

WANTAGE BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton England Affiliation No CL000210

1 NAME

The club will be known as **“WANTAGE BADMINTON CLUB”** ("the Club").

The Club will be affiliated to Badminton England and to other Badminton Associations as required in order to play in leagues.

The club will be managed by the Management Committee (“Committee”) who will be responsible to the membership for the administration and finances of the Club affairs

2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

- To enable members to play badminton in a safe environment
- To offer badminton coaching and competition opportunities where practical
- To play and promote badminton within the local community
- To provide duty of care and protection to all club members.
- To make sure all club members are treated equitably.

3 RULES

All Club members are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner both on and off court, particularly when playing matches.

Any Club member may introduce visitors to the Club, but they will be limited to two visitors per member per night and should inform the Match Secretary or Chairperson in advance whenever possible.

A visitor may only attend three times per term (six times per year) before being required to apply for membership.

4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership consists of officers and members of the club.

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.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Full or adult member.
- Junior member (Under 18 years of age)
- Social member (Non playing)
- Honorary member (Non playing)

5 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”)

Fees for the 8-month playing season commencing on 1 September each year and ending by 30 April the following year, shall be paid in advance and by 30 September or as agreed by the Treasurer.

Any member joining part way through the year may, by discretion of the Committee, pay a pro rata fee.

The fees for any additional sessions outside of the playing season, including the summer, will be set by the Committee.

Fees for visitors will be set by the Committee by 1 September each year.

6 OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

The officers of the club will be:

- Chairperson. [Principle Post]
- Secretary [Principle Post]
- Treasurer [Principle Post]
- Match Secretary (& Tournament Co-ordinator) [Principle Post]
- Team Captains [Only when teams are in place]
- Welfare Officer
- Coaching Co-ordinator [As required]
- Any other relevant position [As required]

Officers will be elected at the AGM

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

7 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Club will be managed through the Management Committee (“Committee”) consisting of:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Match secretary
- Team Captains

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and shall be held at least once per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings will be: 50% of the Principle Posts and 50% of the serving Team Captains.

The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Committee will have powers to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

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

8 FINANCE

All club monies will be banked in a bank account held in the name of the club.

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the Club will end on 30th April each calendar year.

The annual financial statements will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM and checked for completeness and accuracy by two ordinary members appointed for this purpose at the AGM.

Any payments drawn against club funds should be approved by the Treasurer plus one other bank authorised officer.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (“AGM”)

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club Secretary.

Not less than 21 clear days’ notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Committee and the annual financial statements.

Nominations for officers of the Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for an AGMs will be 50% of the Principle Posts and 50% of serving Team captains and Club members to a minimum of 25% of the Club membership.

The Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (“EGM”) outside the AGM. Procedures for an EGM will be the same as for the AGM.

10 DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the Club's child protection policy and procedures. The Club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary

The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

11 DISSOLUTION

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


In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will be donated to a Sports related charity as agreed by the Committee.

12 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

13 DECLARATION

Wantage Badminton Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED:  DATE: 13TH JANUARY 2023

NAME: MARK GODDEN

POSITION: TREASURER

SIGNED:  DATE: 13TH JANUARY 2023

NAME: HARI KANJOLA

POSITION: CHAIR