

Worcestershire Badminton Association Handbook 2025/26



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Clubs are reminded that any changes to the details contained within this handbook must be communicated to the League Secretary.

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WBA Management Committee meetings are held roughly every 6 weeks. If there are any issues you would like to raise please contact the league secretary,
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LEAGUE RULES	
1. Participation	Any club affiliated to Worcester Badminton Association shall be eligible.
2. League Organisation	<p>(a) The league shall consist of Five Divisional Groups – Open, Ladies, Mixed Doubles, Veterans and Combination.</p> <p>(b) There shall be a maximum of eight teams per division.</p> <p>(c) The Open, Ladies and Mixed parts shall consist of one Premier division and then Divisions 1,2,3 etc. The Veterans and Combination part shall consist of Divisions 1, 2, 3 etc. The number of divisions being governed by the number of teams entering the League.</p> <p>(d) Venues for matches shall be as directed by the League Committee. Any club changing venue for matches should first obtain approval from the League Committee.</p> <p>(e) Clubs wishing to enter a team must comply with Rule 9 of the Worcestershire Badminton Association. In the event of a club being found to have fielded any player before the affiliation fees have been paid, the games played by the player(s) concerned shall, retrospectively, be awarded to the other team. A nonreturnable entrance fee of £6.00 per team shall be paid to the League Secretary with the League Entry form.</p> <p>(f) Any club not attending the fixture meeting will not be eligible to play in the league for that season. Re-entry into the League the following season will be one division lower.</p> <p>(g) All matches arranged at the Fixtures meeting should be for dates before the 30th April.</p> <p>(h) In the Veterans league, players will be eligible to play from the date they become 40 years of age.</p> <p>(i) Clubs shall be allowed a maximum of two teams in any one division.</p>
3. League Teams	<p>(a) Open teams shall consist of three pairs that can be comprised with any combination of players, regardless of birth sex. Mixed teams shall consist of 3 pairs where partners must be of a different birth sex. Ladies teams shall consist of four ladies, with both female players have a birth sex of female. The Ladies should play in order of ability. Veterans teams shall consist of 4 players and is open to men and ladies, and teams can consist of any</p>

combination and should play in order of ability. Combination teams shall consist of 2 men and 2 ladies, each gender playing in order of ability.

(b) No player shall enter into both the female and open category within each event e.g. you will not be able to play in both the open and ladies doubles events.

(c) All team members must be bona fide club members for which an affiliation fee has been paid to the Association, otherwise games played may be null and void. In the case of being a member of two clubs, only one affiliation fee is payable. All players must be registered with the BE for all the clubs they play for.

(d) No player shall represent more than one club in the same divisional group (i.e. Open, Ladies, Mixed or Veterans) of the League otherwise the games played for the second club shall be null and void.

(e) Clubs entering more than one team in the same part of the League (Open, Ladies, Mixed, Veterans and Combination) must nominate as follows:

Open and Mixed – if two teams – four first team players

– if two teams – four first team players

– if three teams – four first and four second team players

Ladies, Veterans and Combination – if two teams – three first team players

– if three teams – three first and three second team players.

* See ruling 3 (h) below for cases where a club has two teams in the same division.

(f) Nominated players for ALL teams in each part of the League shall be sent to the League secretary BEFORE the clubs' first match in that part of the League. Failing this the League Committee will determine the nominations based on the score card submitted.

(g) Any player so nominated shall be eligible to play for a team in a higher division but shall not be eligible to play for a team in a lower division. If a player so nominated subsequently plays for a team in a lower division, his/her scores for that team shall be null and void. From this point onwards, all aces scored by this player for any team in a lower division shall be null and void.

(h) Any player who plays three matches in total for teams in higher divisions shall become a nominated player at that level and shall be covered by the same restrictions as a nominated player.

(i) Where a club has two teams playing in the same division, they shall nominate ALL players in their higher teams. Players from the lower team would only be able to play once for the higher team. If a player then plays for the higher team on a second occasion, those games shall become null and void. The nomination system shall still apply to a team that a club has in a higher division (League Rule 4m should also be noted at this point).

(j) All nominated players must play at least 3 matches for the nominated or higher team.

(k) When a player has played no more than twice for a team for which he/she has been nominated, a club may apply in writing to the League Secretary, stating the reason for denomination. Should such a denomination be granted then the player may not be played in a higher team during the rest of the season.

