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Constitution of the North Devon Badminton Association

1. The Association shall be known as the North Devon Badminton Association.
2. Member clubs must be affiliated to North Devon Badminton Association, Badminton England and Devon County Badminton Association.
3. Member clubs must have their hall within the limits of the North Devon area i.e. any point which lies within a 30 mile radius with a central point which bisects a straight line drawn between Barnstaple and Bideford.
4. The objects of the Association shall be the organisation of the League, Tournaments and badminton generally in the area, using sub-committees that consist of at least 2 Association Committee members.
5. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of not more than 10 ordinary members and 3 ex-officio members i.e. Honorary Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and shall have the power to co-opt members, as required. All ordinary members shall serve for three years; all ex-officio members shall serve for one year, but all shall be eligible for re-election.
6. The Committee shall have the power to elect sub-committees at their discretion and to delegate such powers to these committees as they think fit.
7. Business shall not be conducted unless a quorum consisting of 5 members of the Committee are present. The chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary role.
8. The Committee shall have the power to propose alterations or additions to the rules of the Association

from time to time, as they may deem expedient. Notice of such proposed alterations shall be set forth in the notice convening the Special General Meeting, which shall be sent to the Secretary of all Member Clubs. The option of an 'E' vote will be offered. Voting as per AGM rules with two appointed representatives to vote per Member Club. NDBA Committee members shall exercise their vote independently from their member club. Any such alterations must be brought up for confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting.

9. An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the last day in May each year. All members of affiliated Clubs are invited to attend and each Club shall be entitled to nominate two representatives, each to have one vote. (One club vote can be made by 'E' Vote.) Members of the Committee shall not be deemed to represent the respective Clubs to which they belong but shall be entitled to vote at the Meeting. Any Club not sending a representative to the Annual General Meeting will incur a fine of £10.
10. Any proposal to alter the constitution or rules for presentation to the Annual General Meeting must be sent, in writing to the Honorary Secretary, not later than 30th APRIL, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, who must both be affiliated members of the Association.
11. Notices convening the meeting and stating the business to be done including any 'E' vote link shall be sent to the Honorary Secretaries of the Clubs affiliated to the Association at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.
12. The quorum for such a meeting shall be the presence of twelve members eligible to vote.
13. Every proposal submitted shall be decided by a two-thirds majority but a ballot may be demanded by the

Chairman or by the majority at the Annual General Meeting.

14. The Committee shall have the power to elect Honorary Life members who shall be entitled to attend and vote at all NDBA Association Meetings.
15. Two members of the Committee or three member Clubs, may instruct the Committee in writing to call a Special General Meeting to discuss a specific item. Such a meeting shall be convened within 30 days of the receipt of the instruction and at least one week's notice shall be given to all clubs. The agenda will consist of this item only. For those unable to attend a Special General Meeting proxy votes by 'E' Vote will be accepted. Those who do not attend the meeting or submit a proxy vote will be deemed as abstaining from any vote.
16. NOTE – the League entry fee rule is included in League Rules (5) The annual subscription to the Association shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and must be paid to the League Registration Secretary annually with the league entry form or, in the case of clubs who wish to be Association but not League members, by 30 September.
17. Any Club wishing to resign from the League shall give notice in writing to the League Registration Secretary before 1st September.
18. The Honorary Treasurer shall submit to the Annual General Meeting, for approval, the Accounts of the Association, duly certified as examined by a duly qualified person who shall be appointed by the Committee and who shall not be a member of the said Committee.
19. If funds permit, travelling expenses shall be reimbursed to members serving on committees for attending meetings.

NORTH DEVON BADMINTON LEAGUE RULES

OBJECT:

1. The object of the League shall be to promote Badminton in the North Devon area through the provision and management of a league structure encouraging friendly competition between member clubs of the North Devon Badminton Association.

CONSTITUTION AND MANAGEMENT:

2. The League shall be called "The North Devon Badminton League".
3. The management of the League shall be the responsibility of a sub-committee of the North Devon Badminton-Association which shall consist of five members from different Clubs, two or more from the Association Committee, and they shall have the power to co-opt additional members as required. Three members of the sub-committee shall constitute a quorum, but no member may vote on a matter directly affecting his/her own Club.

MEMBERSHIP:

4. The North Devon League is a Senior League and acceptance of a Club into the League is subject to the approval of the League sub-committee. Membership of the League is open to any Senior Club affiliated to the Devon County Badminton Association, Badminton England and the North Devon Badminton Association.

