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B. A match shall consist of six ladies doubles with no two ladies playing together more than once.

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If a Division opts to play to a total of 21 points, games shall be the best of three games to 21 points. The first players in any game to reach 21 points is deemed the winner of that game. *(A.G.M. 2010)*.

D. No player other than a fill in may play with more than one team in the same Division except when filling in from a bye team.

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A. To be distributed by a Divisional Representative on each playing day. Three shuttles per court. Players may request extra shuttles if required. There is no limit to the number of shuttles used on any day. *(A.G.M. July 1983).*

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Should it be observed that a player is unable or unfit to play for any reason which could endanger the wellbeing of either herself or other players and / or visitors to the badminton hall, the following procedure shall be followed:

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C. The witness shall make written notes of all conversation between the Divisional Representative and the player concerned. Notes to be given to the Hon. Secretary for filing for future reference.

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G. If the reported behaviour continues the Committee reserves the right to rescind the same membership.

H. Should a player have membership rescinded then on a pro rata basis the Committee will consider a registration refund.

7. COURT FEES

A. Shall be as specified at an A.G.M. in any year and shall be reviewed annually. Team Captains shall collect court fees by 10.00am and remit same to the Assistant Treasurer of their Division on the same playing day. It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to ensure that court fees are correct prior to collection by the Assistant Treasurer of each Division.

B. In the event of a player being absent for more than four weeks it is the responsibility of the fill in to pay the court fees.

C. The Assistant Treasurer of each Division shall deposit court fees and a completed cash voucher in the locked container in the shuttle box via a pouch as supplied for subsequent collection by the Honorary Treasurer.

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F. A player who is appointed to the position of permanent fill in in any Division and who does not hold a permanent position in another team shall pay court fees as though they were the original players.

8. GRADINGS

A. Grading of new players shall be carried out by Members of the Committee on any agreed day. *(A.G.M. July 1985)*.

B. Players in any Division may request regrading for the following roster. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final. *(A.G.M. July 1985)*.

C. The Committee, at their discretion, may move individual players after the third week of the commencement of a roster. *(A.G.M. July 1984)*.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. All prospective members are required to complete an Application for Membership Form paying particular attention to Item 1 and Item 2.

B. All application forms for the Winter Roster are to be in the hands of the Hon Secretary by the end of June in any year and applications for the Summer Roster by the end of November in any year.

C. If a player cannot play for more than four consecutively rostered matches, they may not be found a permanent position in a team and will be placed on a fill in list.

9a. MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

A. To be respectful to all members of the Hobart Ladies Badminton Association.

B. To ensure they pay the due registration prior to their fourth week of play.

C. To adhere at all times to Hobart Ladies Badminton Association By-Laws.

D. Should Item C not be adhered to the Hobart Ladies Badminton Association reserves the right to enact the following:

a. After receiving a written complaint the Committee will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

b. If the majority of attending Committee members deem the complaint to be legitimate two Committee members from a different grade will be asked to communicate with the player in question with the anticipation that a change of behaviour can be brought about.

c. Should a resolution be deemed impractical the player in question will be reminded of the fact she signed the Membership Application Form agreeing to abide by the Hobart Ladies Badminton Association By-Laws. Their membership may possibly be rescinded as per Membership Application form.

d. If a member refuses to abide by any Committee decision this may lead to a withdrawal of the member's association with Hobart Ladies Badminton Association.

10. DAYS OF PLAY – DIVISIONAL

A. Shall be as follows: Tues 1A and 2B

Wed 1B and 3

Thurs 2A

11. DAYS OF PLAY – SEMI, PRELIMINARY AND GRAND FINALS

A. Semi and preliminary finals shall be played on each Division's normal playing day (*Cttee Mtg March 2012*).

B. Grand finals shall be played on a Wednesday as stated at the start of each roster. (*Cttee Mtg March 2012*).

12. MATCH POINTS

A. Match points shall be allocated as follows:

Win 4 points
Draw 2-1/2 points
Loss 1 point
Win by Forfeit 4 points
Loss by Forfeit Nil points
Bye 4 points

13. SCORE SHEETS

A. The top copy of results sheets for all teams shall be placed in the box provided at the notice board at the end of each days play. The results box can also be utilised as a constructive suggestion box.

B. Full names and positions of fill ins are to be noted on the score sheets.

C. Any protests shall be made in writing and placed in the results box on the same day of play and the Results Secretary is to be notified by telephone of this action.

