



## EXETER BADMINTON CLUB

### Club Etiquette

The Exeter Badminton Club Committee have compiled this document to provide reference for the expected etiquette of all members playing at Exeter Badminton Club.

#### **1. Equality statement**

- 1.1 Exeter Badminton Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. All members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

#### **2. Club night**

- 2.1 The purpose of club nights is to allow all club members to practice their games and provide opportunities to play against a variety of opponents.
- 2.2 The long-term success of Exeter Badminton Club relies on sustaining the top players, supporting the majority of members, and developing young and new talent. All members should be mindful of the need for this balance and consider how they can contribute to this inclusive approach to the Club's membership.
- 2.3 No member is paid for their involvement at Exeter Badminton Club. It is important therefore that members look to support the smooth running of club nights.
- 2.4 All courts must be set up correctly before play/knock ups commence on any court. Set up includes the removal of obstructions, raising of the basketball rings benches to be moved to one side of the hall, table and chairs for the peg board taken out from cupboard, and the windows opened.
- 2.5 Players are responsible for ensuring their peg is added to the Board on arrival. Games are picked by the player whose name is at the furthest right hand side of the bottom line, and then from the next seven players.
- 2.6 As players finish a game the winning pair should put the four pegs at the end of the board and inform the player at the front that it is now their choice.
- 2.7 The Exeter and District League matches are doubles only and for that reason club night is doubles focussed. Singles games can only be played when courts become free towards the end of the night. A game of singles is not allowed if there are other members waiting to play but are unable to do so if other members are playing singles.

- 2.8 From 2130 hours onwards, as the number of members in attendance reduces, courts should be cleared away as they are no longer required. It is no individual's job to clear the hall at the end of club night.
- 2.9 All members are advised to check the notice board at each club night where announcements will be displayed.
- 2.10 When a match is being played players are reminded of the need to remain clear of the match courts. Players should only cross behind a match court when the shuttle is not in play.

### **3. Team members**

- 3.1 If you are selected for a team you are expected to play in the majority of matches.
- 3.2 If you unable to play in a match, for whatever reason, you are responsible for finding a replacement player. You should do this in consultation with your team captain. Once you have confirmed with the other player that they will cover, you are then responsible for informing the team captain.
- 3.3 If you are unable to find a replacement player to cover your absence you must inform your team captain, no later than 48 hours before the match start time. Only in exceptional circumstances should a player withdraw with less than 24 hours notice.
- 3.4 Players should be mindful they are only allowed to 'play up' (play in a team higher than the one they are picked for) twice. Playing a third time results in the player being tied to the higher placed team. It is your responsibility to ensure you do not get tied into a higher team.

#### Home Matches

- 3.6 All team members (unless agreed otherwise with the team captain) should arrive at 1900 hours to set up the courts. The match should begin with two pairs at 1915 hours.
- 3.7 Food and drink must be provided by the home team. This should be co-ordinated by the team members. Food is only for consumption by players involved in the match.

#### Away Matches

- 3.8 The fixture list will indicate how many pairs are required at the start time. If this is less than three, the third pair is required to arrive within 15minutes of the match start time.

### **4. Captain duties**

- 4.1 Captains are responsible for deciding upon pairings from the teams chosen by the selection committee.

- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the match captain to ensure the match sheet is fully completed. An example of a correctly completed sheet is available in each 'team pack'. Failure to fully complete the match sheet will result in the League deducting points. The match sheet must be returned within seven days to the appropriate League Match Secretary using the envelope provided in the 'team pack'.
- 4.3 If a new player joins the club and is considered a standard that would have been picked for your team at the beginning of the season you cannot replace a player in your current team. You can however identify the player as 'first reserve' for your team indicating they will cover all illness/unavailability. All team members should be made aware of this decision so they know who to ask to cover them if they are unable to play.

## **5. Useful resources**

- 5.1 Exeter Badminton Club website  
<http://www.exeterbadminton.co.uk/>  
This is the club's site and includes news items and results.
- 5.2 The Exeter and District League website  
<http://www.exeterbadmintonleague.co.uk/>  
The site contains contact details, the league's constitution and the rules of the league.