Southampton University Badminton Team (Performance)

Club Constitution 2023-24

1. **Club Name and Affiliation:**

The Club will be called Southampton University Badminton Club and will be affiliated to Badminton England and Hampshire County Badminton. We will participate in the both the BUCS and Winchester or Portsmouth leagues.

1. **Objective and Aims:**

The objective of the Club shall be to improve individual performance and to provide opportunities to play competitive league badminton to accommodate the varying standard within the club.

The Club aims to

* provide a duty of care and protection to Club Members;
* ensure all club members are treated equitably;
* be a welcoming and sociable club;

1. **Running of the Club:**

The Club will be run by a committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Captains, Social Secretary and Welfare Officer. These positions may be shared by more than one member where appropriate.  
  
Officers will be elected at the AGM. Newly elected officers take up their post after a handover event. Detailed documents outlining the roles to new committee members are to be provided.

Transfer of the club email and bank account are to be completed over the summer break between seasons.

Captains are responsible for team selection, however where necessary committee members can organise and hold a review of the teams should it be required.

Should the event of a significant intake of a high standard occur, the club hold the right to retrial previous members for positions.

1. **Membership:**

* All members of the University who sign up during Bunfight will receive an invitation to a trials session, an invitation is not compulsory to be able to attend trials, it however provides a point of contact and all the information required. Should players progress through the trials they will be invited to join the club.
* The membership fee is up to the discretion of the committee, to be decided at the beginning of each year. This covers the transport, match fees, and Badminton England Registration.
* Reduced membership rates are available for single semester students.
* Individual trials for semester 2 students are available upon request through contacting the club.

1. **Finance & Accounts:**

* All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club;
* The accounts will be kept by the Treasurer;
* The accounts shall be drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in Appendix 4 to ensure consistency of financial reporting;
* The treasurer shall provide a statement of the finances at the AGM and any other meetings where it is required.
* Should Southampton University Badminton Club no longer be viable and the accounts need to be wound up, then any residual funds, after all creditors have been satisfied, shall be donated to a Club or Organisation with similar aims and objectives.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

* Where players accept the offer to join the club, membership fees will be required to be paid within a specified timeframe of reasonable expectation, usually 15 working days.
* Where players have not paid their subscription fees in accordance with the terms

set out above the Club may refuse them permission to play / train at club nights and / or

in matches for the Club.

* Players will be required to have purchased membership prior to purchasing any club kit, in order to avoid members “getting the shirt” and leaving the club.

1. **General Meetings:**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):

The AGM will be held shortly after the Easter break on a date decided by the Committee. Only fully paid-up members will be eligible to attend and vote.

HANDOVER MEETING:

Once the AGM has been concluded and new committee elected, the outgoing president shall organise a date for the relevant handover information to be passed to new committee.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM):

Members have the right to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting. It shall be held at the request of at least 25% of members.

1. **Disciplinary:**

The president and vice president hold the right to remove members from the club or use other appropriate disciplinary measures upon the grounds of poor behaviour, dangerous actions, and other disciplinary matters where members of the club are affected.