

## EDENBRIDGE & EAST GRINSTEAD FRIENDLY BADMINTON LEAGUE

### Mens Doubles Competition Rules - 2017/2018 Season (Team of 4 players)

1. Each match to consist of 6 rubbers.
2. Each rubber to be best of 3 games to 21 points using the new scoring system.
3. Each team to consist of 2 mens pairs (total 4 players).
4. Each pair will play the best of 3 games against each opposing pair and the final 2 games will be played by swapping pairings and playing the opposing swapped pairs.
5. The visiting pairs will play in strict rotation where only one court is used unless otherwise arranged by mutual consent of the 2 captains.
6. Each team will play each other at home and away.
7. Home team has the choice of shuttlecock.
8. A player may play for 1 club only in any competition.
9. Each rubber won equals 1 point (total of 6 points available).

In the event of a walkover, 6 points will be awarded to the opposition. However this is to be avoided at all costs, as the principle is to complete all matches.

In the event of a tie on points in the league, there will then be a countback on games, and, if necessary, individual game points.

10. In the event of a match date being changed, 2 alternative dates to be offered.
11. Where a club enters more than 1 team in an event, the 1<sup>st</sup> team must be nominated and players may not play down.

Once a 2<sup>nd</sup> team player has played up on more than 2 occasions, he will be ineligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

If a 1<sup>st</sup> team player plays down into the club's 2<sup>nd</sup> team, that pairing will score no points.

12. Results cards to be fully completed, including the full names of players, otherwise offending team will forfeit their points.
13. **Home team** to upload result / send the score card to the Match Secretary **as soon as possible following the match.**
14. All matches to be completed by the end of May.
15. In an effort to ensure all matches are played, clubs cancelling will be liable to reimburse the innocent club half of any unavoidable expenses incurred. In the event of a "no show" team with no proven prior notice, the offending club will be responsible for the reimbursement of 100% of any unavoidable costs incurred by the innocent club.
16. Where a club has 2 teams in the same division, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams must nominate their players and the first 2 games at home and away must be played against each other.
17. Subject to prior agreement between the captains of each team, any person appointed or requested to assist keeping the scores at any time during the match shall act solely in the capacity of score keeper and shall not act as umpire or adjudicator in any instance.
18. Including "knocking-up" time, wherever possible next match shall be started within 5 minutes of completion of the previous match.