

Malvern Hills Badminton Club

Constitution

1. Club Name

The Club will be called the "Malvern Hills Badminton Club".

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to play social and competitive badminton throughout the year.

3. Membership

The following types of membership are available:

Membership Type	Qualification
Full	Over 17 on 1 st September
Junior	Under 17 on 1 st September
Student	Any age but in full-time education
OAP	65 or over on 1 st September

The membership year shall run from beginning of September to end of August.

Membership can be terminated by the member resigning or by expulsion at the discretion of the committee.

4. Annual Subscriptions and Fees

Membership subscriptions and visitors' fees will be reviewed annually and decided at the AGM.

5. Visitors

Non-members of the Club may use the courts at the discretion of the Committee and on payment of the visitors' fee.

6. Club Officers and Committee

The Club will be run by the Committee, which shall comprise the following officers/members (unless otherwise resolved at the AGM):

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Ladies Captain
Mens Captain
Mixed Captain
Ordinary member(s)

All Committee members shall retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations for the positions are to be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club with the consent of the nominee and submitted to the Club secretary prior to the AGM. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the AGM with a proposer and seconder and the agreement of the nominee.

The Committee may co-opt additional members as necessary.

7. AGM (and EGM)

The AGM will be held at the end of the league season and be open to all fully paid-up members.

A minimum of 14 days notice must be given to members.

The Committee is empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to deal with any particular business. A group of at least 5 members may also request an EGM by notifying the Secretary and specifying the purpose of calling the meeting. A minimum of 14 days notice of an EGM must be given to members.

Voting at AGMs and EGMs shall be by a show of hands or ballot as determined by the Chairman. Only fully paid-up members in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote. Members who do not vote may pass their views to the Club Chairman, Secretary or other committee member, who will relay them to the meeting.

The required quorum for AGMs and EGMs shall be a quarter of all paid-up members. A two thirds majority vote of those attending is required for changes to the Constitution. A straight majority vote is required for all other matters. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

The Secretary, or nominee, will produce minutes of the meeting, and these will be made available to Club members via the Club website.

8. Alteration of Constitution and Club Rules

Amendment or alteration to the Constitution or Club Rules can only be made at an AGM or EGM. The Committee is empowered to make emergency byelaws, which must be submitted to the next AGM for approval.

9. Financial Matters

The financial year shall run from 1st September to 31st August. Accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and reported to the AGM.

The Club will have a Bank or Building Society account in the name of the Club, and all monies belonging to the Club shall be kept in this account. All cheques drawn against Club funds shall be signed by 2 authorised signatories.

10. Dissolution of the Club

If the Club no longer appears to be viable, the secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held to discuss and vote on a resolution to dissolve the Club. If at that EGM the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the members present, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as may be specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club. After discharging all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having similar aims and objectives, whichever shall be resolved at the EGM.

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