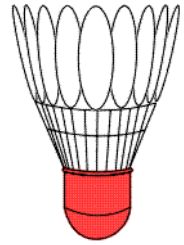
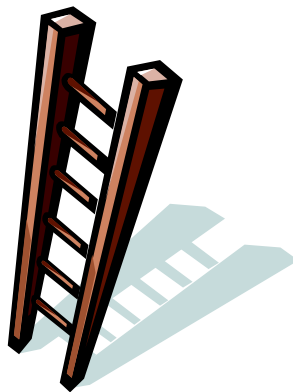


**BEDFORDSHIRE BADMINTON
ASSOCIATION**
Incorporating Bedfordshire Schools Badminton Association



Mixed Doubles Ladder

NEW for 2010/11



Entry form & ladder rules

Introduction

The Bedfordshire mixed ladder is a brand new opportunity for members of Bedfordshire clubs to play additional matches by challenging other pairs ad hoc rather than in set league fixtures.

The ladder is open to all standards and will be played in a friendly but competitive manor.

The ladder will be hosted on www.ropeyladder.com and will be available to view 24/7.

What you need to do join

1. Complete the entry form on page 4 and post to Malcolm Jellows (address below) along with the small entry fee.
2. Upon receipt the main contact will then be sent a link to join the ladder. You will then be prompted to create an account (only one account per pair needed). N.B the invitation message(s) may appear in your junk folder.
3. From then you will then be able to challenge other pairs in the ladder.
4. Once your challenge is confirmed you just need to agree a mutual date & time, book a court and away you go.
5. Then just record the score on the website once the match has been played.
6. You can then challenge as little or as often as you like and look but keep an eye out for incoming challenges.

Need Help?

Walk through guides will be sent along with the link to join the league to help you along. If you require any further support please contact;

Malcolm Jellows: - 07725 413 547 or malcolm@bedfordshirebadminton.com

League Rules

1. New pairs will start at the bottom of the ladder.
2. Each pair receives 2 free challenges which enable them to play anyone above you in the league.
3. After your free challenges have been used you may challenge up to and including three places above you pairs current position.
4. It is the challengers responsibility to arrange sufficient court hire and new shuttles covering any costs incurred.
5. The hosting pair may choose to use plastic or feather shuttles.
6. Matches are played to a minimum of best of 3, maximum best of 5 to 21 points with setting.
7. If a match is agreed to best of 5 games the host may request compensation for the additional court and shuttle costs.
8. Games which are unable to be completed due to lack of court time will awarded to the pair leading at that moment in time if the match has reached a third set.
9. The season will run all year round with the pair placed top on 1st May crowned champions for that season.
10. You are permitted 21 days holiday during the season in which time you are can make yourself unavailable for challenges.
11. Holiday is not permitted to be used from 1st . 30th April unless prior notice is given and permission is granted from the ladder committee
12. Supplying refreshments is not compulsory.
13. Games cancelled by the visiting pair within 7 days of the match date will be required to cover any costs if the organising pair is not able to be cancel free of charge.
14. Players must be members of BADMINTON England and the Bedfordshire Badminton Association.
15. Pairs may comprise of members of different clubs.
16. Players may only play in one pair entered in the ladders.
17. Players injured for longer than the holiday period may be replaced or withdrawn with the permission of the ladder committee.
18. Entry fees are non-refundable.
19. Pairs must consist of one male and one female player.
20. Substitutes are not permitted during a match; if a player retires any remaining games will be awarded to the opposing pair.
21. If the challenging pair wins they will move above their opponents, if the challenged pair wins both pairs stay in their existing positions.
22. A pair who is challenged must agree to a match with the challengers no later than two weeks after the challenge has been made unless:
 - a. The challenged pair is unable to play due to injury, holiday etc.
 - b. The two players cannot mutually agree on a date and time for a match.
 - c. They have just beaten the challenging player.
23. If contact cannot be made with another pair the committee may take action against the pair concerned.
24. Games cancelled due to adverse weather conditions will be null and void.
25. It is the responsibility of the winning pair to record the score on the ladder website.
26. Any discrepancies should be reported to the committee within 28 days.
27. Pairs should arrive promptly for matches and should be ready to commence play no later than 5 minutes after the start time.
28. Pairs which are not ready to start after 5 minutes are in danger of conceding game. One game can be claimed by the waiting pair every 15 minutes that play does not commence but only if the match is unable to be completed within the court time allocated. Waiting pairs must inform the opposition of this fact **before** the match begins. (unless a sufficient reason is given)
29. You may challenge pairs below you on the ladder but the game would be considered a friendly and not alter the ladder positions.

Entry Form

<u>Main Contact</u>		<u>Partners Details</u>	
Name:-		Name:-	
Email:-		Email:-	
Phone (Day):-		Phone (Day):-	
Phone (Eve):-		Phone (Eve):-	
BE Membership #:-		BE Membership #:-	

Please send payment of £3 (per pair) via cheque payable to BBA to:-

Malcolm Jellows, 58 Cromer Way, Luton, Beds, LU2 7DB.

If you are not a current member of a Bedfordshire club but would still like to take part in the league you can sign you up to the Bedfordshire Clangers club for £15.50 per person. Please see contact for more details.