

**2019/20 Season**

**STEVENAGE BADMINTON LEAGUE – LADIES’ SECTION**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR SQUAD READ AND AGREE THE FOLLOWING**

The annual squad registration fee is £10 for the 2019/20 season. No-one may play in the Ladies’ Section unless previously registered with the SBL. This is an insurance requirement. As the first fixture is before any SBL mixed matches please check with Club Secretaries that **all members of your squad** have been registered **before 19<sup>th</sup> September** (contact Jan).

**Payment:** As the courts are booked in advance your team is responsible for paying its full £16 match fee irrespective of how many players actually turn up on the day. Also, if one of your team drops out without a substitution being made then your team must pay both her £4 match fee and that of her opposing number who misses out on playing and wastes her Saturday afternoon. Please give your team’s £16 match fee (no foreign coins please) in the envelope to Jan Macfarlane as soon as possible each afternoon. Teams must turn out for every fixture in order for the whole Ladies Section to work. If through any circumstances a team cannot fulfil a fixture, they are liable for the opposition’s £16 as well as their own as the courts still have to be paid for.

**Substitutions:** It is important that all your squad members appreciate that fixture dates are firm commitments, and everyone should try to be available on those dates and between 1.30 and 4.30 pm. If, however, you are unable to field a team from your squad you should first ask players from the Subs List, and only then ask other captains if anyone in their squad who is not playing could step up.

The four highest ranked members of a team present at a fixture cannot be substitutes, ie should five members of a squad be present then No 5 would be the sub for another team. Registered 1s and 2s may only play as 1s and 2s in any team, but all others may play up.

If a team can only turn up with three players, then each of those three players will play an extra rubber so that the opposing team’s No 4 plays three rubbers.

Each team will be allowed one “sympathy afternoon” where there will be no penalty for coming with only three players. However, for every subsequent afternoon that the same team comes with only three players, four points will be deducted at the end of the season.

**Ranking Order:** Ensure your team plays in its correct ranking order, as listed on your entry form. If a team member arrives late, needs to leave a little early or cannot manage to play two rubbers consecutively then the captains may agree to alter the rubber order but not the ranking order. Also, if a substitute plays she must play in ranking order, which is not necessarily as No 4.

The committee reserves the right to alter ranking orders or to switch subs around at each fixture for the sake of fair play.

**Shuttles:** Mavis 600. Please only knock up with the shuttles marked with a ‘K’ and save the new shuttles for your games.

**Score Sheets:** Each captain should complete a score sheet as the match progresses – this sheet is yours to keep. At the end of the match captains should agree and complete the third score sheet. Do not complete any of the shaded areas on this sheet and ensure it is passed to Jan.

**Scoring:** Rubbers are played to the best of three games, each to 21 points and **with** setting. If time is running short captains should first check on other court availability and then, if necessary, decide to play the last one or two rubbers up to 15 points each game. It is your responsibility to complete your match on time and points may be lost if you do not.

**Problems or Disputes:** Finally, please see Jan with any problems who will try to help.

Enjoy your matches!

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