4. League Matches

(a) Open and Mixed matches to consist of nine rubbers each of two games – 21 aces per game (setting permitted) with each pair playing the opposing pairs. The order shall be 1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 2v1, 3v2, 1v3, 3v1, 1v2, 2v3. In the event of the 2 games being shared, a third game shall be played to 11 points, with the winner of the 2nd game the first server. Change ends at 6 points. At 10 points all, there will be setting up to 15 points – the winners will be the team being 2 points ahead. At 14 all the winners will be the winner of the next point.

(b) Ladies, Veterans and Combination matches to consist of six rubbers each, best of three games – 21 aces per game (setting permitted) with pairings as follows:

Ladies and Veterans – 1 + 2; 3 + 4; 1 + 3 : 2 + 4; 1 + 4; 2 + 3 playing the identical opposing pairings.

Combination – man 1 and lady 1 (1 & 3); man 2 and lady 2 (2 & 4); man 1 and lady 2 (1 & 4); man 2 and lady 1 (2 & 3); man 1 and man 2 (1 & 2); lady 1 and lady 2 (3 & 4) playing the identical opposing pairings.

(c) All match results are decided by the number of rubbers won. In the event of these being equal the match is drawn.

(d) In the event of a club being unable to field a complete team, the team will forfeit the games un-played. In the event of a club being unable to field sufficient eligible players to gain a result, the match may be claimed by the opposing team as a conceded match (a walkover). The team claiming the match will be deemed to have played this match and will be awarded the full number of games and aces available in this match, and the team conceding this match will be deemed not to have played this match (note rule 4m). To avoid the penalties involved from a match being conceded, a club **may** utilise ineligible players in order for the match to be completed. In this case, the ineligible players' results will be void, so the opposing team should be advised of this fact and the relevant Divisional League Secretary notified. Ideally the scorecard should be completed with the relevant games conceded 21-0.

(e) All unfinished rubbers shall be replayed from the start.

(f) Club secretaries must inform the League Secretary of match dates.

(g) Matches once arranged may only be postponed due to non-availability of hall, extreme weather or other conditions to be agreed by the league committee. In the event of postponement **both clubs** must inform the divisional league secretary in writing within 24 hours of the original fixture date giving reasons for the postponement. If no such communication is received the club(s) shall be deemed to have conceded this match (Note rule 4m). Any rearranged matches must be played by the end of April and the League Secretary and Divisional League Secretaries must be informed in writing by the home team, and confirmed by the away team, within 4 weeks of the original arranged date.

(h) Any club postponing matches except as above, may have the match awarded to their opponents. Agreement between clubs to waive the above rule may result in the match being declared null and void, but the league committee reserve the right to direct that any postponed match be re-arranged or take any other action as it sees fit when the result detrimentally affect a 3rd team. Any club conceding an away match for reason except as listed in 4g shall pay a penalty of £25 to the County Association, to compensate the home club. If an away team arrives to play a match, but the home team do not attend then the home team shall pay a penalty of £15 to the County Association, to compensate the away club.

(i) The official score card will be provided by the home team.

(j) **The home team are responsible for entering the match details and result on Badminton England Just Go with a copy of the signed match scorecard forwarded by the home captain to the relevant Divisional League Secretary via e-mail within 48 hours.** Failure to do so will result in a **1-point penalty** for the home team. Failure to forward the scorecard within 7 days will result in a further **1-point penalty** for the home team.

(k) The cost of the league matches will be borne by the home team.

(l) A team failing to complete any of its matches will be deemed to have withdrawn from the League.

(m) Any club with two teams in the same division must play those matches first otherwise the team may lose the results of matches played before these are completed. The ranking of the two teams would be decided from those results.

(n) Where no scorecard is received, the away team may be allowed to claim any points, rubbers, games and aces won in this match but will not be able to claim a walkover, unless they were given a walkover.

(o) A team not having a playing pair per available court ready to play within 15 minutes of the starting time of a match, including knocking up, shall forfeit the first rubber, unless that rubber can be played within the time allowed for the whole match. Order of play shall be as outlined on the scorecard, see rules 4(a) and 4(b).

(p) If a club is obliged to vacate its premises before a match has been completed, the home club shall forfeit all outstanding games, unless the away team has contravened rule 4(o).

