Ebbisham Badminton 2025 Play-up Guidelines

Objective of Play-ups

To enable graded members who believe they match the grading standards of a higher section than their current one, the opportunity to be assessed for that section.

Mechanism for Assessment

The assessments will be over a five week period - from Tues 20th May to Thurs 19th June (inclusive). Anyone interested **must** be available for two out of the five possible assessment weeks.

The assessment panel for each section (C, B and A) will consist, wherever possible, of 3 higher ranked members from within the relevant section.

Further Guidelines:

- Members must register their interest in being assessed by adding their name to the sheet that will be placed on the relevant section board (for their existing section) from Mon 21st April Note: It will not be possible to simply turn up to a session to be assessed.
- Members must indicate on the sheet which dates they are available for assessment (min 2 must be entered).
- Members must be available on these dates. Regrettably, it will not be possible to offer any alternative dates if, for example, a member is unable to make the assessment weeks for whatever reason.
- The maximum number able to be assessed on any single date will be limited , so please enter all the dates you are available. The committee, in conjunction with the section

panel, will then decide on who should attend on specific dates and these will be posted on the section notice boards.

- Should a member not turn up without due notice and reason at one of the assessment sessions they have been asked to attend they will be deemed to have withdrawn from the play-up process.
- Games (i.e. player selection) will be determined by the assessment panel for the section on the night, to ensure that the best possible assessment can be made. Assessment will be based on both level and mixed doubles ability (dependent on player mix available on the night).
- Applicants should review the grading standards for the section they are trying out for (these are posted on each section board and also available on the website), as these form the base level criteria for each section.
- **Important:** ***Assessment will be based on a player's existing ability, or the strong potential, to achieve the midpoint standard for the higher section. This is to ensure that the overall total section standard is retained (or increased) and, as much as possible, ensures that the same player does not end up in the situation of being considered for downgrade at the next full re-grading.***
- All applicants will be informed of the decision by the relevant assessment panel at the completion of the assessment weeks (and latest 1st July) with the option to discuss the decision with the panel directly.
- Successful applicants will be expected to start their membership in the higher section immediately after they have been informed of the section panel's decision.
- Successful applicants must be aware that there is currently no dual membership (i.e. to also play in their current section) as well as being a member of the higher section.
- Due to some sections being close to capacity it's possible that even if an applicant meets the required playing standard that they may have to go on a waiting list for the higher section. However, their membership of the higher section will be prioritised over any new member applications for that section and they may continue to play in their current section until such time as a place in the higher section is available.
- There is no appeals process and the committee's decision regarding any aspect relating to the play-up's will be final.

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