

## **THE SHEPPARTON BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED BY LAWS, REVISED 2023.**

### **1. TEAMS**

- (a) Affiliated members shall enter a team or teams for competition in a series of matches to be arranged each season.
- (b) Team and individual entries together with a list of players shall be lodged with the registrar, by the closing date fixed by the Association. Members are required to nominate the grade in which they wish to play, however, final grading will rest with the match committee.
- (c) 'Affiliation fee' denotes the fee set by the committee relating to the charge for any game play during a certain period, often a competition. An affiliation fee for each player entered must be paid by Round 2.

### **2. REGISTRATION**

- (a) All players taking part in association matches or closed tournaments shall be registered members.
- (b) The appearance of a player's name on the result sheet shall constitute registration of that player for that season.
- (c) No registered player of one team within the Association will be eligible to register with another team within the Association.
- (d) Payment plans are available but must be approved by the club treasurer.
- (e) Registration will be granted if a player has entered a payment plan, as long as 25% of the fee has been made by Round 2.
- (f) If registration is **NOT** lodged or payment plan in place by the due date, a 10% late fee will apply and there is no guarantee they will be placed into a team, for the first round.
- (g) If registration is not received by Round 2, the registrant may only be entered as a registered fill in.
- (h) If a member is unable to resume attendance after they have been registered and placed on team, no refunds will be permitted.
- (i) If a member is unable to continue to be present for more than four weeks in a competition, without informing the committee in writing, they will be removed from their current team.
- (j) If a member resigns, or is unable to continue in their registered activity, any fill ins organised will still be required to be a registered members of the association and pay their own registration fee. There will be no transfers of member(s) registration fees.

### **3. PERMITS**

- (a) A player may not play in a lower grade than their graded level and may not transfer from one team to another in the same grade after playing four matches with one team in that grade without obtaining permission from the opposing team.
- (b) If a team fails to be in attendance, as per item 6, opposition players may then be used as fill ins or be placed in another team for that round. This game will not contribute towards their four matches.
- (c) Fill-ins
  - must be a financial member of the association or pay a fill-in fee, decided by the committee, paid each week and must complete an entry form.
  - be of the same standard as the player they are replacing
  - must be approved by the match committee
  - the match committee must be notified prior to the start of play.
  - failure to notify match committee will result in loss of points for that player.

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**4. FIXTURES**

The Committee shall draw up a complete list of fixtures for the season and shall fix a date by which each match is to be played.

**5. TEAM COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF PLAY**

(a) The composition of teams and methods of play in the various grades shall be decided by the Committee on recommendation made at each Annual General Meeting, or General Committee Meeting.

(b) In the event of a player being unable to continue, the remainder of the game shall be forfeited, but a substitute player may play in any further games. The substitute player must be in attendance at the venue/stadium when required to play.

**6. TIME OF MATCH COMMENCEMENT**

To be decided by the Committee. Penalty for late commencement being 10 points for every 15 minutes. If a team is not in attendance ready to start within 30 minutes of the registered start time, the team in default shall forfeit the match.

**7. ORDER OF PLAY**

(a) Shall be played by mutual agreement of opposing captains.

(b) Opposing captains shall exchange teams written in full before commencement of play.

**8. RESULTS**

(a) The winning team shall be responsible for the lodgement of a result sheet signed by both teams, to a committee member.

(b) No premiership points will be allocated in games where score sheets have been incorrectly completed.

(c) Where score sheets are missing scores, these games will be recorded as no results.

(d) The first two (2) rounds of a competition may only be used as trials and may not be included in the final match scoring, as determined by the committee. This includes individual results.

**9. FORFEITURES**

The offending team must notify the opposing team as early as possible prior to the match. The team not in default shall forward a signed result sheet and be awarded one half of the maximum possible match points.

**10. PREMIERSHIP POINTS**

(a) Premiership points will be allocated and determined prior to the start of the season as per committee discretion.

(b) In the event of a forfeit, the winning team shall receive half the total number of points available for percentage.

(c) Bye teams-premiership points will be half the available number of sets plus two points.

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### **11. FINALS**

- (a) Finals matches will be played on dates and courts to be decided by the committee.
- (b) The four teams having the greatest number of premiership points for the season shall play off for the premiership. When premiership points are equal, the team having the greatest percentage shall play off.
- (c) In the first semi-final, the first team will play the fourth team. In the second semi-final, the second team will play the third team. The winner of the first semi-final will play the winner of the second semi-final in the Grand Final.
- (d) In the event of a grade having more than 8 teams, there will be a final six decided as per clause (b). The format of play will be decided by the match committee.
- (e) Opposing captains shall exchange teams written in full before commencement of match.
- (f) A player must play three matches with an affiliated team before being eligible to play in final matches with that team in the current season.
- (g) No player shall take part in final series matches in a lower grade than that in which they have played in the current season.
- (h) The winner of a final match will be decided in the same manner as in the weekly competition matches. In the event of a tie, the match will be replayed in a sudden death format. The winner of that set 1&2 vs 1&2 will be deemed the premiership team.
- (i) In the event of a player being unable to continue, the remainder of the game shall be forfeited, but an approved substitute player may play in any further game. The substitute player must be in attendance in the venue/stadium from the beginning of the match and if not, available all further matches of the injured player be forfeited.
- (j) Fill-ins
  - must be a financial member of the association or pay a fill-in fee, decided by the committee, paid each week and must complete an entry form.
  - be of the same standard as the player they are replacing
  - must be approved by the match committee
  - the match committee must be notified prior to the start of play.
  - failure to notify match committee will result in loss of points for that player.

### **12. PROTESTS**

Any infringement of these By Laws shall be reported to the Secretary immediately detected. All protests must be lodged within seven days of the incident concerned and in writing to one of the committee members.

### **13. ATTIRE**

Suitable sporting attire must be worn for all matches. Failure to adhere to this rule will entail a penalty as determined by the committee to the team in default. NO DENIM, NO DUNLOP VOLLEYS.

### **14. GENERAL**

- (a) Any matter not specifically covered in these By Laws shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.
- (b) Any portion of these By Laws shall be altered or amended only by the affirmative vote of three fourths majority at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

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**15. GRADED COMPETITION**

- (a) Teams/Players shall be graded by the Senior Match Committee.
- (b) Bye team players may fill in for other Graded teams but shall not play in a position lower than that in which they have been graded.
- (c) Players from lower graded teams may fill in for higher graded teams, but still be eligible to compete in their own graded competition in the same week.
- (d) All reserve players shall be graded by the Senior Match Committee before being eligible to play.
- (e) If using a fill-in from the same grade, the player must be of equal standard to the one they are replacing. This will be deemed appropriate by the executive committee.

**16. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (a) Eligibility to Enter: A player must be a fully paid-up member prior to the draw being prepared, in order to enter the Shepparton Badminton Association Club Championships. (Male and Female)
- (b) Concurrent Competitions: A player is eligible to participate in the Club Championships, provided he/she does not play in or for another competition/club, that runs alongside to the Shepparton Badminton Associations competition.

**17. CLUB POLICIES**

The Shepparton Badminton Association has adopted the following policies. These policies are not a part of the SBA by-laws. These policies may be accessed in the office of the SBA and on the club website:

- 1. Club Code of Conduct
- 2. Child Safe Policy and incident report
- 3. Life Membership Policy
- 4. Fair play policy
- 5. Screening Policy
- 6. Privacy Policy
- 7. Photography and media policy
- 8. Member protection policy