(q) In the event of a match being conceded, both teams must notify the divisional league secretary stating the reason for the match being conceded.

(r) In the event of an injury to a player during the course of a match, no substitutions will be allowed that affect the final score. However, at the discretion of both teams a substitute player can play but their scores will not count.

(s) In accordance with League Rule 4d, a team shall forfeit the result of any game where the full name of the player (as registered with BE) is omitted from the score sheet or is illegible. In the event of 2 players in a club having the same name, it should be clear on the scorecard which player is which.

(t) Should any conceded match detrimentally affect the promotion/relegation prospect of a 3rd party team, the League Committee reserve the right to take any steps to remedy the situation.

5. Divisional Placings

(a) Two points will be awarded for a win and one for a tie.

(b) In the event of a match being conceded, two points will be awarded for the win and two points will be deducted from the team who conceded the match. In the event of a team conceding two or more matches, six points will be deducted from that team in each incidence.

(c) The final placing of a club in its divisional group shall be determined by the number of points gained. In the event of points being equal the Club with the higher rubber difference between won and lost shall be placed higher in the division. In the event of the rubber difference also being equal, the Club with the higher games difference between the won and lost shall be placed higher in the division. In the event of games difference being equal then aces won divided by aces lost shall be worked out and the higher result shall determine final league places.

6. Promotion and Relegation

At the discretion of the League Committee the League Committee will state whether play-offs take place and if they are to be arranged the date will be published at the beginning of the season.

(a) All divisions—one up and one down.

(b) All divisions—second from bottom team in a division shall play the team finishing second from top in the lower division in a play-off match (see 7).

(c) In the event that no play-offs take place, promotion and relegation will be one up and one down, apart from the bottom division, which will be 2 up, and the next to bottom division will be one up and 2 down.

(d) If a team opts not to take promotion, it shall be demoted to the bottom division.

7. Play-off Matches

(a) Play-off matches will all take place at a neutral venue in May. The cost will be £20 per team, payable on the day. The team from the higher division will provide the shuttles for their match, with costs shared by their opponents. Any team failing to turn up for the match will automatically forfeit the match and will play in the lower division the following season.

(b) To be eligible to play in a Play-off match, players should have played at least 50% of the matches for the team. Players who subsequently become nominated for a higher team would no longer be eligible (see rule 3g). In the event of an ineligible player taking part in the match, all their games will be awarded to the opposition. If a club is unable to field a complete team of eligible players the League will consider granting special dispensation to any player who has not quite fulfilled the necessary 50% appearances.

(c) In the event that two teams from the same club would be involved in a match, no match will take place and the teams will remain in the same divisions the following season.

(d) The League committee may decide not to hold play-offs in any given year, if circumstances deem it appropriate.

8. Shuttles

(a) All shuttles must be cork based and conform to Law 4 of the Laws of Badminton. In addition to this the skirt of all shuttlecocks used in the three Premier Divisions and five First Divisions of the league and in Veterans Divisions must be made of natural goose feathers.

(b) The home team must ensure an adequate supply of such shuttlecocks.

(c) Shuttlecocks of the same make, type, and speed must be used throughout the match.

9. Trophies

See Association Rule 10.

(a) A £50 fine will be levied if the trophies are not returned prior to one month before the presentation.

(b) Trophies not collected at the presentation will be retained by WBA.

(c) It is the responsibility of the winner of the trophy to have the trophy engraved otherwise a fine of £10 will be levied.

10. General

The committee reserves the right to take action against any club or player who is found not to be acting in the spirit of the game.

Recommendation:

(a) It is recommended that teams should make contact the week before a match to confirm the details for the match.

(b) Clubs sharing the same facilities:

Where one or more clubs use the same facilities, a sub-committee should be formed comprising of two members from each club.

The duties of this sub-committee are:

- To confirm the established use of all clubs concerned of the facility.
- To deal with any conflicts arising as a result of the use of the facility
- To judge on any members conflict of interests reference the clubs concerned

Should any matter arise which cannot be satisfactorily resolved, then it should be passed on to the league committee for advice.

(c) Teams shall be written onto the scorecard before the start of the match. Each team shall write their own players in **BOLD CAPITALS**.

(d) Clubs should play the majority of higher team matches before all lower team matches have been completed.

Further information regarding the open category:

Worcestershire Badminton Association have followed the guidance provided by Badminton England regarding participation in badminton by transgender and non-binary players. For further information please see the links below.

