

## **9/ MATCHPLAY**

### **a. Play**

When a fixture has commenced the play shall be continuous, except for brief refreshment.

Embracing the spirit of sport, all players and pairs must be listed in order of merit.

### **b. Scorecards**

Before the commencement of each fixture Fixture Captains shall exchange scorecards giving details of team players rankings. Once scorecards have been exchanged, no pairings may be altered nor may the rankings be changed.

Both ladies and men players are to be ranked in order of merit (playing strength) from 1<sup>st</sup> through to 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **c. Clothing**

Players must wear acceptable badminton clothing while playing league fixtures and tournaments. Beachwear is not considered acceptable.

### **d. Shuttles**

The home club shall bear all the expenses of the fixture and provide the shuttles. The same brand and speed of shuttle must be used throughout the fixture, including the pre-match knock-up.

The shuttles shall be the correct speed for tournament play as laid down in the current BWF Laws of Badminton.

A brief explanation of those requirements is as follows:

Construction Shuttles should be all feather only with either a cork or composite cork base.

Composition Shuttles must have 16 feathers fixed into the cork or composite cork base.

The feathers must be between 62mm and 70mm long and fastened together with thread.

Flight Shuttles must fall between 530mm and 990mm of the back boundary line (baseline).

(Some courts may have test marks on the sidelines at the back of the court to assist in testing.)

Neither composite feather shuttles (hybrids), nor plastic shuttles shall be used in the PHBA for league matches or tournaments. Clubs may, of course, use any type of shuttle for club nights and training sessions.

### **e. Faults**

In accordance with BWF badminton rules, if the shuttle touches the ceiling or side walls it is a fault. If the shuttle strikes any other obstruction on either side of the net within the confines of the court, this shall be a let.

### **f. Scorers**

Scorers (not umpires) can be provided in a league fixture if one of the participating captains wishes.

### **g. Scoring**

A team shall be awarded 1 league point for each game won. In the event of a fixture not being finished by the time the hire of the court expires - and provided that the fixture commenced at the notified time - all completed games shall stand.

The outstanding games may be completed within 7 days, only with the agreement of both team captains. The League Secretary must be informed as in Rule 8b.

When a fixture has not commenced at the notified time any incomplete games shall be forfeited by the team at fault and the league points will be awarded according to the above Rules.

When a fixture has not been completed the reason should be stated on the scorecard and signed by both team captains. The League Secretary must be informed.

### **h. Results**

The scorecards of all fixtures should be checked and agreed and signed by both Fixture Captains.

The representatives of both clubs are responsible for entering the result onto the PHBA website.

The home club is responsible for entering the result onto the website within 5 days and the away club should verify the result within a further 5 days.

Captains/Club Representatives should retain all of their scorecards for possible future reference.

### **i. Court etiquette**

Line-calling is to be made by the team closer to the point of contact. The opposition may dispute the call if they believe it to be wrong or in doubt. In this instance a let should be played.

Excessive swearing or aggressive behaviour, even if not directed at the opposition, is to be avoided.

Image-capturing by camera, video-camera, mobile phone *etc* should only be undertaken with the express approval of all individuals concerned, including any spectators. If approval is given then special care must be taken if minors or vulnerable adults are also present.