Summer League Rules & Regulations

1. General

a) Summer League is open to all players: registered and/or non-registered.

2. Teams

- a) Teams consist of four (4) players per team for each tie. The team can be four (4) ladies, four (4) men or any combination of ladies and men. A maximum of six (6) players can be named. This will be strictly adhered to, to avoid unfairness. Matches may be defaulted if extra players are played without permission from the event organisers.
- b) Teams are to be entered via tournament software and graded per overall strength. If your team won their section in the Pre-Xmas event, you will enter in the section higher.
- c) Teams will be placed in a section of similar grading and can be moved if BNH deems they have entered the wrong grade.
- d) Teams will play once each week, on preferably Monday & Wednesday. Please include sufficient players to cater for the whole season, but no more than six (6).
- e) Replacements can be used but MUST be of the same standard as the unavailable player. Failure to adhere to this may result in a default
- f) If a team defaults due to 'failure to appear' the defaulting team will incur a penalty of both teams' entry fees.

 Please note: If a team withdraws after the competition has commenced, they will be charged for all ties that they were scheduled to play.

3. Format

a) Summer League is a doubles format. Each tie consists of 6 x doubles matches. Each player plays 3 x doubles matches i.e. 1 doubles with each other player.

4. Scoring

a) Scoring shall be the best of three (3) games to 21 points with extension.

5. Competition Points per Tie

- a) The winner shall be determined by the team who has won the highest number of matches.
- b) If matches are even, then the winner is determined by the team with the highest number of games won.
- c) If games are even, then the winner is determined by the team that has the highest point's differential (for & against).

6. Competition Results

The determination of the winner of a pool will be as per the BWF rules:

- a. Ranking will be established by the number of matches won
- b. If two teams have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher
- c. If three or more teams have won the same number of matches ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
- d. If three or more teams have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this still leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
- e. If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots

<u>7. Fees</u>

a) The fee schedule will be made available with the entry information. Fees can be prepaid for the whole competition or paid for on each night of play.