



Leicestershire Schools  
Badminton Association

# Team Leicestershire Badminton Handbook

Key Information  
Rules and Formats

2023/24



# Welcome

Welcome to the 2023/24 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 2022/23 generic 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.

[www.active-together.org/teamleicestershire](http://www.active-together.org/teamleicestershire)






# Association Committee

**Chairman – Dave Armstrong**

**Treasurer – Ray Phipkin**

**Secretary – Carole Spencer**

## Additional committee members

-  **Match Secretary** Natalie Clare
-  **Welfare Officer** Natalie Clare
-  **Team Managers**
  - Under 12s: Monal Patel & Michael English
  - Under 14s: Andy Wang & Parag Radia
  - Under 16s: Natalie Clare
  - Under 18s: Adam Sewell

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**Useful website - Leicestershire Schools Badminton Association**  
[www.leicestershireba.co.uk](http://www.leicestershireba.co.uk)

## Rules and Formats

**Concept:** To promote the game of badminton in Leicestershire by introducing a competitive element between schools.

Ideally, we would hope that all schools enter a team in both boys and girls competitions. This may not be possible in some cases and therefore a school can enter into whichever league they are able to support, possibly working towards entry into both leagues the following year.

1) The LSBA leagues will be the only badminton offer to the schools.  
2) The local leagues / events (*utilising Format 1 or 2 – outlined later in this document*) will be scheduled to begin in **Jan 2024** at the latest and all matches MUST BE PLAYED and results in by Feb half term.

3) The winning teams from each area league will go through to the County round held at Babington College, Leicester.

### **Please Note:**

*Any school wishing to enter the Badminton England National Schools Championships would need to do so directly, this will not be part of the Team Leicestershire competition.*

### **Age groups**

- Key Stage 3 Girls
- Key Stage 3 Boys
- Key Stage 4 Girls
- Key Stage 4 Boys

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### **UNDER 18 LEAGUES**

Schools and Colleges must register their interest in playing in the Leagues with Team Leicestershire (Active Together)

Players eligible to play in the under 18 League:

- 1) Years 12 & 13

- 2) There is no restriction on the number of county players in each team.

The format for the Under 18 Leagues will be FORMAT 2 (5 rubbers per match. (Rules below)

The team that goes through to the County round of this competition will be determined by the team that comes first in the leagues/pools.

### **All County Finals will be held at Babington Academy**

## **LEAGUE SYSTEM**

We would prefer schools to play the League system (*matches played over a number of weeks and 1 match per night*) but know that some areas may choose / need to play more than one match per night, so there are two options of the match format, which are explained below.

- Areas / Schools that decide to play on the preferred League basis (*over a number of weeks and 1 match per night*) should use **Format 1.**
- Areas / Schools that run one off events (*more than 1 match per night*) are recommended to use **Format 2.**
- The same number of players in a team are required in both formats.

## **Player Eligibility**

For both Formats for KS3 & KS4.

- Players can only play in their true age group. I.E: Key stage 3 or 4.
- A player can only represent the school that he/she is attending this season.
- There is no restriction on the number of county players in each team.
- Accordingly, you should accept people in the gender they present and verification of their identity should be no more than that expected of any other player (For further info see BE policy for transgender badminton player)

## **RULES**

- 1.** All match results **MUST** be recorded via the appropriate channels by the schools. *E.g.: Team Leicestershire app or with the local SGO*
- 2.** The winning school from each area will go through to the County round at Babington College, Leicester.
- 3.** Winning schools in each area will be determined via the position in the leagues/competition.

**PLEASE NOTE** - Format 2 will be used in the TL County Final.

## **Format 1**

**THESE ARE THE RULES IF YOU ARE PLAYING ON A LEAGUE BASIS.**

This is our preferred format, but it's up to each individual area.

This format allows more games to be played per match (8 games, instead of 5 games in format 2.) and all of your players get to play a singles game.

**RULES** for Format 1 (1 match per night)

- 1.** Each team will can consist of 4 boys or 4 girls.
- 2.** Each person will play 1 singles and 2 doubles games.
- 3.** All games are played to 21 points changing at 11 with NO setting (rally scoring).
- 4.** The players must play in rank order in the singles.
- 5.** The match consists of: 4 singles, and 4 doubles games.
- 6.** When using this format a 4-4 draw is a possible, if this is the case the winning team is determined by:
  - a. Most points scored across all games in the match.
  - b. If still a draw, it is determined on who won the number 1 singles game.
- 7.** It must be decided mutually between schools on who will provide the shuttles for the match.

## **Format 2**

**If YOU ARE PLAYING MORE THAN ONE MATCH PER NIGHT**, it is recommended that this format is used.

**RULES** for Format 2 (More than one match per night)

Teams will consist of 5 players with any 4 players taking part in each match. However, the 5<sup>th</sup> player can be selected for any match and does not only have to be used as a reserve in case of injury. If a player is injured during a game then that game is conceded, but the 5<sup>th</sup> player may be substituted in for further games in that match.

Each match will consist of 5 games: 2 x singles and 3 x doubles, with each player playing 2 games. This is shown on the attached match sheet.

1st Game: Singles (No.1 ranked player in the team)

2nd Game: Doubles (the 2 players not selected for a singles game)

3rd Game: Singles (No. 2 or 3 ranked player chosen for singles)

4th Game: Doubles (first singles player + either one of non-singles players)

5th Game: Doubles (second singles player + the other non-singles player)

For each match, a score sheet (provided) must be completed and signed by both Team Managers.

Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that the results on the sheets are correct.

It must be decided mutually between schools on who will provide the shuttles for the match.

## Key Dates

**Finals nights will be held at BABINGTON ACADEMY, Leicester, LE4 OSZ on the following dates:**

**Key Stage 3 Girls** – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 4pm Start

**Key Stage 3 Boys** – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 4pm Start

**Key Stage 4 Girls** – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 4pm Start

**Key Stage 4 Boys** – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 4pm Start

KS3/4 Level 2 Deadline: *Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

**Under 18 Girls Finals** – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 4pm Start

**Under 18 Boys Finals** – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 4pm Start

**\*Must have submitted expression of interest by end of October**



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**Match Score Sheet - FORMAT 1**

LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS' BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



AGE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS OR GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_

MATCH PLAYED AT \_\_\_\_\_ Date played \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE enter FULL names on the match sheet

**HOME TEAM**

**AWAY TEAM**

**SINGLES**

**Score**

**Score**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

**DOUBLES**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

**Match Score** \_\_\_\_\_



**WINNING SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed (Teacher or person i/c home team)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Away team** \_\_\_\_\_

Scoring system playing to 21 points NO setting.

**Match Score Sheet - FORMAT 2**

LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS' BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



Order of Play:

- 1st Game:** Singles (No.1 ranked player in the team)
- 2nd Game:** Doubles (the 2 players not selected for a singles game)
- 3rd Game:** Singles (No. 2 or 3 ranked player chosen for singles)
- 4th Game:** Doubles (first singles player + either one of non-singles players)
- 5th Game:** Doubles (second singles player + the other non-singles player)

**1 game to 21 points NO setting**

**Event:** (tick as appropriate)

KS3 Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS4 Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>

KS3 Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS4 Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>

**School names:**

	<b>vs</b>	
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Game	Player / Pair Names	Scores	Player / Pair Names
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

<b>Total score in Points</b>			
<b>Total score in Games</b>			
<b>Winning Team</b>			

**Team Managers signature:** *(to verify scores are correct)*

Print name:	Print name:
Sign:	Sign:

