWAY team must verify the result with in 7 days.

RULES OF THE RILEY and HAYHURST CUP COMPETITIONS

For rules for the Riley and Hayhurst Cup please see the League website.

LEAGUE CLUBS AND SECRETARIES

Club	Secretary	Match Venue/Time
Ascension B. C.	Mr G Jackson Mobile: 07751 081556 Email: gordonj930@gmail.com	Carnforth High School Sports Hall, Kellett Road, Carnforth LA5 9LS. A and D teams play the same night - Tuesday 7.30pm prompt. B team - alternate Tuesday at 7.30pm prompt. C team play Thursday at 8pm at Preesall Sports Centre, Sandy Lane, Preesall, FY6 0EJ.
Bolton-le-Sands B. C.	Nick Haigh Mobile: 07538809099 Email: blsbadders@yahoo.com	A team - Monday at 7pm prompt at Morecambe Bay Academy, Dallam Avenue, Morecambe, LA4 5 BG. Carnforth High School Sports Centre, Kellett Road, Carnforth, LA5 9LS. B, C and D teams on Thursday at 8pm prompt. E team - Wednesday at 7.30pm prompt.
Brookhouse B. C.	Mrs G Knowles Tel: 01524 771598 Mobile: 07952753047 Email: glenysknowles@talktalk.net	Ripley St. Thomas Academy Sports Hall, Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RS. All teams- Tuesday 7pm prompt.
Carnforth B.C.	Adrian Greenwood Mobile: 07817616611 Email: adrian.greenwood@hotmail.co.uk.	Carnforth High School School Sports Hall Kellett Road, Carnforth LA5 9LS Both teams-Tuesday 7.30pm prompt.
Hest Bank B. C.	Sue Ward Tel: 01524 841703 Mobile: 07594757578 Email: sue12ward@gmail.com	Carnforth High School Sports Centre, Kellett Road, Carnforth. LA5 9LS. All Teams Monday 7.30pm prompt. 3 courts 7.30-9pm and 4 courts after that.

Ingleton B.C.**	Emma Cornthwaite Mobile: 07545541251 Email: e.cornthwaite@live.com	Ingleton Community Centre, LA6 3HG. Wednesdays at 7 pm prompt.
Kirkby Lonsdale B. C.	Mike Whitaker Tel: 07741470236 Email: cathandweas@gmail.com	Lunesdale Sports Hall, Kendal Road, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2HJ. All teams - Wednesday 7.30 pm prompt
Storeys B. C.	Duncan Carr Mobile: 07757714093 Email: Storeysbadders@yahoo.com.	University of Cumbria Sports Hall, Wyresdale Road Lancaster, LA1 3JD. A, B, C and D teams- Wednesday at 7 pm prompt. E team -Thursday at 8pm.
Sunnyside B. C.	Ellie Cook Mobile: 07519867985 Email: Ellie.sunnyside@gmail.com.	Lancaster Royal Grammar School Sports Hall, East Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EF. All teams - Thursday 7.30pm.

** DENOTES SINGLE COURT HALL.

Fixtures for 2024/25 will be available on the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League website - www.lancasterbadminton.com

CUP COMPETITIONS – 2024/25

Cup information will be uploaded onto the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League website - www.lancasterbadminton.com

CUP COMPETITION 2024/25

Round 1:	Week commencing 13/1/25
Round 2:	Week commencing 17/2/25
Semi-finals:	Week commencing 17/3/25
Cup Final:	Friday 21/3/25

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 2025

The End of Season Annual Tournament will start week commencing Monday 24/3/25.

END OF SEASON PRESENTATION AND DANCE

The date for the event is Saturday 5th April 2025. It will be arranged by Ingleton Badminton Club. Tickets will be on sale around the time of the end of season tournament.

