

Constitution for Burnholme Badminton Club

1 Name of Club

The club will be called *BURNHOLME BADMINTON CLUB* (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Club).

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To play and promote badminton
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

3 Membership

(a) Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in playing badminton, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

(b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:

- Full member (see 3e for definition)
- Junior member (under-18)

(c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.

(d) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Pay-as-you-play fees will also be set by the AGM. If necessary, fee changes can be made by an Extraordinary General Meeting.

(e) Individuals shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club and vote at general meetings if two out of the three full terms in the current year have been paid for in advance rather than pay-as-you-play (this does not include arrangements over the school summer holidays).

4 Fairness

(a) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

(b) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

(c) All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

4 Committee

(a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be elected at the AGM.

- (b) All committee members must be members of the Club.
- (c) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.
- (e) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- (f) The Committee will have powers to appoint and advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (g) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

5 Finances

- (a) The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- (b) The financial year of the club will run from 1 August and end on 31 July.
- (c) All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- (d) A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the treasurer plus one other officer.
- (f) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

6 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of July. The Agenda will include:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Report from the Committee.
 - Treasurer's report and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Deal with other relevant business.

- (c) Notice of the AGM will be given on the club website and orally.
- (d) Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (e) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (f) The quorum for AGMs will be 25% of the current membership.
- (g) The Chairman of the Club shall hold a deliberative (ie ordinary member's vote) as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (h) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members. All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

7 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

8 Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

(b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will be disposed off as agreed by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

9 Declaration

BURNHOLME BADMINTON CLUB hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name		Position	Chair
Sign		Date	

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Sign		Date	