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that it complies fully with the rules of all of these bodies and in particular each playing member of the Club must be fully registered with Badminton England as either a Senior Club Member (if 19 years and over as of 1st January) or as a Junior Club Member (if under 19 as of 1st January). Only junior members registered with Badminton

England and with Junior Club Membership of a Senior Club are eligible to play in the North Devon League. Any disputes regarding eligibility will be referred to the League sub-committee, whose decision will be final.

5. The amount of the League entry fee per team shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting of the North Devon Badminton Association and shall be remitted with entry to the Registration Secretary of the Badminton League.
6. Shortly after the final date for the acceptance of entries, the League sub-committee shall deal with the formation of the Divisions of the League for the coming season. The balance of the divisions shall be left to the discretion of the League sub-committee.

A Fixtures meeting will then be called by the League sub-committee, to which each Club shall send at least one representative. The purpose of this meeting will be for the presentation of the Leagues for the coming season, all general League business, and the arrangement of Club fixtures.

7. The principle shall be the relegation of the bottom team of the First division and the promotion of the top team of the Second division. With the remaining divisions, the principle shall be the promotion of the top two teams and the relegation of the bottom two teams.

In the event of a tie, the team with the most number of matches won will be deemed the higher placed team.

8. At the discretion of the League sub-committee, a new team entering the League can be placed in a division appropriate to its considered standard of play, provided this does not result in the relegation

of a team which had won promotion in the previous season.

- 9a. All registered teams must consist of at least the minimum necessary registered players to meet the rules of the relevant league event. Before any player is eligible to play in a League match a Club Registration Form showing their full name and Badminton England number certified by the Club Secretary must be sent to the League Registration Secretary. When a Club has more than one Mixed, Medley, Men's or Ladies team, players for all but their most junior teams must be registered for their respective teams prior to the first game of the season and shall not be permitted to play for a lower or more junior team without prior relegation.

If a club plays a match before they send Registration Forms to the Registration Secretary they will be penalised with the deduction of 5 points per match from the relevant team in the League for that season, until they comply with the rule herein stated. It will be the responsibility of the Club to provide proof of postage if forms go astray.

- 9b. If a player plays in a match for a club before they are fully registered with Badminton England for that club they will be penalised with the deduction of 2 points per match from their relevant team in the League for that season, until they comply with the rule herein stated.

If an ineligible player competes in a match, any game in which he/she plays will automatically be awarded to the opposing team. If both teams contain ineligible players, the game in which they compete against each other shall be void.

10. Any player can play in any higher ranked team for their club 3 times without losing their right to play in their own team.
11. Application to the League sub-committee for permission to relegate a player must be made in writing, by Club Secretaries, at least seven days before a required match.

If a player who has been relegated during the current season subsequently plays for a senior team, the relegation shall be automatically cancelled and that player shall not be eligible for further relegation during the rest of that season.

(a) When a player has represented a Club in a League match or has been registered for a Club's team, he or she is not eligible to play for the equivalent team from another club (e.g. Mixed, Men's or Ladies), without first obtaining a transfer.

(b) Application to the League sub-committee for permission to transfer a player must be signed by both Club Secretaries involved. If the transfer is opposed by either Club, the player and the Club Secretaries may put their cases to the League sub-committee.

12. The Fixtures Lists shall be compiled by the Secretaries/Fixtures Secretaries of the competing Clubs and each must forward a copy of its Fixture List to the League Registration Secretary before its first match is played. If a club plays a match before they send their Fixture List to the Registration Secretary, the offending team shall be penalised with the deduction of 5 points per match in the relevant division for that season, until they comply with the rule herein stated. It will be the responsibility of the Club to provide proof of postage if lists go astray.

MATCHES:

13. Clubs shall try to arrange that one of the two matches against opposing teams shall be played before December 31st.
- 14a. All match start times are to be agreed by the respective clubs at the Fixtures Meeting.
- 14b. Specification of the agreed start time must be put on the Fixtures Lists of both Clubs as sent to the League Registration Secretary at the start of the season; this will be sufficient evidence for the League to confirm that the start time has been agreed.
15. Each team to play their opponents both home and away; games in accordance with the rules of Badminton England or as varied by the rules of the League. Rubbers are to consist of the best of three games; 21 aces (plus setting).

Once the match has started, play shall be continuous. A pair may claim ten minutes maximum from their preceding rubber.

16. Mixed teams shall consist of three registered pairs. In each match, each pair shall play the opposing three pairs.

Scoring: 1 point per rubber
 2 extra points for a win

The recommended order of play, unless otherwise agreed, shall be:

Home Team: 1 2 3 2 3 1 3 1 2
Away Team: 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

17. Men's and Ladies teams shall consist of a minimum of four registered players. The

recommended order of play shall be as per the North Devon League Scoresheet.

