

## **Notts BA Senior Knock Out Cup Competition**

1. Rules 2, 12, 13, 15 and 16 for League Competition apply for this competition, with the exception that in Rule 12 the time for completing a match shall be seven days instead of 12 days.
2. A draw for each round shall be made and the first named team of each pair shall be responsible for arranging the venue. The home team shall offer within seven days of notification of the draw at least two dates for the match, one of which must be accepted within seven days of receipt if an amicable agreement cannot be reached for any other dates. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be disqualification. Knock-out cup matches shall have preference over League matches.
3. Entry to the Competition shall be free, however, the cost of the hall hire and shuttles shall be shared equally between both team, and settled on the day
4. Each round shall be played by an appointed date. If a match is not played by that date or an acceptable alternative agreed with the Competition Secretary, BOTH clubs shall be disqualified. The Competition Secretary shall advise each team of their own and their opponents handicaps and these should be agreed by both teams before the start of the match. If a match is then played off the wrong handicap the result shall stand. The winning team shall notify the Competition Secretary of the result as soon as possible and in any case not later than 24 hours after the appointed date for the round
5. A match shall consist of;
  - 2 Mixed Doubles
  - 2 Men's Doubles
  - 1 Ladies Doubles
  - 2 Men's Doubles
  - 2 Mixed Doubles

To be played in that order unless otherwise mutually arranged. It is advisable to decide the order of play before the match begins. The Men's doubles shall consist of two pairs to play against each pair in the opposite team. This also applies to the Mixed Double's. All matches shall play the best of three games to 21 points with no extension. It is not necessary for the same players to play in the Mixed Doubles as play in the Men's and Ladies Doubles.

6. A club shall be represented by players who are 'bone fide' members and be selected from a squad of players listed on the entry form. No other players shall be eligible to play for that club.

Players that have represented any county in the previous three seasons and have played more than twice in any one team during any of those three seasons shall be additionally handicapped on the following scale.

County 1<sup>st</sup> Team – owe 6 per player per game

County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – owe 3 per player per game

County 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – owe 1 per player per game

Representation in any County team during the current season, or Representation for Masters teams does not count for additional handicap purposes.

7. Each club shall be handicapped per game, according to its teams (Men's or Mixed) highest League position, using the following basic scale (except that ladies' teams play in a higher division than the Men's or Mixed teams the Ladies rubber shall be handicapped to the basic scale).

Premier – Owe 6

Division One – Owe 1

Division 2 – Plus 2

Division 3 - Plus 6

Division 4 – Plus 9

Division 5 or lower – Plus 12

Due to the reduced number of leagues in the Ladies handicaps have been adjusted as follow

Premier – Owe 6

Division One – Plus 2

Division 2 – Plus 6

Division 3 – Plus 9

No league Team – Plus 12

The league executive committee shall handicap all entrants, and reserve the right to adjust at their discretion at any stage of the competition.

In a match where both teams handicaps are plus or both handicaps are minus, the Handicap Tables must be used to calculate the starting position, this is then adjusted in the appropriate rubbers for the County Players. Where both teams are now in minus, by simple arithmetic one team is reduced to scratch to commence play. In a match between a team with a plus handicap and a team with a minus handicap, reference to the handicap table is not necessary, although the adjustment for County Player must be carried out-

8. The qualification for playing for a club shall be 'bone-fide' membership of that club. The players' subscription to the Association should be sent to the Hon, Registration Secretary, and the Badminton England fee sent directly to Milton Keynes. No one shall be eligible to play for more than one club in the same competition during the same season.

In the event of a club playing an ineligible player all matches in which that player all matches competed for during the current season will be awarded to the opposition 9-0.

Any individual who is a member of two or more clubs shall be only be eligible to play for one Club in the KO Cup Competition.

9. The final shall if possible be played on Nottinghamshire Badminton Association courts at Chilwell