

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER BADMINTON CLUB

CODE OF PRACTICE

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is open to all staff and students who carry the appropriate Sports card. Members may join the club at any time; the membership fee will reduce by a proportional amount per term of the year. The club is open to any eligible person irrespective of ability. Any student member can stand for a committee post in an election. Membership may be withdrawn by the committee provided the relevant disciplinary procedures are followed.

INFORMATION TO MEMBERS.

Information about the club activities, including club session times, the operation of the pegboard queuing system, matches, social events and tournaments should be made available to members via the club e-mail distribution list, the club web pages and the notice boards in the sports corridor and attached to the pegboard. Specifically, information about club and team training sessions should be made available to each member joining either at the Freshers' Fair or during the year.

FACILITIES.

The club practice sessions take place in either the Charles Wilson or Manor Road sports halls. Nets and posts are provided by these facilities. During the practice sessions the general codes of conduct for the sports halls must be observed:

- Only appropriate, non-marking footwear may be worn in the sports halls
- Food and drink may not be consumed in the sports halls
- All litter must be removed from the sports halls after use.
- Members are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and sporting manner.
- It is the responsibility of the committee to enforce these rules.

EQUIPMENT.

The club provides shuttles for use during both club practice sessions and matches. The club also has available several racquets, which can be borrowed by club members for the duration of their games. The club owns a pegboard for the operation of the court time queuing system. It is the responsibility of the committee to ensure that in addition to the shuttles and racquets, the nets and posts are suitable for use and free from wear. No formal training is given in the use of the equipment. When not in use, the club equipment is stored in the Badminton Club cupboard in the Charles Wilson building. Two committee members should be provided with a key to the cupboard.

ACCESS.

Members may attend any of the designated club practice sessions. Attendance at the team training session is by invitation only. During club sessions, at least one committee member must be present to provide the shuttles and racquets, to operate the pegboard queuing system, and to ensure that the relevant codes of conduct are followed.

SAFETY.

All club members are expected to behave in a safe manner. Members acting in an unsafe manner should be brought to the attention of a committee member who will take immediate action to inform the offending player. If a player persistently acts in an unsafe manner this will be considered a matter of discipline.

TEAM SELECTION.

Teams are selected from a squad of players who are invited to attend the designated team training sessions. It is the responsibility of the team captains to choose and inform the best teams available for a given match. It is the prerogative of the Club Captain and the team captains to invite members to the team training sessions.

Any member is eligible for selection. However, in the case of a local league team, the selected player must first be registered with the Leicestershire Badminton Association.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Club members are invited to inform the committee about any aspects of the running of the club that they feel might be improved, or any issues about safety or the equipment. Any changes to the club code of conduct must be ratified by the committee, and the Sports office and club members informed immediately. If a committee member feels that a member's activities are unsafe, or contravene the club code of practice, they may ask them to stop, give them further instruction or ask them to leave the session.

DISCIPLINE.

If a member infringes the club's code of practice, the matter must be brought to the attention of the committee. Where necessary, this shall be in writing to the Club Captain or Secretary. All infringements are dealt with in the strictest manner. If necessary the relevant person(s) will be banned or suspended from the club.

Badminton is a sporting game and should be played as such. Under the Laws of Badminton, as ratified by the International Badminton Federation, a player may be penalised for offensive behaviour. This club considers unsporting behaviour to be offensive and will deal with any such instances as a matter of discipline.

EMERGENCIES.

Staff are on duty at Manor Road when the sports hall is open, porters are available on 24-hour cover in the Charles Wilson building. In the case of an emergency these people may be used to call the appropriate emergency services. Alternatively public phones are available at both venues.

All emergencies must be reported to the committee at the earliest opportunity.