Scoring: 1 point per rubber
 2 extra points for a win
 1 extra point for a draw

18. Medley teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 registered men and 2 registered ladies. The recommended order of play shall be as per the North Devon Medley Scoresheet.

Scoring: 1 point per rubber
 2 extra points for a win
 1 extra point for a draw

19. The Home side shall be responsible for providing and posting the League score card/sheet – fully completed with the results of the match and all other details, and signed by both team captains, to reach the Registration Secretary not later than the 5th day following the match.

Teams claiming points for a walkover must send a completed League score card, listing their players and signed by their team captain, to reach the Registration Secretary not later than the 5th day following the fixture date.

Failure to comply with this rule will lead to an automatic deduction of 2 points on each occasion.

20. The home side shall be responsible for providing refreshments.
21. The home side shall provide sufficient shuttles of the correct speed for the court being used to complete the match. The shuttles must have a cork base.

22. Should a match be cancelled (not postponed) the Fixtures Secretary of the Club cancelling the fixture shall advise the Registration Secretary in writing, within 5 days of the cancellation.
- 23a. Should a match be postponed, the Fixture Secretary of the Club postponing the fixture shall advise the Registration Secretary, in writing, within 5 days of the original fixture date.
- 23b. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary whose Club postponed the fixture to re-arrange the fixture and notify the Registration Secretary, in writing, of the re-arranged date.
- 23c. Postponement of matches shall be permissible only for exemplary reasons (e.g. unavailability of court or dangerous travelling conditions).
24. Failure to comply with rules 22 and 23 shall lead to:
In the case of rules 22, 23a and 23b an automatic deduction of 2 points, from their overall League score, on each occasion.
25. In the event of a match being incomplete through circumstance beyond the control of the Clubs, completed rubbers shall stand. The remaining rubbers shall be played as soon as possible on the same court with the same players. Any variance to this rule shall be referred, in writing, to the League sub-committee for a decision.
26.
 - a) Any team playing more than two matches with players missing, in any one season, will have two points deducted from their overall League score for the third occasion and for each subsequent occasion.
 - b) Any team giving more than two walkovers, in any one season, will have two points deducted from their overall League score for the third walkover and for each subsequent walkover given. Their continued participation in that division shall be referred to the League sub-committee.

27. If a walkover affects relegation, promotion and/or the winning of a division, it should be left to the discretion of the League sub-committee as to whether any play-offs or replays should take place to decide the final placing.
28. Each club shall ensure that all halls used for its home league fixtures are up to the requirements of that listed by Badminton England. Any dispute as to the suitability of a hall shall be referred to the League sub-committee for a decision.

HONOURS:

29. The teams finishing the season at the head of each division shall be the League champions and shall be awarded the North Devon League Trophies; the trophies to be held for one year.
30. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be referred to the League sub-committee, who shall make a decision.
31. An appeal against any decision of the League sub-committee must be submitted, in writing, to the Association Secretary, within fourteen days of the receipt of the decision, accompanied by a protest fee of £10. This fee would be returnable if the League sub-committee decision was not upheld.

The Association Committee will appoint 3 of its members, who are not League sub-committee members, to review the decision and seek explanations and representations, as they feel appropriate, and those members shall consult both the League sub-committee and the appealing club as necessary. When a decision is reached on the appeal that decision shall be communicated to the club and League sub-committee and the decision of the appeal panel shall be final.

NORTH DEVON BADMINTON TOURNAMENT RULES

OBJECT:

1. The object of the North Devon Badminton Tournament shall be to organise, control and promote a tournament and shall be called "The North Devon Badminton Tournament".
2. To promote the cause of badminton in North Devon.

CONSTITUTION AND MANAGEMENT:

3. The North Devon Badminton Tournament Committee will each year review and consider the requirements for sanction of the Tournament by the Devon County Badminton Association and/or Badminton England. In the event that the Committee decides not to obtain such sanction it will arrange adequate and appropriate insurance cover for the Tournament.
4. The management of the tournament shall be the responsibility of a sub-committee of the North Devon Badminton Association. The sub-committee shall consist of at least seven members; two or more of whom must be members of the Association. They shall have powers to co-opt additional members as required.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 5a. Entries are restricted to bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the North Devon Badminton Association.
- 5b. Level events are restricted to bona fide members of Devon County Badminton Association who have not played above county level in the past 10 years unless they have played active matches for two full seasons within the ND. L.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

6. Substitutions will not be permitted in Singles events. If one player withdraws from an entry in a doubles event, a substitution may be allowed at the discretion of the committee, who must be satisfied that the new player is eligible to enter. Any player whose partner withdraws shall

be responsible for finding his/her own substitute, but a substitute list will be posted on the notice board.

