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RULES 2011-2012

1. The competition will be called “The Banbury Town League”
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 - a) The competition will be played under Badminton England rules.
 - b) All clubs will be affiliated to BE through their County Association
3. The League Committee comprising of Chairman, League Secretary, General Secretary / Treasurer and 2 committee members shall be elected annually at the AGM (maximum 2 votes per club)
4. The League shall consist of Composite Mixed Doubles, Pure Mixed Doubles, Mens Doubles and Ladies Doubles Leagues and a Knockout Cup Event.
5.
 - a) Composite Mixed Doubles shall consist of 3 Ladies and 3 Men
 - b) A match will comprise of 3 Ladies, 3 Mens and 3 Mixed doubles
 - c) The order of play for the mixed doubles will be:

1 st Mens – man 1 & 2	1 st Ladies – lady 1 & 2	1 st Mixed - any man & any lady
2 nd Mens – man 1 & 3	2 nd Ladies – lady 1 & 3	2 nd Mixed - any man & any lady
3 rd Mens – man 2 & 3	3 rd Ladies – lady 2 & 3	3 rd Mixed - any man & any lady
 - d) Complete pairings must be declared before the start of play
6. The Mens and Ladies leagues shall consist of 6 men and 4 ladies respectively. The Pure Mixed shall be 3 pairings of 1 man and 1 lady.
The order of play is:

	Ladies (players)	Mens (pairs)	Mixed (pairs)
(Home first)	1,2 v 1,2	1 v 1	1 v 1
	3,4 v 3,4	2 v 2	2 v 2
	1,3 v 1,3	3 v 3	3 v 3
	2,4 v 2,4	2 v 1	2 v 1
	1,4 v 1,4	3 v 2	3 v 2
	2,3 v 2,3	1 v 3	1 v 3
		3 v 1	3 v 1
		1 v 2	1 v 2
		2 v 3	2 v 3
7. A rubber shall consist of the best of 3 games to 21 points, rally scoring, setting at 20 all. The side winning a rally adds a point to its score. If the score reaches 20 all, the side which gains a 2 point lead first, wins that game, e.g. 27-25. At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point, wins that game. The side winning a game serves first in the next game. In the third end, change ends when the first pair reaches 11 points.

8. Match results to be forwarded to the League Secretary within 14 days of the match. Results not received within this time will be declared null and void ie a 0-0 result.
9. A club unable to complete a match shall forfeit any unplayed rubbers to their opponents. In the event of insufficient time, the Home Captain may decide to play the remaining rubbers 1 game to 21 points but the League Secretary must be informed of the circumstances when returning the score card.
10. A team in the mens and mixed matches shall gain 3 points for winning a match and each team shall gain 1 point for each rubber won; a conceded match will be forfeited to the offended team by 8 points to 0. In the ladies matches, teams will gain 1 point for each rubber won ; a conceded match forfeited 4 points to 0.
11. If any club enters more than 1 team in a league, they shall nominate 4 players (2 men and 2 ladies in the mixed league) in all but the lowest team to the League Secretary prior to the first match. These players will be ineligible to play down. In the ladies 4 player teams, they shall nominate 3 players.
12. If any club has more than 1 team in a division, these teams must play their home and away matches against each other before playing any other club in the competition.
13. No player who has played 3 or more games in any team during a season may play in a lower team.
14. No player may represent or be nominated for more than 1 club in a) the Composite Mixed League b) the Pure Mixed League c) Mens League d) Ladies League e) Knockout Cup
15. Either team is at liberty to claim the first rubber if the opposition is 20 minutes late arriving and consecutive rubbers for each 15 minutes thereafter. Claimed rubbers will be scored 21-0 21-0
16. Matches may only be postponed due to the unavailability of the hall, inclement weather or by mutual agreement of both clubs. The League Secretary should be informed of the re-arrangement in writing.
17. All first division matches shall be played with feather shuttles unless there is only 1 division. In this case the Home Team decides. Other matches may use cork-based plastic/nylon shuttles or feather shuttles as the home team decides.
18. At the completion of the season a division which comprises 6 teams or more shall have the top 2 promoted and the bottom 2 relegated. In a division with less than 6 teams, only 1 team will be promoted and relegated. Where promotion and relegation is between divisions of varying sizes, the smaller division will take precedence ie only 1 team will be promoted or relegated from this division.
19. Relegation and promotion in accordance with Rule 19 may be varied if a change in team entries at the start of each season makes it necessary.
20. Any new teams wishing to play in the competition will be placed in the bottom division if accepted.
21. The League Committee will be responsible for trophy engraving.
22. Subscriptions will be £4.00 per club plus £4.00 per team. Entry for the Knockout Competition will be £4.00.
23. The AGM will be the second Thursday in July each year. All clubs should give 5 weeks notice to the Secretary of any proposed amendments or additions to the rules. All clubs will receive 4 weeks notice of the AGM and any proposals suggested.
24. All League fixtures must be completed by the end of May.

25. If any team concedes more than 2 matches in a division in 1 season, ALL teams in the club will be placed at the bottom of their divisions.
26. The Dave Thompson Memorial Trophy will be presented to the team with the highest aggregate points total per season.
27. The Knockout Handicap Competition will be played on a mixed doubles handicap basis under BTBL rules. The clubs involved will accept the handicapping arrived at by the committee. Only players currently playing in the league are eligible. The venue will be drawn for. The team will consist of 3 mixed couples playing with the same partner throughout the match. Order of play will be the same as Mens/Ladies league. Each game will consist of 2 games per rubber. **Scoring will be Rally Scoring to 21, no setting** All teams will nominate a squad of players from which their team will be drawn and all nominations must be received by 30 September. In the event of a draw, the visiting team will be deemed the winner. If however the fixture is played at a neutral venue, points scored in the first 3 rubbers with the appropriate handicap, shall decide the winners. Clubs may enter more than one team. The committee has the power to introduce negative starting scores to improve the quality of the game.
28. In the event of any dispute, the Committee's decision will be final.