

Police Sport UK - Rules for the Badminton section

The rules and constitution of all the sports sections are clearly stated in the Police Sport UK website. This document has been created to clarify the pertinent points that are relevant to the badminton section alone. These rules are in the ethos of the general principles of Police Sport UK association.

1. National Sporting Sections shall be composed of:

- a. Chair appointed by Council, Secretary, Treasurer and AGM Representative elected by the Committee.
- b. Second Council Representative appointed by Council.
- c. A representative of each Region (to be the contact point for the Regional Committee).
- d. Co-opted members.
- e. Vice Presidents and Honorary Members.

2. The Function of National Sporting Committees will be:

- a. To elect a Secretary, Treasurer and AGM Representative.
- b. To meet at least once per year and to hold an open annual general meeting for the sport.
- c. To encourage the development of police sport within all affiliated forces.
- d. To organise national Championships.
- e. To select competitors for National and International representation.
- f. To ensure compliance with Police Sport UK policy, competition rules and the rules of the appropriate sport governing body.

3. Eligibility to compete

- a. Each region will be allowed 2 entries per event. In the light of a competitor winning an event they will receive an automatic entry; this will result in a region having potentially 3 competitors for that event.
- b. Each region will manage their own qualifying criteria; ideally one event per region.

2014/ 2015 – trial; it has been agreed to trial the following for one year. Doubles competitors can play with other players across their region. They do not have to be from the same force, but they must be from the same region. The regional areas can be found on the PSUK website.

This trial was completed and the general feeling of the players and committee was that it greatly benefited the smaller regions and allowed a more inclusive and fairer entry and competition. It was agreed that this would now be part of the PSUK badminton section rules. The funding for all players is an agreement between the players and their respective home forces.

- c. Each player can only play in 3 events and they have to partner a player from their force only.
- d. A player entering the veteran's competitions must be eligible on the date of the qualifying event.
- e. A competitor who is an amateur, or who has been re- instated to amateur status may compete in any Police Championship but a Competitor who has been granted a permit by the Governing Association or Society of his particular branch of sport, shall only be eligible to compete in the Police Championships relative to his or her particular branch of sport.
- f. Only members of affiliated clubs who have been sworn in as paid Constables, Special Constables, PSNI Part Time Reserves, paid Police Support Staff, retired Police Officers, retired Support Staff, or paid Cadets or staff of the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA), and personnel affected by the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment Regulations (Former Police Civilian Staff) (TUPE) process who are members of their Force Sports Clubs or Associations shall be eligible to participate in any event promoted by the Association. In pursuit of this rule, retired personnel as defined shall

only be permitted to obtain membership of affiliated clubs in the Force area in which they reside or in the force they have previously served in.

g. The definition of paid Support Staff only covers paid employees of a Police Force. The definition does not cover other persons who are employed under contract to other organisations, whether or not they are employed on police premises.

h. The definition of a retired Police Officer is a person who has retired as a member of a Home Department Police Force and is in receipt of a police pension. The definition of retired Support Staff is a person who has been an employee of a police force as defined in (f) who is in receipt of a police authority pension.

i. The rule excludes personnel who have terminated their employment with a police force midterm and who at the time, although not qualifying for a police pension, have nevertheless frozen their pension contributions for the sole purpose of obtaining a pension at some later stage.

4. Competitions

a. The national championship will hold the following events

National open titles

- Men's and Ladies singles
- Men's and Ladies doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Veteran's titles (Men over 40 and Ladies over 35)

- Men's and Ladies doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Senior Veterans titles (Men over 45 and Ladies over 40)

- Men's and Ladies doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Masters Veterans titles (Men over 50 and Ladies over 45)

- Men's and Ladies doubles
- Mixed Doubles

b. The national championships will be held within one of the 12 regions on a rotational basis. The AGM will manage the system based on fairness; each region will be given a minimum of 3 years notice.

c. Particular notice will be given to reducing costs at the events and to make them more cost effective.

5. CHALLENGE TROPHIES

a. All Challenge Trophies are the property of the Association. Winners may only hold them subject to the conditions of the agreement entered into by them. Clubs are responsible for their safe custody and return to the Honorary General Secretary on demand.

b. The Honorary Treasurer to set aside a sum of money each year to cover the cost of any loss or repair to the trophies belonging to Police Sport UK.

c. The section is not responsible for the engraving of cups or trophies; this cost should be met by the local regions/ forces.

6. General information

a. The AGM will reappoint the following each year;

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Selection committee; this should be 4 members of the committee from different regions. This group is also responsible for providing fair and transparent seeding for the national tournament.

b. The AGM should agree to these rules and subsequent changes annually as part of the meeting process.

c. Proposed rule changes have to be for the benefit of the section as a whole and not for a particular region or group.

d. The rule change has to be a majority decision with the chair having a casting vote if required.

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