[The Badminton England Policy for Transgender Badminton Players.](#)

[Explanatory note to accompany the policy.](#)

[Frequently asked questions.](#)

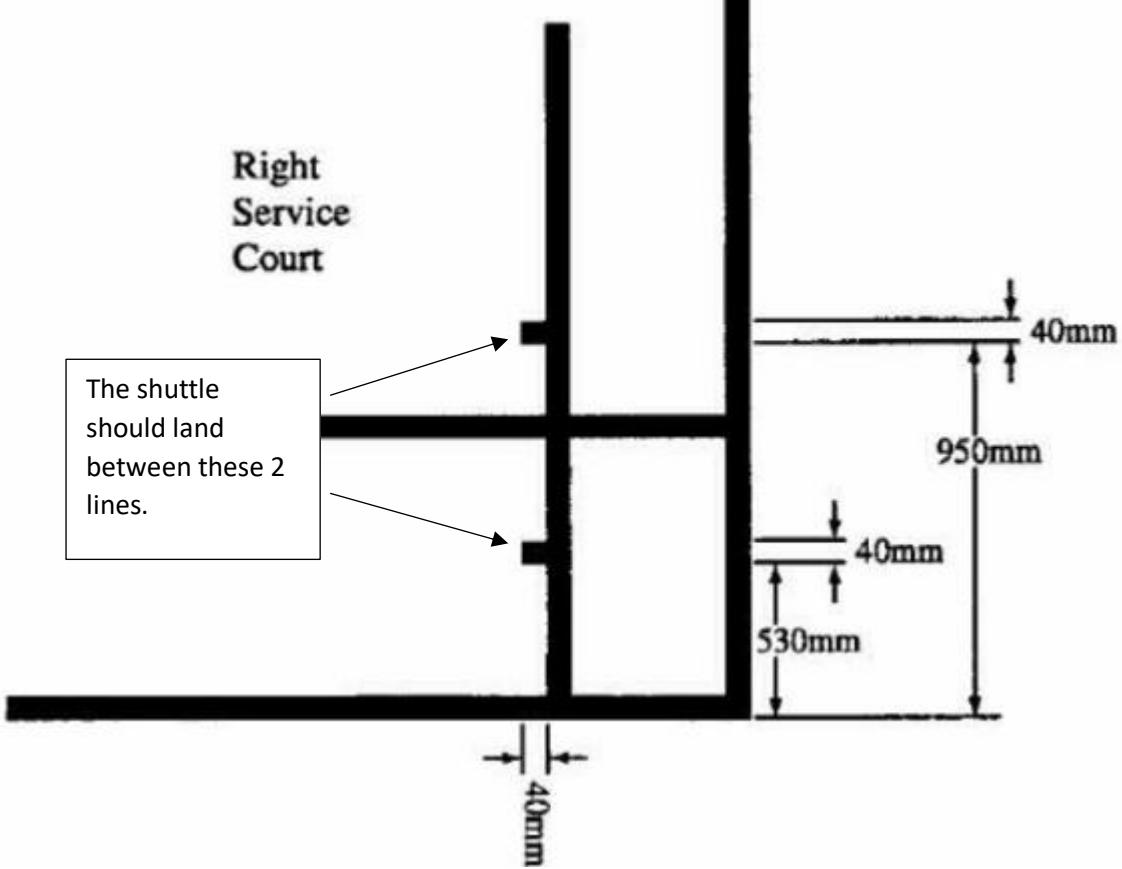
[Equality, Diversity & Inclusion \(badmintonengland.co.uk\)](#)

Further information on how to correctly test the shuttle can be found in this video:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/zBfJUq-kkUc?feature=shared>

To test a shuttle, a player shall use a full underhand stroke which makes contact with the shuttle over the back-boundary line. The shuttle shall be hit at an upward angle and in a direction parallel to the side lines.

A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530 mm and not more than 990 mm short of the other back boundary line as in the diagram below.



