

RG8 Badminton Club

Draft Constitution

1. Name

The Club is called the 'RG8 Badminton Club' (hereafter called "the Club".)

2. Purpose

Fitness, Fun and Friendship

3. Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club are to:

- Provide recreational badminton for members
- Promote the principles of fair play and good conduct both on and off the court
- Encourage playing of badminton in the local community

4. Membership

- Membership is open to all those aged 14 years of age or over and is not restricted by any factor other than basic standards of playing ability.
- New members are expected to have had some experience of playing badminton such that they are able to demonstrate basic shots and techniques with regards to service and open play.
- New members are required to have a 'playing-in' session after which a joint decision will be made between the individual and committee member concerning membership.
- In accepting membership a person agrees to abide by the constitution and rules of the Club.
- The Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to damage the cohesion of the Club or bring the Club into disrepute.

5. Finances

- The Club will be funded in the main by termly subscriptions with the support of grants from local bodies.
- The policy concerning fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with subscriptions being held at the minimum level to cover direct costs incurred by the Club.
- Individual membership fees will be decided by the Committee and payable each term in advance.
- Members will be entitled to bring guests and fees will be set by the Committee.
- It will be the aim to hold reserves of no more than one year's projected operational cost.
- All members under 18 shall be granted a 50% discount on subscriptions.
- The funds of the Club cannot be used for direct or indirect private benefit of members other than reasonably allowed by the Rules.
- All Club expenditure by cheque or electronic transfer shall be subject to signatures/authorisation of two Committee members. Expenditure from petty cash shall be with approval of two Committee members.
- Club accounts shall be subject to independent verification at least once a year.

6. Administration

- The Club shall be administered by an elected Committee drawn from members.
- The Committee shall comprise of the following roles - Chair person, Treasurer, Secretary, Safeguarding Officer and consist of at least five members. More than one role may be undertaken by a single individual.
- All Committee members will stand down at the AGM and shall have the opportunity to stand for re- election if they so desire.
- Committee meetings will be called as necessary but at least two meetings a year shall be held. Committee meetings will be considered quorate when attended by three or more Committee members.

7. Annual General Meeting

- The AGM shall be open to all fully paid up members of the Club. It will be held once a year at a date and time decided by the Committee and members will be notified at least 14 days before it is held.
- The AGM shall be considered quorate when attended by at least 20% of membership.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called following an application in writing to the Chair person and signed by at least five Club members. All members shall be notified of the meeting details with at least 14 days notice.

8. Child Protection Policy

The Club adopted the attached RG8BC Child Protection Policy. All members are required to have read, understood and assented to the Policy and to recognise and adhere to the principles and practice contained within the Policy.

9. Winding up

- Members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than 75% of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting
- The Committee shall be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- After settling all liabilities of the Club the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining by transferring any balance to the Woodcote Rally Charitable Association for redistribution to local voluntary community service groups

10. Other matters

- The Committee shall have the power to decide on any matter not covered directly by these rules and it's decision will be final.

Draft agreed at Club Committee meeting on 10 July 2017 and due to be ratified at the next AGM.