



BRISTOL & WEST HOCKEY CLUB

Bristol Badgers League rules

Mixed junior and senior hockey, September to March

1 Name

The Bristol Badgers League.

2 Fixtures

To be arranged and notified to all clubs in the league by the Secretary.

Games to be played on a Sunday wherever possible. Any games played on a Saturday should take account of the fact some adults and juniors also play in the men's league.

3 Finance

Each member team shall pay a subscription to the league per season to participate.

The league will be run on a non-profit basis like the summer league and the money will be used for admin, eg website, trophies etc.

The cost of the pitch shall be borne wholly by the Home team unless agreed differently by each team.

4 Officers

The Badgers League has initially been set up as an informal body and as such will be run by only the Secretary. If in the future it is agreed by the members to formalise things, then an AGM will be held at which there shall be elected from the members a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

These shall form the committee of the League together with any other members they may wish to co-opt from time to time.

5 Voting

Not applicable at present. Any disputes will be decided by the Secretary.

6 Responsibilities of home team on fixture list

- a) Confirm matches at least 7 days prior to event.
- b) Provide proper match balls.
- c) Ensure that payment is made to the proper authorities for the use of the pitch.
- d) Notify the match result to the Secretary by the following Wednesday.

7 Responsibility of away team on fixture list

Ensure that, in the event of a colour clash, their team will play in an alternative colour.

8 Membership

The league is open to all teams within a reasonable travelling distance of Bristol, subject to the availability of suitable pitches.

Applications to join the League to be forwarded to the Secretary not later than the end of July.

9 Umpires

- a) Two umpires, one from each team, unless agreed otherwise, are to control each match.
- b) In the event of the failure of one side to provide an umpire, that side shall elect one of its players to fill the vacancy and play short if necessary.

10 Playing members

A player may play for only one club. In the interests of fair play and the spirit of the League, clubs with more than one team should endeavour to restrict their players to one team only.

11 Cancellation of matches

- a) Any side unable to fulfil a fixture must give at least 48 hours notice to both the Secretary and the opposing side. Failure to comply with this requirement will render the offending side liable for all reasonable expenses incurred by their opposition. Unfit pitch conditions should be reported as soon as known.
- b) Away sides will be liable for pitch costs even if 48 hours notice was given, IF the Home side is committed to paying for the pitch (eg as the result of a block booking).
- c) If a team cannot fulfil a fixture on the original date it is hoped that teams will do all in their power to meet their commitment by re-arranging the fixture.

12 Playing rules

- a) Juniors should be aged 11 to 15 years with the exception that 'if at the start of the Badgers season a player is 15 and becomes 16 in the Badgers season, they can be permitted to complete the season as a junior, rather than change to the rules of an adult part way through the season'.
- b) No more than 4 senior players allowed to take part. With the agreement of the opposition, this can be flexible if it is the only way a team can be fielded.
- c) Senior players are not allowed into the opposition's D.
- d) Senior players cannot participate in short corners except for the goalkeeper. Senior players from the attacking team must stand behind the halfway line until the corner is over.
- e) Where a particular side has a majority of players 11, 12 or 13 years of age then the game may be shortened to 30 minutes each way.

13 Final league tables

- a) 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss. Tie breakers are goal difference, then goals scored, then goals conceded.
- b) Results should be notified to the Secretary within 48 hours of the game.
- c) The League season runs from the beginning of September to the end of March, but the official closing date for all matches and rearrangements shall be the 1st Sunday in April. At that date final League tables will be prepared by the Secretary. The tables are informal as there are likely to be games that are not completed and thus opportunities missed to gain points.

14 League website

Results and the league table can be found on the B&W website:

<https://www.bandwhc.org.uk/badgers-league>

15 Alteration of rules

Any of the above rules may be amended by the Secretary, usually after agreement with some or all of the playing members.