Worcestershire League – Member Clubs	
ALCESTER	
Matches - 2 courts Thursday 8:00-10:00 pm (Mens – Plastics, Vets/Combi – Feathers) <i>The Greig Hall, Kinwarton Road, Alcester B49 6AD</i> Club - 4 courts Monday 7.00 – 9.30 pm; 4 courts	Secretary Nigel Hawes 07814 785234 nphawes@gmail.com Match Secretary As above
BADMINTON BEARS	
Matches –Thursday 7:30-10:00pm (Feathers) <i>Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, Birmingham B15 3JL</i>	Secretary Kelvin Lim 07931010054 birminghambears2022@gmail.com
Club – Monday 8-10pm, Tuesday 8:15-10:15pm, Thursday 7:30-10pm (Feathers) <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary As above
BADMINTON WARRIORS	
Matches – Wednesday 8:00-10:00pm (Feathers) <i>Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, Birmingham B15 3JL</i>	Secretary Sahil Jain 07442399147
Club – Wednesday 8:00-10:00pm (Feathers) <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Rajan Sohal 07402097756
BARNT GREEN SPORTS CLUB	
Matches - 2 courts: Friday 8.00 pm or Sunday 4.00 pm, 6.00 pm or 8.00 pm as arranged. (Feathers) <i>Barnt Green Sports Club, Margesson Drive, Barnt Green, B45 8LR</i>	Secretary Kayleigh Smith 07516002714 kaymay01@hotmail.co.uk
Club – 2 courts Monday 8.00 – 10.00pm (Club team members), Tuesday 8.00-10.00 pm (Intermediate), Wednesday 7.00-10.00 pm (County), Thursday 8.00-10.00 pm (Social) <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary As above
HCK	
Matches –Tuesday 7.00-10.00 pm and Friday 8.00-10.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Hagley Catholic High School, Brake Lane, Hagley, Worcs, DY8 2XL</i>	Secretary Stuart Cooper, 07860 330541 sp_cooper@hotmail.com
Club – 4 courts Tuesday and Friday 8.00-10.00 pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Laura Cotton 07463 925423 laus260@hotmail.com
KBC	
Matches – Monday 8.00-10.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Baxter College, Habberley Rd, Kidderminster, DY11 5PQ</i>	Secretary James Stickley 07563 576222 jstickley174@hotmail.co.uk
Club – 4 courts Thursday 8.00-10.00 pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Sally Bangay 07957 848132 jsbangay@gmail.com
LONGMEADOW	
Matches – 2 courts Tuesday 8.00-10.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Arrow Vale Sports Centre, Greensward Lane, Matchborough, Redditch, B98 0EN</i>	Secretary Margaret Hope 07941 076429 mhope2@hotmail.co.uk
Club – 2 courts Thursday 8.20-10.20 pm <i>Abbey Stadium, Birmingham Road, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6EJ</i>	Match Secretary As above Website: www.longmeadow-badminton.co.uk

LYE	
Matches – Mondays (mainly) and Thursdays 8.00 – 10.00pm (Feathers) <i>Hagley Catholic High School, Brake Lane, Hagley, Worcs, DY8 2XL</i>	Secretary Evie Hamar 07753 164968 eviehamar@blueyonder.co.uk Match Secretary Michael Aldridge 07462 323399 michael.aldrige1986@hotmail.co.uk
Club – Mondays and Thursdays 8.00 – 10.00pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	
MANOR	
Matches – Friday 7.00 – 9.00 pm (Feathers) <i>North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Stratford Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 1BA</i>	Secretary Ben Hathway Benji.hathway@gmail.com
Club – Tuesday 7.30-9.30 pm, Friday 7.00 – 9.00 pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Mark Brown 07753 636321 markcbrown50@gmail.com
PITMASTON PARK	
Matches – 2 courts Tuesday 8.00-10.00 pm, some Sundays 4.00 - 6.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Bilford Road, Worcester, WR3 8DX</i>	Secretary Abu Taher 07773 619940 Abu9275@hotmail.com
Club – 2 courts Tuesday 8.00-10.00 pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary James Hodgkins, 07827 314068 jameshodgkins1@gmail.com
STOURBRIDGE INSTITUTE – S.I.B.C	
Matches – 1 court Mon, Wed, Thurs 7.00-11.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Stourbridge Institute Social Club, Bell Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 1AE</i>	Secretary Jan Hewett 07783 419147 jan.hewett33@gmail.com
Club – 1 court Tuesday 8.00 - 10.30 pm (please phone as this night is often used for matches during the season) <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Combi 1 – Richard Lewis 07803 128245 lewisbigrich@blueyonder.co.uk or Combi 2 Jerry Roper 01384 443991/07484 823904, jeremy_roper@btinternet.com
WEST MERCIA	
Matches – Wednesdays (Tom Savage Hall) 8.00 – 10.00 pm. Fridays (Cobham Hall) 8.00 – 10.00 pm 1. RGS Worcester - Tom Savage Hall, Little London, Worcester WR1 1PZ 2. RGS Worcester - Cobham Hall, Upper Tything, Worcester WR1 1HP Club – Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm. Website: www.wmbc.uk	Secretary Dave Timms - 07967 723184 clubsecretarywmbc@yahoo.com
WOLVERLEY	
Matches – Friday/Monday 8.00-10.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Winterfold House School, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs, DY10 4PW</i>	Secretary Thomas Reeve, 07707 593053 wbclubsecretary@gmail.com
Club – 4 courts Monday 8.00-10.00 pm <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary Dave Preston, 07973 717152 willowtree2413@live.co.uk
WORCESTER	
Matches – 3 courts Monday, Wednesday 8.00 pm (Feathers) <i>Kings School Sports Hall, Severn Street, Worcester, WR1 2ND</i>	Secretary Pete Cairns 07484879374 pistolpete007@btinternet.com
Club – 4 courts Monday, Wednesday <i>Venue as for matches</i>	Match Secretary As above