7. If there are two players in the same event without partners, they may play together if there are no other substitutes available. In this instance, the new couple must play in the game which comes first during the order of play except if a seeded player is involved, when they must go to the seeded position.

Substitutes will only be allowed in the first round matches or in the first match the couple play.

Application for a substitution must be made to the committee at least 15 minutes before the play of the day is due to commence. If the substitute is considered to be of a different standard of play to the person withdrawing, the handicap will be revised where applicable.

IVORY SHUTTLE:

8. The "Ivory Shuttle" will be awarded to the Club with the most points. Points will be awarded as follows:
The Ivory Shuttle will be awarded to the Club which has the most representatives in the finals. Each player will receive one point only, irrespective of the number of events in which he or she may appear as a finalist. When a player is a member of more than one Club, the point will be allocated to the club represented by this player in the League in that event. If the player has not represented his Club in any League matches in that event, the point will be allocated to the Club named on the player's tournament entry form.

In the event of a tie in the total number of points, it will be resolved in the following way: an extra point will be awarded to the player(s) who were the eventual winners of the final. If still not resolved then an extra point will be awarded to the winning player(s) in Open events.

HANDICAPPING A DRAW:

9. A handicap meeting will be held shortly after the final date for the acceptance of entries. The committee shall be responsible for the handicapping, but shall be empowered to invite members of the Clubs to assist with the handicapping if considered necessary.
10. The draw will be made after the handicapping has been completed. It shall be arranged that as far as possible, unseeded players from the same Club shall not meet in the first round.

THE TOURNAMENT:

11. Upon arrival at the tournament, each player must report to the committee table – immediately.
12. All competitors must be ready to go on court when their names are called or are liable to be scratched from that event.
13. All players must wear correct badminton apparel.
14. If there are insufficient entries for any event, the committee reserves the right to cancel that event.
15. It is a condition of entry that all trophy holders are responsible for having their trophies engraved.
16. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, without assigning a reason.
17. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be referred to the committee, whose decision shall be final.

TAW & TORRIDGE TOURNAMENT RULES

OBJECT:

1. The object of the Taw & Torrige Tournament sub-committee shall be to promote the cause of badminton in North Devon with particular emphasis on the development of players in the lower divisions of the League.

CONSTITUTION AND MANAGEMENT:

2. The Tournament shall be called "The Taw & Torrige Badminton Tournament" and it shall be sanctioned annually by the Devon County Badminton Association. The management of the tournament shall be the responsibility of a sub-committee of the North Devon Badminton Association. The sub-committee shall consist of at least seven members, two or more of whom must be members of the Association. They shall have the power to co-opt additional members as required.

THE TOURNAMENT:

3. The tournament shall be held during the autumn half-term break in October. The events included and the amount of the entry fees shall be at the discretion of the committee.
4. Entries are restricted to bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the North Devon Badminton Association.
5. All events will use the rally-point scoring system.

TOP CLUB TROPHY:

6. The Top Club Trophy will be awarded to the Club with the most points. Points will be awarded as follows:

Singles Events:	1	point for each losing semi-finalist
	2	points for each losing finalist
	3	points to the winner
Doubles Events:	1	point to each losing semi-finalist
	2	points for each losing finalist
	3	points to each of the winners

HANDICAPPING AND DRAW:

7. A Handicap meeting shall be held on or shortly after the final date for the acceptance of entries. The committee shall be responsible for the handicapping, but may co-opt assistance as required.
8. The draw will be made after the handicapping for each event is completed. As far as is possible, it shall be arranged that players from the same Club do not meet in the first round.

THE TOURNAMENT:

9. The committee shall appoint a sub-committee of three to deal with any urgent matters arising, for each day of the tournament.
10. All competitors must be ready to go on court when their names are called.
11. Upon arrival at the Tournament, EACH player must report to the committee table, at once, stating which events he or she is participating in on that day. Each player must report individually.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

12. Substitutions will not be permitted in Singles events. If one player withdraws from an entry in a doubles event, a substitution may be allowed at the discretion of the committee, who must be satisfied that the new player is eligible to enter. Any player whose partner withdraws shall be responsible for finding his/her own substitute, but a substitute list will be displayed on the notice board. If there are two players without partners in the same event, they may play together if no other substitutes are available. In this instance, the new couple must play in the game which comes first in the order of play.
Substitutions will only be allowed in the first round matches or in the first match the couple play. In all events except the Mystery Mixed, substitutions must be made to the committee at least fifteen minutes before the event is scheduled to commence. In the Mystery Mixed,

substitutions can be made up to fifteen minutes before the game involved goes on court, provided it is the first match in which the couple were due to play.

