Welcome

Welcome to the 2020/21 Team Leicestershire Badminton Season. All sport-specific information, rules, formats and age groups are included within this handbook. For additional Team Leicestershire information, overarching rules and processes, please ensure that you also refer to the 2020/21 Team Leicestershire handbook.

Obligations

It is imperative that Team Managers read and understand the contents of this sport specific handbook and the generic Team Leicestershire rules and formats handbook to ensure the smooth running of each competition.

Please pay specific attention to the deadlines and play by dates within this document.

Covid-19 Amendment

Following the Coronavirus outbreak, the 2020-21 academic year will no doubt be a very different and challenging period. With this in mind, it is important that LRS, SSPANs, SCHOOLS and SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS recognise and understand that flexibility and adaptability will be imperative to the delivery of the Competition Calendar. Therefore, the dates and formats stated in this document are an ‘ideal scenario’ and may be subject to change at both local and County level.

It is important that opportunities for young people to compete are provided and so in order to do this, we may have to utilise that flexibility and adaptability with the support of schools and delivery partners involved. Any required changes (if and when the need arises) will be communicated as clearly and as early as possible to allow for any necessary amendments by all parties involved.

We thank you for your support in this matter during these unprecedented times.
Association Committee

Contact details

Should you wish to contact a representative of the Association, please use the following contact details:

TBC
Rules and Formats

Boys Basketball
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9
Year 10
Year 11
Under 18

Girls Basketball
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9
Year 10/11
Under 18

Key Stage 3 Rules

- Games will be 4 quarters of 8 minutes – running clock stopping only for time outs and shooting fouls
- 1 Minute in between each quarter
- 3 Minutes for half time
- 1 Minute time out (1 per half)

- All players listed on the team sheet must play at least 1 quarter
- No players can play more than 3 quarters
  - Players must not be substituted during a quarter. However, if an injured player cannot continue in the fourth quarter, opposing team to select replacement, (this will stop tactical/fake injuries resulting in best players re-joining the game, having already played three quarters).
  - Once a player reaches their 3 quarter playing time then they are deemed as being fouled out (for the remainder of normal time)
  - Should a player be fouled out then only players who have not played 3 quarters will be eligible to take their place
  - If this is not possible due to lack of players on the bench then the team will play with 4 players (as per England Basketball rules)
  - This can continue until only 2 players remain
  - Should the game go into overtime then any player that is not fouled out will be eligible to play
• No zone defence
• Man to Man Half-court defence to be played
• In the final quarter a full court press may be used only if the points difference is less than 10 and both coaches agree this with the referees at the start of the game.

• In the event of a tie after full time, 5 minutes over time will be played with 1 time out per team. As many over times as necessary can be played but due to time constraints sudden death or golden basket can be applied if BOTH coaches agree
• All other Basketball England rules apply
• In the event of both teams arriving in the same colour, it is the home teams responsibility to change
• Schools must provide a referee each. (If it is a student they must be Level 1 referee qualified)
• Competent table officials and a visual score board must also be provided by the home team
• A visible clock must be present
• If there is a problem during the game, stop the game and sign under protest
• Ball sizes are: Boys-Size 6 and Girls-Size 5
• Optional for league fixtures: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a defeat, 0 points if default the game
• Optional for league fixtures: Each result may include MVP nominations (each coach nominates a player from the opposition) which are collated for the end of the league fixtures in your own areas
• It is the responsibility of the schools in each area to check the messages on School Fixtures
• This will include which area is drawn home and away for the preliminary round and subsequent quarter-finals and semi-finals
• When we reach the semi-final stage all schools will be asked to commit to attending the finals day should they win their semi-final match. If they are unable to commit at that time then the opposition will have an automatic opportunity to fill that space on the finals day (regardless of the outcome of the semi-final match)
• MVP NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE FINALS EVENINGS
• These players will be recognised at the LRS Active Schools Awards Evening, 2020
Key Stage 4 & U18 Rules

- Games will be 4 quarters of 10 minutes – running clock stopping only for time outs and shooting fouls
- 1 Minute in between each quarter
- 3 Minutes for half time
- 1 Minute time out (1 per half)

- All players listed on the team sheet must play at least 1 quarter
- No players can play more than 3 quarters

Players must not be substituted during a quarter. However, if an injured player cannot continue in the fourth quarter, opposing team to select replacement, (this will stop tactical/fake injuries resulting in best players re-joining the game, having already played three quarters).

