



Bradford & District Badminton League

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RULE PROPOSALS

LADIES BADMINTON

Proposal 1

- 1) The Ladies structure to change from 6 players in a team to 4 players in a team.
- 2) The format of matches will be that:

	Home Team		Away Team
Game 1	Player 1&2	vs	Player 1&2
Game 2	Player 3&4	vs	Player 3&4
Game 3	Player 1&3	vs	Player 1&3
Game 4	Player 2&4	vs	Player 2&4
Game 5	Player 1&4	vs	Player 1&4
Game 6	Player 2&3	vs	Player 2&3

- 3) Rank players in order of ability.

i. Proposal 2

The ladies structure to go back to 8 teams in the division if proposal 1 is voted through.

i. Proposal 3

The ladies structure to be 5 teams in 1st division if Proposal 1 is voted against. Each team playing each other twice home and twice away in season.

Reason – There is not 8 teams of 1st division ladies.

i. Proposal 4

Rule 16 vi --- League scoring – If a team tied on rubbers and tied on games; the next level should be the head to head encounters home and away

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Allerton Congs – Proposal

As you are aware Allerton Congs Ladies badminton team are totally against changing the format of the ladies teams for next season. Over the last season all the clubs we played in the third division, both home and away, had a full quota of team members, apart from one and the problem was due to a last minute injury rather than lack of players.

I am fully aware of the need to take action to encourage both females and juniors to play badminton but I fail to see how changing the format of the teams will increase the number of ladies or juniors playing badminton. It will have a detrimental effect on my ladies team leading to the loss of yet two more female players from the league.

Allerton Badminton Club proposes that the format of having four ladies in a team, if it is agreed at the meeting, is trialled in the first division only and the situation is reviewed at the end of the 2013/14 season. I trust you will put this proposal to the other clubs in the league in order that it can be discussed at club level and voted on at the next league meeting.

I have played in the Bradford League for over thirty years and obviously have seen a massive decline in both female and younger players. I write this letter as a badminton player who does try to encourage younger players by running a school badminton club, supporting the junior coaching run by Brighouse badminton club and standing in for a team of youngsters in the Huddersfield league.

If the ladies teams in the first division want to run with four players it will mean the clubs will have experienced players to move down the leagues and support the younger players who might not otherwise get a game.

I look forward to your and the leagues response.

Sue Powell (Ladies Captain, Allerton Badminton Club)