Junior Clubs

Please note that these clubs may not be affiliated to Badminton England

BADMINTON BEARS	
Harborne Academy, Birmingham B15 3JL Sunday - 5:45-7pm (Aged 8-12) 6:45-8pm (Aged 13-17)	Contact Kelvin Lim 07931010054 birminghambears2022@gmail.com
BARNT GREEN	
Barnt Green Sports Club Saturday – 11.00 - 1.00 pm All juniors 12.30 - 1.30 pm Beginners 1.30 - 2.30 pm Improvers coaching 2.30 - 3.30 pm Advanced coaching Thursday – 5.00 – 7.00 pm Advanced coaching	Contact Reggie Baker 07956 160792 badders55@yahoo.co.uk Tony Gardner, 07779 311426 tcg.103@hotmail.com
BAXTER	
Baxter College, Kidderminster Monday – 7.00 to 8.00 pm Autumn and Spring terms	Contact Dave Barnett, 07719 292745 dave@lakeshouse.com
BEWDLEY COLTS	
Bewdley Leisure Centre Saturday – 10.00 to 11.30 am Autumn and Spring terms	Contact Dave Barnett 07719 292745 dave@lakeshouse.com
MANOR JUNIOR CLUB	
North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Stratford Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 1BA Tuesday – 6.30 to 7.30 pm	Contact Andrew Johnson 07587 153741 andy@thejohnson4.co.uk
WEST MERCIA	
Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Bilford Road, Worcester. WR3 8DX. Tuesday – 6 to 8 pm	Contact Steve Genever 07552 704004 stevengenever@hotmail.co.uk
WORCESTER BADMINTON CLUB	
Bishop Perowne Sports Hall, Merrimans Hill Road, Worcester, WR3 8LE Saturday – 10.00 to 11.00 am. Age 7-15 and must be accompanied by an adult who can also play Saturday – 11.00 to 1.00 pm General play. Please contact before turning up	Contact Jan Brant 07751 409773 jbfrog@talk21.com
WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY JUNIORS	
Waseley Hills High School. School Road, Rubery, B45 9EL Sunday – 11.00 to 1.00 pm Under 15 years Sunday – 1.00 to 3.00 pm Over 15 years	Contact Steven Genever 07552 704004 worcestershirecounty@gmail.com

