

Corinthians Badminton Club

Constitution

1. Name

The Club shall be called "Corinthians Badminton Club" (hereinafter called "the Club").

2. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to Badminton England (BE), Suffolk Badminton Association (SBA), and the Ipswich and District Badminton League (IDBL).

3. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club shall be: -

- To provide competitive and recreational badminton for its members.
- To promote the principles of fair play and good conduct both on and off the court.
- To enter teams in the leagues of the IDBL.
- To encourage participation in competitions and events run by the SBA and IDBL.

4. Membership

- Membership of the Club shall be open and not restricted on the grounds of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.
- In accepting membership a person agrees to abide by the constitution and rules of the Club and of BE, SBE and IDBL.
- Members under the age of 18 shall be considered as "juniors" and members over 60 as "seniors".
- The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

5. Funding

- The Club shall be funded by a mixture of annual subscriptions levied on all members, together with voluntary donations. Additional fees (Match Fees) will apply to those members that participate in IBL matches.
- The level of the annual subscription and match fees shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The subscription level and match fee amount shall be kept as low as possible but shall be set so as to cover the essential costs incurred by the Club.
- Voluntary donations that are received shall be used to reduce annual subscription and match fee costs as far as possible in order to make the club accessible and affordable to people of all financial backgrounds.
- All members that are in full time education or on a low income (unemployed) shall be granted a 50% discount on subscriptions and match fees.
- The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the club for the benefit of all members.
- Members of the Club shall not be paid to participate in any matches.

6. Administration

- The Club shall be administered by an elected committee of officials.
- The committee shall comprise of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and between three and six team selectors.
- All committee members shall stand down at the AGM and shall have the opportunity to stand for re-election if they so desire.
- Committee meetings shall be called as and when required but at least two meetings a year shall be held. Committee meetings shall be considered quorate when attended by four or more committee members.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM shall be open to all fully paid up members of the Club. It shall be held in May of each year at a date, time and place decided by the Committee. All members shall be notified of the meeting details at least 21 days before it is held.
- The purpose of the meeting shall be to receive reports, adopt accounts, elect the committee for the following year, set the subscription and match fee levels, and to decide on any other general business.
- An auditor for the following year shall be appointed by the AGM.
- The AGM shall be considered quorate when attended by at least 20% of the membership.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called following an application in writing to the Secretary and signed by at least five Club members. All members shall be notified of the meeting details at least 21 days before it is held.

8. Child Protection Policy

The Club agrees to adopt the BE Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures. All individual members are deemed to have read, understood and assented to the BE Code of Ethics and Conduct ("Code"), and as such recognise and adhere to the principles and responsibilities embodied in these documents.

9. Winding Up

- The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- The Committee shall then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - (a) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
 - (b) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
 - (c) To the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

10. Other matters

The committee shall have the power to decide on any matters not covered by these rules and its decision shall be final. Any decisions taken by the Committee must be consistent with the statutory requirements for Community Aided Sports Clubs (CASC) as defined by the Finance Act of 2002.