D. The Results Secretary (or other Committee Member nominated by her during her absence) is responsible for the weekly updating and maintenance of the results ladder on the notice board.

14. NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

A. Names and telephone numbers of the Committee and fill ins shall be distributed to each Member.

B. The Team Captain is the contact person for each player and it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that all team members have a fill in list.

15. CLOTHING

A. Recommended sports attire is to be worn during all matches, eg. Sports skirts, shorts, regulation tops, tracksuits, non-marking soled sports shoe. Slacks, jeans, non-sporting tops or day wear including fluoro and aerobic wear are not allowed. Bare feet are not acceptable. Should a Divisional Representative consider that any clothing is unacceptable, she may request an alternative.

16. NOTICE BOARD

A. All information relevant to Members shall be posted on the HLBA notice board as soon as it comes to hand and a ladder of team results shall be kept up to date. Information for the attention of Committee Members will also be posted on the notice board.

17. FILL INS

A. It is the responsibility of Members to find their own fill in, not that of the Team Captain. Should a problem arise, the relevant Team Captain or Divisional Representative should be contacted. Details as to how to choose a fill in shall be distributed along with each roster sheet at the beginning of each roster.

B. There is a limit of three occasions whereby an unregistered player may play as a fill in. *(A.G.M. July 1985)*. If a player is required to play on more than three occasions, that player shall then be registered.

C. All players, including fill ins, who compete in the semi, preliminary or grand finals shall be registered Members of the Association. *(Cttee Mtg Dec 2011)*.

D. All absent players shall pay court fees for their fill ins for the first four weeks – “refer item 7 Court Fees”.

E. To fill an emergency vacancy in any team, players may be drawn from a fill in list or lower grade. *(A.G.M. July 2006)*. At no time shall a fill in be stronger than the player she is filling in for.

F. Fill-Ins for Roster Games:

A. A No. 4 player from a higher division can only play as a No. 1 in the next Division below.

18. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY / FILL IN FOR FINALS

A. When fill ins for all finals are drawn from non-playing teams permission must be sought from one Executive member plus all available Divisional Representatives.

B. No member shall play in two Grand Finals.

19. UMPIRING IN FINALS

A. Teams who are not playing in the semi, preliminary or grand finals MUST provide at least one person from each team to umpire matches and act as linesmen. *(A.G.M. July 1985)*.

20. DRAWN MATCHES IN SEMI AND PRELIMINARY FINALS

A. If a semi or preliminary final ends in a draw result, i.e. both teams end with the same number of points, the winner is deemed to be the team winning the most games. If the games are even, a tie breaker shall be played consisting of players one and two from each team after a five minute break. The winner is deemed to be the first to reach 21 points if playing in Division 1A or Division 1B, or 15 points for Divisions other than 1A or 1B, changing ends at eleven points (Divisions 1A and 1B) or eight points (other Divisions) with no setting. (*A.G.M. July 1991*).

B. The team to start serving first shall be decided with a toss of the shuttle and that team has the right to choose either to serve first or opt for which end of the court they wish to start the game. If the team winning the toss opts to serve first, the opposing team has the right to choose which end of the court they start the game. (*A.G.M. July 1991*).

21. DRAWN MATCHES IN GRAND FINALS

A. If a grand final ends in a drawn result, both teams are declared the winner.

22. INJURY ON COURT

A. If a player is injured during play, a recovery time not exceeding 10 minutes may be granted at the discretion of the umpire. (*Cttee Mtg 31 May 2007*).

23. CHILDREN

A. Under the conditions as laid down by the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association, children under the age of 10 years are not allowed past the kiosk unless under constant supervision.

24. FIRST AID

A. A first aid kit, including resuscitation mask and ice packs, is available through each Divisional Representative. Any used items are to be replaced by HLBA.

B. Divisional Representatives must inform the Hon Secretary when first aid materials have been used in order that replacements can be undertaken.

25. AWARDS – GRAND FINALS

A. Vouchers are to be presented to the winners and runners up of both winter and summer rosters. All fill ins playing in grand finals are entitled to receive an award, the value of which is to be determined by the current Committee. (*Cttee Mtg 1 Sept 2009*).