GENERAL:

13. All competitors must wear suitable badminton apparel.
14. All trophies shall be perpetual. Winners shall be responsible for the engraving and safe return of the trophies before the completion of the following year's event. If funds permit, individual trophies will be presented to the winners and runners-up of each event.
15. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any specific event, without assigning a reason.
16. The Referee's decision is final during the tournament.
17. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be referred to the committee, whose decision shall be final.

N.D.B.A. PARK TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entries restricted to Badminton England registered members of Clubs affiliated to the Devon County Badminton Association and situated in North Devon. No entry will be accepted unless the entry form is completed and signed by both entrants, and the full remittance enclosed, together with a stamped, addressed envelope.
2. All events will be handicapped.
3. All competitors must book in immediately on arrival and be available to play at any time after that shown on their time slip. They must remain within the close proximity of the hall, unless prior permission is obtained from the tournament referee, and be available to go on court when called upon to do so.
4. Acceptable badminton sports clothing must be worn.
5. Knocking up time to be limited to 3 minutes for the first game and 1 minute only for subsequent ones.
6. All games in the round robin events must be completed. (Failure to complete games may jeopardise acceptance of entries to future tournaments.)
7. The group winners will be the pair with the highest number of points in their group. In the event of points being equal in a group, the winners will be decided thus:
 - (a) The result of the game between the two top couples and
 - (b) The total points gained against each couple.
8. In the play off between group winners a third end will be played in the event of a tie on points after two ends. All finals will be the best of three ends.
9. It is a condition of entry that all trophy holders are responsible for having their trophies engraved and returned

to the tournament committee at least one week before the first day of the next Tournament.

10. The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
11. Any matter not covered by the aforementioned rules shall be referred to the committee, whose decision shall be final.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS

1. In the case of an unknown player entering a handicapped event, the committee reserve the right to recommend to the Referee alteration of the handicap.
2. Entries are restricted to players who are affiliated to B.E. and who are bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the N.D.B.A.

AMENDMENTS

Date	Page	Para	Amendment
06/05/09	6	9	At least 6 registered players changed to the minimum necessary
	9	18	Home side, not winning club, to post Score Card
18/05/11	5	4	Membership requirements for playing in the North Devon League clarified
23/05/12	14	5	NDBT Level events are open to all Badminton England members who have not played above county level
22/05/13	7	9	New clause 9b - clubs are to ensure they are registered with Badminton England before playing a League match. Previous clause now 9a.
	10	18	£5 fine for late Scorecards changed to a 2 point penalty
19/06/15	1	1	Constitution of the North Devon Badminton Association (1) – adopted
19/06/15	4	1	North Devon Badminton League Rules (1) – adopted
19/06/15	12	3	New clause 3 - The North Devon Badminton Tournament Committee will each year review and consider the requirements for sanction of the Tournament by the Devon County Badminton Association and/or Badminton England. In the event that the Committee decides not to obtain such sanction it will arrange adequate and appropriate insurance cover for the Tournament.
19/06/15	12	6	Clause 5b - Level events are restricted to bona fide members of Devon County Badminton Association who have not played above county level in the past 10 years unless they have played active matches for two full seasons within the NDL.
26/05/2016	10	7/8	26 a) Any team playing more than two matches with players missing, in any one season, will have two points deducted from their overall League score for the third

			<p>occasion and for each subsequent occasion.</p> <p>b) Any team giving more than two walkovers, in any one season, will have two points deducted from their overall League score for the third walkover and for each subsequent walkover given. Their continued participation in that division shall be referred to the League sub-committee.</p>
26/5/2016	10	5	<p>24. Failure to comply with rules 22 and 23 shall lead to: In the case of rules 22, 23a and 23b an automatic deduction of 2 points, from their overall League score, on each occasion.</p>
26/05/2016	8	7	<p>Part of rule 16 deleted: Any team playing more than two matches with pairs missing will have two points per missing pair, per match, deducted from their overall League score.</p>
24/05/2017	6	3&4	<p>If a player plays in a match for a club before they are fully registered with Badminton England for that club they will be penalised with the deduction of 2 points per match from their relevant team in the League for that season, until they comply with the rule herein stated.</p> <p>If an ineligible player competes in a match, any game in which he/she plays will automatically be awarded to the opposing team. If both teams contain ineligible players, the game in which they compete against each other shall be void.</p>