- Once a player reaches their 3 quarter playing time then they are deemed as being fouled out (for the remainder of normal time)
- Should a player be fouled out then only players who have not played 3 quarters will be eligible to take their place
- If this is not possible due to lack of players on the bench then the team will play with 4 players (as per England Basketball rules)
- This can continue until only 2 players remain
- Should the game go into overtime then any player that is not fouled out will be eligible to play
- No zone defence, Double teaming is allowed
- A full court press may be used until a 20 point advantage is achieved, where upon it must be removed.
- Younger students may be selected to play in older teams provided that there is no more than a 2 year difference
- In the event of a tie after full time, 5 minutes over time will be played with 1 time out per team. As many over times as necessary can be played but due to time constraints sudden death or golden basket can be applied if BOTH coaches agree
- All other Basketball England rules apply

In light of the new Basketball England age group Co-Ed leagues at the U14 and U16 age groups “female players are permitted to play in this age group alongside male players only if there is no female team available for them to play for within their school environment and they are of the correct age, physical and mental ability.” When permitting a female player to play within competitions at these two age groups, the education establishment will need to complete a Consultation and Consent Form for each female player. The Waiver would need to be completed during a full consultation meeting with
the parents or guardian, with pastoral/Safeguarding or Head of Year, the coach and player to consider physical ability and mental agility/suitability. This form will need to be signed and kept on file with the school and a copy submitted to Basketball England in order to be entered into any competition under the jurisdiction of Basketball England. Therefore, that liability will rest with the school under their pastoral and OFSTED regulations and Duty of Care to each female player.

- The adoption of the above ruling at area round level comes at the discretion of your individual areas with compliance of your head teachers. Regarding the Team Leicestershire Finals competitions (preliminary rounds onwards) we will obey the above ruling but request your professional judgement is used in this matter, for the safety and experience of the athletes involved.
- In the event of both teams arriving in the same colour, it is the home team’s responsibility to change.
- Schools must provide a referee each. (If it is a student they must be Level 1 referee qualified)
- Competent table officials and a visual score board must also be provided by the home team.
- A visible clock must be present.
- If there is a problem during the game stop the game and sign under protest.
- Ball sizes are: Boys-Full size 7 and Girls-Size 6.
- Optional for league fixtures: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a defeat, 0 points if default the game.
- Optional for league fixtures: Each result may include MVP nominations (each coach nominates a player from the opposition) which are collated for the end of the league fixtures in your own areas.
- It is the responsibility of the schools in each area to check the messages on School Fixtures.
- This will include which area is drawn home and away for the preliminary round and subsequent quarter-finals and semi-finals.
- When we reach the semi-final stage all schools will be asked to commit to attending the finals day should they win their semi-final match. If they are unable to commit at that time then the opposition will have an automatic opportunity to fill that space on the finals day (regardless of the outcome of the semi-final match).
- MVP NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE FINALS EVENINGS.
Key Dates

Area competitions must be completed between January and Easter 2021 (dependent on Government advice)

*Knock out round draws will be confirmed in due course*

Prelim knockouts must be completed by TBC

Quarter Finals must be completed by TBC

Semi Finals must be completed by TBC

Finals Evenings: TBC in Summer Term

U18 Girls: As with 2019-20, due to low numbers involved, the U18 Girls Basketball competition is a straight league – no finals night. (Fixtures will be on the TL website to be played / scores recorded)