26. FUND RAISING

A. All fund raising events for the HLBA must have Committee approval in order that all Divisions can be involved. (*Cttee Mtg 2 August 2012*)

27. MOBILE PHONES

A. Mobile phones are to be turned off between the hours of 9.30am and 12 noon and no player may leave the court to answer the phone. (*A.G.M. July 2001*). Divisional Representatives are empowered by the HLBA to enforce this rule. (*A.G.M. July 2005*).

B. In the case of a first offence, the offending player will be requested by their Divisional Representative to turn their mobile phone off and will be reminded of possible forfeiture of points. If the same player does not comply and is reminded on three occasions, the games played on the day of the third offence are automatically forfeited. The Divisional Representative shall notify any forfeiture on the offending player's score sheet for the information of the Results Secretary.

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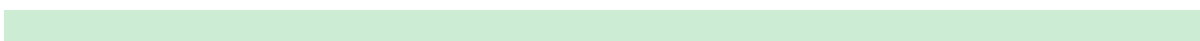
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A. If a grand final ends in a drawn result, both teams are declared the winner.

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A. If a player is injured during play, a recovery time not exceeding 10 minutes may be granted at the discretion of the umpire. *(Cttee Mtg 31 May 2007).*

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A. Under the conditions as laid down by the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association, children under the age of 10 years are not allowed past the kiosk unless under constant supervision.

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B. Divisional Representatives must inform the Hon Secretary when first aid materials have been used in order that replacements can be undertaken.

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A. Vouchers are to be presented to the winners and runners up of both winter and summer rosters. All fill ins playing in grand finals are entitled to receive an award, the value of which is to be determined by the current Committee. (*Cttee Mtg 1 Sept 2009*).

26. FUND RAISING

A. All fund raising events for the HLBA must have Committee approval in order that all Divisions can be involved. (*Cttee Mtg 2 August 2012*)

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A. Mobile phones are to be turned off between the hours of 9.30am and 12 noon and no player may leave the court to answer the phone. (*A.G.M. July 2001*). Divisional Representatives are empowered by the HLBA to enforce this rule. (*A.G.M. July 2005*).

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HOBART LADIES BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

CONSTITUTION AS UPDATED AUGUST 2015.

1. TITLE:

This Club shall be known as the Hobart Ladies Badminton Association Incorporated.

2. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES:

To promote and control social badminton competition between interested ladies as may be desired by its members.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

All interested ladies who shall become members by paying a seasonal registration in the current financial year.

4. COMMITTEE:

Subject to the general powers and control of the Association its affairs shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Public Officer, Assistant Secretary/Public Officer, Results Secretary, Assistant Results Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Committee members representing all divisions, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to be held no later than July 31st each year.

(A.G.M. 1st July 2015 – registered Corporate Affairs July 2015)

5. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Subject to review and any amendments considered necessary by a three-quarters majority of those attending and entitled to vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association.

The Committee shall have all the powers necessary to efficiently carry out the objects of the Association.

6. FUNDS:

Funds and other assets of the Association shall be legally invested in the President, Vice President, Minutes Secretary/Public Officer, Results Secretary and Treasurer for the time being, upon trust to hold and apply the same in such manner as they may be directed by the Committee.

7. OFFICERS:

a) All officers shall retire at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election, and may continue to act until their successors have been elected. The Executive Officers of the HLBA can serve in their relevant positions for a maximum of five (5) consecutive years only.

(A.G.M. 1st July 2015 – registered Corporate Affairs July 2015)

b) The Officers shall be:-

(i) A President, who shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Committee and shall if present, preside at all meetings and have both a deliberate and casting vote. The President's decision shall be final on all matters of form and procedure, unless a majority vote of the members present shall disagree with such ruling.

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(iii) A Minutes Secretary/Public Officer, who shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Committee and shall keep full and accurate minutes in the books of all the proceedings of the Committee, shall give notice of all meetings and of all propositions to be brought before them and also other notices, subject to the direction of the Committee. As Public Officer, she is responsible for all communication with the Corporate Affairs Office, as required under the Associations Incorporation Act and Regulations.

(iv) A Results Secretary, who shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Committee and shall co-ordinate teams in all divisions and record and collate results of all games.

(v) A Treasurer, who shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Committee and shall receive all monies of the Association and pay all debts on being fully authorised by the Committee to do so. Shall have custody of the Association cheque books and bank passbooks, and shall produce the same at meetings of the Association. She shall keep her accounts posted so that they can be presented to the Committee at any time and shall render a Balance Sheet to the Auditors for the Annual Audit.

