



# Badminton Club of UH Constitution

## PREAMBLE

For the purposes deemed wise and good, hereinafter set forth, this organization is hereby established submitting itself to be by, and dedicating itself to uphold the following constitution.

## ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 – The organization shall be called the 'Badminton Club of UH' and is organized as a non-profit association established on 17 January 2013 at the University of Houston with four founding members.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The key purpose of the organization is the governance and administration of Badminton campus wide. The purpose of the organization shall be to the following sections:

Section 1 – It shall be the primary objectives of this organization to:

- A. Publish and promote the Statutes and Principles of the organization;
- B. Control the game from an international perspective;
- C. Promote and popularize Badminton campus wide;
- D. Support and encourage the development of Badminton as a sport for all;
- E. Encourage the formation of new Members, strengthen the bonds between Members and resolve disputes between members;
- F. Organize, conduct and present Badminton events to world class standards and ensure other events meet appropriate international standards;
- G. Engage in commercial activities that give direct benefits to the sport and ensure sustainable development of the organization;
- H. Uphold the Principles, Purposes and Objectives of the organization by taking such measures that may deem necessary for advancing the interests of Badminton from an international perspective.

Section 2 – Additional purposes shall include but are not limited to:

- A. Promote good sportsmanship;
- B. Encourage fair play and competition among members.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1 – Membership shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation.**

Section 2 – Regular membership shall consist of those students of the University of Houston who have agreed to uphold this Constitution and to participate fully in the activities of this organization.

- A. Regular members shall have the right to vote.
- B. Regular members have the right to hold an officer position.

Section 3 – Special membership shall consist of those persons who have not fulfilled the requirements of Article III, Section 1 or 2.

- A. Special members are composed of alumni or members of the community.
- B. Special members will have the right to vote.
- C. Special members do not have the right to hold an officer position.



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Section 4 – Membership fee is required of all regular and special members. Membership fee will range from \$20-\$35 per semester and the money will be used to purchase shuttlecocks (feathered and plastic), medals and other items for tournaments, and for social or other club events.

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, Member Recruiter, and Club Historian and shall collectively be referred to as the Executive Board.

Section 2 – The responsibilities of the President shall be as follows:

- A. To preside at meetings of this organization;
- B. To serve as the representative of this organization to University Administration, the Student Government Association, and other organizations;
- C. To execute the orders of this organization, subject to the approval of the membership;
- D. To appoint chairpersons and members of all committees, subject to the approval of the membership;
- E. To delegate Presidential responsibilities when deemed appropriate, subject to the approval of the membership;
- F. To have signature authority on all checks issued by this organization;
- G. To inform succeeding officers of their responsibilities to this organization, University Administration, the Student Government Association, and other organizations;
- H. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 3 – The responsibilities of the Vice-President shall be as follows:

- A. To assist the President in his/her duties;
- B. To preside at meetings of this organization in the absence of the President;
- C. To establish, administer, and enforce an attendance policy, subject to the approval of the membership;
- D. To assume the office of President in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- E. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 4 – The responsibilities of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- A. To prepare agendas and to record minutes of meetings of this organization;
- B. To handle all correspondence of this organization not under the preview of the President;
- C. To pick up all mail received at the Center for Student Involvement at least once a week, in addition to any other location at which mail for this organization may be delivered;
- D. To maintain an accurate list of the membership of this organization;
- E. To update and maintain all files of this organization;
- F. To assume the office of Vice-President in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- G. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 5 – The responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. To keep accurate records of the financial status and transactions of this organization;
- B. To receive and disburse all monies of this organization;
- C. To have signature authority on all checks issued by this organization;
- D. To hold personal responsibility for all organization funds in his/her possession;
- E. To represent this organization when requesting funds from the Activities Funding Board;



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- F. To assume the office of Secretary in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- G. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 6 – The responsibilities of the Events Coordinator shall be as follows:

- A. To plan club events such as tournaments within and outside of the organization, fundraising activities, member appreciation events, and other events deemed necessary;
- B. To contact other Badminton Clubs/Associations in order to schedule tournaments and/or meetings;
- C. To inform Treasurer of the items required for purchase for tournaments and other events;
- D. To contact Badminton Club of UH members regarding tournaments and other events;
- E. To assume the office of Treasurer in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- F. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 7 – The responsibilities of the Member Recruiter shall be as follows:

- A. To recruit UH students, UH alumni, and UH faculty/staff to join the Badminton Club of UH.
- B. To be involved in club fundraising and recruiting events.
- C. To manage club social media.
- D. To assume the office of Events Coordinator in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- E. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 8 – The responsibilities of the Club Historian shall be as follows:

- A. To take photographs/videos during all club events.
- B. To post photographs/videos with captions on the club's social media page and website.
- D. To assume the office of Member Recruiter in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- E. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

### ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Candidates for any office of this organization must be Regular Members, thus being students of the University of Houston.

Section 2 – Candidates for any office of this organization shall be nominated by the voting membership or shall nominate themselves.

Section 3 – Election of officers shall take place at a meeting of this organization called for that purpose to occur within the last thirty days of each semester, with term of office lasting one year.

Section 4 – Election of officers shall be by a majority vote.

Section 5 – In case of a tie, the Current President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 6 – If there is only one candidate applying for an office, that candidate shall take office by default.

Section 7 – Officers may be re-elected without limitation.

### ARTICLE VI – REMOVAL



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Section 1 – Any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 2 – In case of a tie, the Faculty/Staff Advisor shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 3 – A vacancy of any office shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to the approval of the membership.

### **ARTICE VII – MEETINGS**

Section 1 – Meetings of this organization shall be no less than once a month during the Fall and Spring semesters, the general day and hour to be set by the voting membership at the first meeting of the Fall semester.

Section 2 – Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President upon the request of any five voting members of this organization.

Section 3 – The President shall have the authority to modify the meeting calendar as benefits majority of the schedules of voting members of this organization.

### **ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Section 1 – This organization shall use Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, as its authority on parliamentary procedure.

Section 2 – Quorum

- A. One more than half the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.
- B. No business shall be conducted without the presence of a quorum.

Section 3 – