

South West Herts Independent Badminton League

Notes for Team Captains – Season 2010-2011

The following are some notes for team captains, which you need to follow.

St. Albans League

It is well known that there are no rules in the St. Albans League.

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The SWHIBL have an extensive set of rules, and apply them fairly rigidly. In order to avoid having points deducted, it is essential to be familiar with the rules, and to follow them correctly.

Here are some of the pitfalls.

1. If your home match is cancelled by the opposition, you must send off a signed (by you) results sheet within 1 week, showing a 9-0 (6-0 for Ladies and Mens 4 events) win for your team. Not only that, you must list six (or four) eligible players, (although you do not need to list the opposition's players), and show the scores, filling in all the boxes with scores of 21-0, 21-0 etc. If you do that you will get the 9-0 win. If you don't submit the result sheet in time, the win will be awarded to the opposition, even though they cancelled. Similarly, if you do not fill in the boxes, or do not list the would-be players' names, you will lose the points. If it is an away match for you, that the **opposition** cancel, you must still put in a results sheet for the win, filled in as above. In short, any match that is cancelled by the opposition, fill in and submit a results sheet.
2. If a match is **postponed** by the opposition, rather than cancelled, please advise the league organiser within one week of the original match date, giving the re-arranged date if you have it. Failure to advise the league within the time limit will result in them awarding a 9-0 (or 6-0) win to the would-be visitors. Also, submit a results sheet within 1 week showing a 9-0 or 6-0 win, filled in as in item 1 above. If for any reason the match cannot be re-arranged (for instance if a mutually agreed date cannot be found), this will be the results sheet which is used to calculate the scores.
3. Please use a first-class stamp and post your results as quickly as possible. The co-ordinators will use the date stamp on the front of the envelope as proof of the date of posting. Be particularly careful over the Christmas period, when the postal service is often slower than usual.
4. There is a rule which states that all nominated players should play at least half of their team's matches. Please check and ensure that this happens. If a member of your team who is nominated gets injured or moves away, such that they will not fulfil this quota of matches, please advise the relevant league

coordinator as soon as possible, and put forward an alternative candidate. Note that the person who is a substitute nominee must not have played for any lower teams in that competition. If in doubt, speak to the club's Match Secretary

5. Make sure you know who the nominated players for your team are, and make sure they know too, so that they do not accept any invitations to play for other teams in that competition.
6. Please fill in score sheets carefully and accurately, performing all of the calculations, and use the correct (and consistent) names, including a first and second name. The correct names are the names on the registration forms. The forms should be filled in clearly and completely.
7. Note that this year we do not require score sheets on coloured paper..
8. If somebody plays "up" more than twice, they cannot play in a lower team in that event for the rest of that season. If a player is nominated, they cannot play "down" at all. This is only relevant if you have more than one team in any competition.
9. In the ladies and Mens competitions, the same people can play in both the Ladies fours and the Ladies sixes, and similarly in the Mens fours and Mens sixes, without restriction.
10. And finally, ensure that your players are registered before they play. Anybody joining the club during the season should be registered by the match secretary, but it is worth checking.