(vi) The Assistant Secretary/Public Officer, Assistant Results Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall learn the roles of the respective Secretary/Public Officer, Results Secretary or Treasurer and shall assist with the duties of those positions as requested or required.

(A.G.M. 1st July 2015 – registered Corporate Affairs July 2015)

c) In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office, the Committee may appoint one of its members to a vacant office, and the member may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

a) All Divisions should be represented by at least one but not more than four Committee members to be elected for a one year period, with all retiring at each Annual General Meeting. The retiring Committee members shall be eligible for re-election. One Committee member from each day of play will be appointed by the Committee as an Assistant Treasurer, and shall be responsible for the collection of match fees, the issuing of receipts, and the forwarding of these to the Treasurer.

b) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Committee members, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of her appointment.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

a) Nomination of candidates for election as Officers or as Committee members:

(i) Shall be made in writing signed by one member of the Association and endorsed by the candidate.

(ii) Shall be delivered to the Secretary at least seven days before the date fixed for the end of roster games in the Summer Roster and placed on notice boards seven days prior to the Grand Finals of the Summer Roster.

b) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

c) In the election of officers, if insufficient nominations are received to fill the vacancies, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.

d) In the election of Committee members, if a division has no nominations or more than four nominations, then a ballot for that division should be held on the last roster day of the Summer Roster.

e) At no time shall a Committee Member of any status be allowed to hold more than one position.

(Addition passed A.G.M July, 2009. Registered Corporate Affairs).

10. AUDITORS:

There shall be one or more duly registered Company Auditors who shall be appointed by the members at each Annual General Meeting.

11. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE:

a) The Committee shall meet at least twice per season at such a place and times as they may determine.

b) Any six members of the Committee constitutes a quorum.

c) At meetings of the Committee the President, or in her absence the Vice President shall preside.

d) Each person present at a meeting of the Committee, including the person presiding at the meeting, is entitled to vote and in the event of any question the person presiding may exercise a casting vote.

12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a) An Executive Committee consisting of at least three Ex-Officio officers may make decisions in matters of urgency during the intervals between meetings of the Committee, and such decisions shall be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

b) The office of an Executive Committee member of the Association becomes vacant if the Executive Committee member fails without leave granted by the Committee to attend 3 consecutive meetings.

(A.G.M. 9th July, 1997 – registered Corporate Affairs 31/7/97).

13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

May be called by the President or Secretary as occasions may arise, and shall be called by same on receipt of a requisition in writing, stating the business to be dealt with and signed by any ten financial members of the Association. Seven days notice at least of the time and place of such meetings shall be placed on notice boards.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within one month following the completion of the financial year of the Association. Fourteen days notice at least of the time and place of this meeting shall be placed on notice boards.

15. BUSINESS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

- a) Notice convening meeting.
- b) Present.
- c) Apologies.
- d) Read, confirm and deal with the minutes of previous Annual General Meeting –Business Arising.
- e) Correspondence, receive incoming, move outgoing.
- f) Atalanta Jamboree Report and Balance Sheet.
- g) Presentation of Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the retiring President and Committee.
- h) Election of President, Vice President, Minutes Secretary/Public Officer, Results Secretary, Treasurer, at least one Committee member from each division, but not more than four and one Assistant Treasurer from each grade.
- i) Election of Auditors.
- j) Seasonal Registration and Match Fees.
- k) General Business.

16. FINANCIAL YEAR:

1st July to 30th June.

17. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

- a) No amendments of the Constitution and Rules may be made except by a three quarter majority of those present and entitled to vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- b) The text of any proposed amendments shall be supplied to the Minutes Secretary of the Association at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

18. QUORUM AT ANNUAL OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

Twelve financial members shall form a quorum at Annual or subsequent Special General Meetings.

19. SUB-COMMITTEES:

The purpose of any appointed sub-committee would be to oversee designated activities as required.

Positions of the sub-committee shall include a Chairperson/Secretary and/or Treasurer relative to the purpose of the sub-committee. Accurate records are to be kept and reported to the H.L.B.A. Inc. meetings, and must include a written report and financial statement to the A.G.M.

(A.G.M. 13th July 1993 – registered Corporate Affairs 28/4/94)

20. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Association may only be dissolved by a resolution of three quarters of all financial Members. In the event of dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred to the Southern Tasmanian

Badminton Association for the specific use of Junior Player Development, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act of 1964.

Every Member of the Association who was a Member within a period of twelve months preceding the dissolution is liable to contribute to the assets of the Association for payment of any debts or liabilities of the Association and for the costs, charges and expenses of the dissolution and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves such sum not exceeding one dollar.

A former Member of the Association is not liable to contribute in respect of any debt or liability of the Association contracted after she ceased to become a Member).

(A.G.M. 7th July 2010 – registered Corporate Affairs July 2010)

Last updated August 2014

**HOBART LADIES BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

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PART 1 – BASIC RULES

1. RULES OF PLAY

Rules of play shall be in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as laid down by the Australian Badminton Federation.

2. SERVING

When serving, the feet must be inside the service court and must not come in contact with any doubles serving line. The receiver must be inside her own court. In doubles, the service court is the outside sidelines and inside backline. If the shuttle touches the net during the service and continues into the correct service area, the game continues. Some part of both feet must remain in contact with the surface of the court and in a stationary position until the service is delivered.

"The whole head of the racquet must be below the whole of the hand and the shuttle below the waist when the shuttle is struck. The whole shuttle must be below the server's waist at the instance of being hit by the server's racquet. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib. The shaft of the server's racquet, at the instance of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction." (A.B.A. Feb 2006) (A.B.A. June 2010).

3. GENERAL RULES FOR UMPIRES

A. For a shuttle to be called out, it must be allowed to drop out and not be touched by any players person, clothing or racquet.

B. No player shall strike the shuttle before it crosses the net. The striker may, however, follow over the net with her racquet during the course of a stroke. She must not touch the net with either her person, clothing or racquet until the shuttle has landed on the opposite court.

C. If an umpire cannot give a decision on any matter of play, a let shall be called and the point replayed.

D. An umpire can overrule the decision of a linesperson if it is apparent that a clear error of judgement has been made by the linesperson.

E. If a shuttle from an adjoining court lands on the court during play, the umpire shall call a let and the point shall be replayed.

F. Games shall be played to the best of three games to 15 points with an advantage of two points. Sudden death is reached when the score reaches 21 points all, the first team to reach 21 points being the winner of that game. Where a Division has opted to play to 21 points (Division 1A & 1B), games shall be the best of three games to 21 points. The first players to reach 21 points are deemed the winners of that game. (A.G.M. 2009).

G. A player shall not leave the court of her own volition as play shall be continuous. If a player requires a break (eg. To use a towel, replace a broken racquet), the player may ask the umpire to call a let. Play is to recommence immediately after the break.

H. In the case of an injury the umpire, at her discretion, may call for a break of a maximum of 10 minutes. If at the end of the break the player cannot return to the court to complete the game in question, that player and her partner shall forfeit all further points which may have been gained and the points gained prior to the injury stand. The opposition shall gain maximum points for that rubber. Should the injured player be unable to play any further listed games, those games shall be forfeited and the opposition shall gain maximum points for any unplayed rubbers.

PART 2 – BY LAWS

1. COMPETITION

A. A team shall consist of a minimum of four ladies with a maximum of five. No team shall play more than four ladies in one match. In the event of a team being short of players, the games in which those players should have played shall be forfeited and all remaining games shall be played.

B. A match shall consist of six ladies doubles with no two ladies playing together more than once.

C. All games shall be played according to the Rally Points System which was ratified by the Australian Badminton Federation in May 2006 and shall be the best of three games to 15 points with an advantage of two points. Sudden death is reached when the score reaches 20 points all, the first team to reach 21 points being the winner of that game. *(A.G.M. 2009).*

If a Division opts to play to a total of 21 points, games shall be the best of three games to 21 points. The first players in any game to reach 21 points is deemed the winner of that game. *(A.G.M. 2010).*

D. No player other than a fill in may play with more than one team in the same Division except when filling in from a bye team.

E. The two strongest players in any team shall play the last game in the score book. *(A.G.M. July 2006).*

F. The team whose number first appears on the Roster Sheet shall serve and umpire first. In all finals, the team finishing highest on the ladder shall serve and umpire first. *(A.G.M. July 1982).*

G. Whenever any Division has insufficient players to form a Roster, they are able to play in a Round Robin format. *(A.G.M. July 2008).*

H. If an error occurs in the positioning on court of either a server or receiver, the error shall be corrected prior to the next serve being made by either team. No penalty points are inflicted on either side.

I. If possible, teams shall consist of a total of six or eight in any Division in order that teams play each other an equal number of times.

J. If the situation arises that any Division forms more than eight teams, the Committee reserves the right to form another Division of the same standard. *(A.G.M. July 1993).*

2. START TIME

A. Players are to be in the hall at 9.20am and play shall commence at 9.30am sharp. With the agreement of team captains, a game other than the first listed in the score book may be played. Any team unable to field a game at 9.30am risk forfeiture of their first game. *(A.G.M. July 1998).*

B. Divisional Representatives are authorised to warn team captains on three occasions should late starts be reported. After three warnings, the points which have been gained by the offending player in all games shall be forfeited. *(A.G.M. July 2005).*

3. SHUTTLES

A. To be distributed by a Divisional Representative on each playing day. Three shuttles per court. Players may request extra shuttles if required. There is no limit to the number of shuttles used on any day. *(A.G.M. July 1983).*

B. The Divisional Representative in control of the distribution of shuttles shall complete the record of shuttles removed from the shuttle box each week.

4. ORDER OF PLAY

A. Prior to commencement of play, Team Captains are to exchange score books containing the full names of players in order of play, including the notation of fill ins. Players shall play in their correct positions except when fill ins or injury make this impractical. (*A.G.M. July 1982*).

B. In circumstances whereby situations (eg. Health reasons) do not permit a player to play two consecutive games, that player's games may be played out of order or a break of no more than ten minutes is allowed between games. The agreement of both Team Captains must be obtained prior to start of play. (*Cttee Meeting August 2006*).

5. REGISTRATION FEES

A. Shall be specified at an A.G.M. in any year and shall be reviewed annually. Registration fees are to be paid in full within three weeks after the start of each Roster.

6. DUTY OF CARE

Should it be observed that a player is unable or unfit to play for any reason which could endanger the wellbeing of either herself or other players and / or visitors to the badminton hall, the following procedure shall be followed:

A. A Divisional Representative/Committee Member is to be informed.

B. The Divisional Representative/Committee Member shall appoint a reliable third party to witness ensuing action / conversation by all involved parties.

C. The witness shall make written notes of all conversation between the Divisional Representative and the player concerned. Notes to be given to the Hon. Secretary for filing for future reference.

D. The Divisional Representative/Committee Member and the witness shall take the player aside and speak with her in a discreet manner and out of the hearing of others.

E. The player is to be instructed that they can no longer take part in any further games on that day.

F. Before the player leaves the hall, steps shall be taken in order that the safety of that player in terms of her ability to return home or to any other venue of the player's choice be monitored. Appropriate action shall be taken if the player is unfit to leave the hall unaided. If necessary, an Emergency Contact shall be advised and their assistance sought.

7. COURT FEES

A. Shall be as specified at an A.G.M. in any year and shall be reviewed annually. Team Captains shall collect court fees by 10.00am and remit same to the Assistant Treasurer of their Division on the same playing day. It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to ensure that court fees are correct prior to collection by the Assistant Treasurer of each Division.

B. In the event of a player being absent for more than four weeks it is the responsibility of the fill in to pay the court fees.

C. The Assistant Treasurer of each Division shall deposit court fees and a completed cash voucher in the locked container in the shuttle box via a pouch as supplied for subsequent collection by the Honorary Treasurer.

D. Court fees for semi, preliminary and grand finals are to be paid by all team members. (*A.G.M. July 2007*).

E. If a player plays as a permanent fill in for another Division whilst also playing in their assigned Division, HLBA will pay the court fees due to the team they are filling in for. (*Cttee Mtg 26 Sept 2007*).

F. A player who is appointed to the position of permanent fill in in any Division and who does not hold a permanent position in another team shall pay court fees as though they were the original players.

8. GRADINGS

A. Grading of new players shall be carried out by Members of the Committee on any agreed day. *(A.G.M. July 1985).*

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C. The Committee, at their discretion, may move individual players after the third week of the commencement of a roster. *(A.G.M. July 1984).*

9. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. All prospective members are required to complete an Application for Membership Form.

B. All application forms for the Winter Roster are to be in the hands of the Hon Secretary by the end of June in any year and applications for the Summer Roster by the end of November in any year.

C. If a player cannot play for more than four consecutively rostered matches, they may not be found a permanent position in a team and will be placed on a fill in list.

10. DAYS OF PLAY – DIVISIONAL

A. Shall be as follows: Tues 1A and 2B

Wed 1B and 3A

Thurs 2A

11. DAYS OF PLAY – SEMI, PRELIMINARY AND GRAND FINALS

A. Semi and preliminary finals shall be played on each Division's normal playing day *(Cttee Mtg March 2012).*

B. Grand finals shall be played on a Wednesday as stated at the start of each roster. *(Cttee Mtg March 2012).*

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BY LAWS AS UPDATED AUGUST 2012

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When serving, the feet must be inside the service court and must not come in contact with any doubles serving line. The receiver must be inside her own court. In doubles, the service court is the outside sidelines and inside backline. If the shuttle touches the net during the service and continues into the correct service area, the game continues. Some part of both feet

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C. If an umpire cannot give a decision on any matter of play, a let shall be called and the point replayed.

D. An umpire can overrule the decision of a linesperson if it is apparent that a clear error of judgement has been made by the linesperson.

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G. A player shall not leave the court of her own volition as play shall be continuous. If a player requires a break (eg. To use a towel, replace a broken racquet), the player may ask the umpire to call a let. Play is to recommence immediately after the break.

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PART 2 – BY LAWS

1. COMPETITION

A. A team shall consist of a minimum of four ladies with a maximum of five. No team shall play more than four ladies in one match. In the event of a team being short of players, the games in which those players should have played shall be forfeited and all remaining games shall be played.

B. A match shall consist of six ladies doubles with no two ladies playing together more than once.

C. All games shall be played according to the Rally Points System which was ratified by the Australian Badminton Federation in May 2006 and shall be the best of three games to 15 points with an advantage of two points. Sudden death is reached when the score reaches 20 points all, the first team to reach 21 points being the winner of that game. *(A.G.M. 2009)*.

If a Division opts to play to a total of 21 points, games shall be the best of three games to 21 points. The first players in any game to reach 21 points is deemed the winner of that game. *(A.G.M. 2010)*.

D. No player other than a fill in may play with more than one team in the same Division except when filling in from a bye team.

E. The two strongest players in any team shall play the last game in the score book. *(A.G.M. July 2006).*

F. The team whose number first appears on the Roster Sheet shall serve and umpire first. In all finals, the team finishing highest on the ladder shall serve and umpire first. *(A.G.M. July 1982).*

G. Whenever any Division has insufficient players to form a Roster, they are able to play in a Round Robin format. *(A.G.M. July 2008).*

H. If an error occurs in the positioning on court of either a server or receiver, the error shall be corrected prior to the next serve being made by either team. No penalty points are inflicted on either side.

I. If possible, teams shall consist of a total of six or eight in any Division in order that teams play each other an equal number of times.

J. If the situation arises that any Division forms more than eight teams, the Committee reserves the right to form another Division of the same standard. *(A.G.M. July 1993).*

2. START TIME

A. Players are to be in the hall at 9.20am and play shall commence at 9.30am sharp. With the agreement of team captains, a game other than the first listed in the score book may be played. Any team unable to field a game at 9.30am risk forfeiture of their first game. *(A.G.M. July 1998).*

B. Divisional Representatives are authorised to warn team captains on three occasions should late starts be reported. After three warnings, the points which have been gained by the offending player in all games shall be forfeited. *(A.G.M. July 2005).*

3. SHUTTLES

A. To be distributed by a Divisional Representative on each playing day. Three shuttles per court. Players may request extra shuttles if required. There is no limit to the number of shuttles used on any day. *(A.G.M. July 1983).*

B. The Divisional Representative in control of the distribution of shuttles shall complete the record of shuttles removed from the shuttle box each week.

4. ORDER OF PLAY

A. Prior to commencement of play, Team Captains are to exchange score books containing the full names of players in order of play, including the notation of fill ins. Players shall play in their correct positions except when fill ins or injury make this impractical. *(A.G.M. July 1982).*

B. In circumstances whereby situations (eg. Health reasons) do not permit a player to play two consecutive games, that player's games may be played out of order or a break of no more than ten minutes is allowed between games. The agreement of both Team Captains must be obtained prior to start of play. *(Cttee Meeting August 2006).*

5. REGISTRATION FEES

A. Shall be specified at an A.G.M. in any year and shall be reviewed annually. Registration fees are to be paid in full within three weeks after the start of each Roster.

6. DUTY OF CARE

Should it be observed that a player is unable or unfit to play for any reason which could endanger the wellbeing of either herself or other players and / or visitors to the badminton hall, the following procedure shall be followed:

A. A Divisional Representative/Committee Member is to be informed.

B. The Divisional Representative/Committee Member shall appoint a reliable third party to witness ensuing action / conversation by all involved parties.

C. The witness shall make written notes of all conversation between the Divisional Representative and the player concerned. Notes to be given to the Hon. Secretary for filing for future reference.

D. The Divisional Representative/Committee Member and the witness shall take the player aside and speak with her in a discreet manner and out of the hearing of others.

E. The player is to be instructed that they can no longer take part in any further games on that day.

F. Before the player leaves the hall, steps shall be taken in order that the safety of that player in terms of her ability to return home or to any other venue of the player's choice be monitored. Appropriate action shall be taken if the player is unfit to leave the hall unaided. If necessary, an Emergency Contact shall be advised and their assistance sought.

7. COURT FEES

A. Shall be as specified at an A.G.M. in any year and shall be reviewed annually. Team Captains shall collect court fees by 10.00am and remit same to the Assistant Treasurer of their Division on the same playing day. It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to ensure that court fees are correct prior to collection by the Assistant Treasurer of each Division.

B. In the event of a player being absent for more than four weeks it is the responsibility of the fill in to pay the court fees.

C. The Assistant Treasurer of each Division shall deposit court fees and a completed cash voucher in the locked container in the shuttle box via a pouch as supplied for subsequent collection by the Honorary Treasurer.

D. Court fees for semi, preliminary and grand finals are to be paid by all team members. (*A.G.M. July 2007*).

E. If a player plays as a permanent fill in for another Division whilst also playing in their assigned Division, HLBA will pay the court fees due to the team they are filling in for. (*Cttee Mtg 26 Sept 2007*).

F. A player who is appointed to the position of permanent fill in in any Division and who does not hold a permanent position in

another team shall pay court fees as though they were the original players.

8. GRADINGS

A. Grading of new players shall be carried out by Members of the Committee on any agreed day. *(A.G.M. July 1985).*

B. Players in any Division may request regrading for the following roster. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final. *(A.G.M. July 1985).*

C. The Committee, at their discretion, may move individual players after the third week of the commencement of a roster. *(A.G.M. July 1984).*

9. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. All prospective members are required to complete an Application for Membership Form.

B. All application forms for the Winter Roster are to be in the hands of the Hon Secretary by the end of June in any year and applications for the Summer Roster by the end of November in any year.

C. If a player cannot play for more than four consecutively rostered matches, they cannot hold a permanent position in a team and will be placed on a fill in list.

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A. Shall be as follows: Tues 1A and 2B

Wed 1B and 3A

Thurs 2A

11. DAYS OF PLAY – SEMI, PRELIMINARY AND GRAND FINALS

A. Semi and preliminary finals shall be played on each Division's normal playing day (*Cttee Mtg March 2012*).

B. Grand finals shall be played on a Wednesday as stated at the start of each roster. (*Cttee Mtg March 2012*).

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A. Match points shall be allocated as follows:

Win 4 points
Draw 2-1/2 points
Loss 1 point
Win by Forfeit 4 points
Loss by Forfeit Nil points
Bye 4 points

13. SCORE SHEETS

A. The top copy of results sheets for all teams shall be placed in the box provided at the notice board at the end of each days play. The results box can also be utilised as a constructive suggestion box.

B. Full names and positions of fill ins are to be noted on the score sheets.

C. Any protests shall be made in writing and placed in the results box on the same day of play and the Results Secretary is to be notified by telephone of this action.

D. The Results Secretary (or other Committee Member nominated by her during her absence) is responsible for the weekly updating and maintenance of the results ladder on the notice board.

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A. Names and telephone numbers of the Committee and fill ins shall be distributed to each Member and fill ins shall be posted on the notice board.

B. The Team Captain is the contact person for each player and it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that all team members have a fill in list.

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A. Recommended sports attire is to be worn during all matches, eg. Sports skirts, shorts, regulation tops, tracksuits, non-marking soled sports shoe. Slacks, jeans, non-sporting tops or day wear including fleuro and aerobic wear are not allowed. Bare feet are not acceptable. Should a Divisional Representative consider that any clothing is unacceptable, she may request an alternative.

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