ASSOCIATION RULES

1. The Association shall be called 'The Worcestershire Badminton Association', (hereinafter called the Association), and all clubs affiliated to it shall be affiliated to The Badminton Association of England, and shall conform to its rules.
2. The objects of the Association shall be the promotion of Badminton generally in the County, the organisation of annual Inter-Club competitions and the arrangement of County matches and County Championships. Affiliated Clubs shall be eligible to take part in such functions directly promoted by the Association.
3. All Clubs of which the object or one of the objects is Badminton and having their courts in the County of Worcester 1886 Boundary, shall be eligible for membership, subject to the approval of the committee. Any clubs or match venues based outside the County of Worcestershire 1886 Boundary, shall lie within a 20-mile radius of Worcester. All residents in the County of Worcester 1886 Boundary or any person whose interest lies in observing the playing of Badminton shall be eligible for Associate Membership, subject to the approval of the Committee. A General Meeting shall be empowered to elect to Honorary Associate Membership, without subscription, such persons as may be deemed worthy of the honour, they shall possess the same rights as Associate Members. Recommendations shall be made in writing to the Honorary General Secretary by 31st March in each year.
4. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of, a President (if elected), Vice Presidents (if any are elected, of whom there shall be no more than three), a Chairman, an Honorary General Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer (who may be one and the same person), a League Secretary, all hereinafter referred to as officers, and not more than twenty-five members of affiliated clubs. All officers other than the President and Vice-Presidents shall be members of clubs belonging to the Association. All members of the Committee shall be elected annually by ballot and shall be eligible for re-election on retirement. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies at their discretion and to create and to co-opt to such sub-committees as may be necessary. Five shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Management Committee at which shall be elected a Chairman who shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote. The Committee shall have the power to invite individuals to become Honorary Life Vice-Presidents of the Association.
5. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, for the purpose of receiving the Committee's report, passing the Accounts, electing the Committee and an Honorary Auditor if desired, for the ensuing year, and other business. Each club belonging to the Association shall be entitled to send representatives to this and every General Meeting. The officers shall not be deemed to be representatives of the respective Clubs to which they may belong, but shall ex officio be entitled to vote at General Meetings, but in the event of the same Club having more than one officer, in addition to one other representative present at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, only two of such representatives shall be entitled to vote. Notices convening the meeting, and stating the business to be done, shall be sent to the Honorary Secretaries of the Clubs belonging to the Association and to Associate Members at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to their ordinary vote.
6. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee, and shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary upon the requisition in writing signed by any three members of the Committee or by representatives of six affiliated clubs. Every such requisition shall expressly state the object of the proposed meeting. The Honorary General Secretary shall give to all Honorary Secretaries of the Clubs belonging to the Association and Associate Members at least seven days' notice of such meeting, specifying the purpose for which it is called, and no other business than that specified shall be transacted thereat.

7. The Honorary General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Committee when requested in writing to do so by three members thereof, or at any time at their discretion.
8. The Rules of the Association may be altered, but only at a General Meeting, and the proposed alterations shall be fully specified in the notice convening the meeting. No alterations of the Rules shall be adopted unless two thirds of those present entitled to vote shall be in favour of such alteration.
9. The Annual Subscription for a Club (which shall include the subscription payable to the Badminton ENGLAND, by the Association) shall be the amount agreed at the Association's AGM plus the amount agreed at the AGM of Badminton ENGLAND.
10. By the 1st November each club shall pass to the Badminton ENGLAND the affiliation fee for each member of the club.
11. Any club whose affiliation fee is not paid by 1st January shall, at the discretion of the Management Committee, cease to be a member of the Association and shall forfeit all rights attributable to such membership. Details of any person becoming members of a club subsequent to the payment of the annual subscriptions referred to above shall be sent immediately to the Badminton ENGLAND with the appropriate affiliation fee.
12. All trophies awarded on an annual basis to individuals or clubs remain the property of the Association and shall be returned at a date and venue laid down by the organising committee awarding the trophy. Any individual or club failing to return a trophy at date and venue specified shall be fined and shall not be allowed to enter any competition organised by the Association until such fine is paid and the trophy returned. In addition, the offending club or individual shall not be allowed to hold a trophy belonging to the Association for one year from the date of the offence.
13. County Colours for the relevant team will be awarded to any player who has represented the Association in all but one of the Inter-County Championship matches for their designated team in one season, or has represented the Association in 8 Senior County matches in all County Colours will be awarded to any player who has represented the Association in 8 Veterans team matches.
14. The County Playing Colours for players granted their colour under Rule 11 shall be: -
 - a. First Team: A badge consisting of the County Crest with the words "Worcestershire" above and "Badminton" below
 - b. Second Team: A badge similar to the above but with the words "Second Team" below the crest.
 - c. Third Team: A badge similar to the above but with the words "Third Team" below the crest.
 - d. Veterans Team: A badge similar to the above but with the words "Veterans Team" below the crest.
15. Any member of an affiliated club shall be entitled to wear the scarf and tie in County Colours, viz.: Green and Yellow.
16. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters not covered by these rules.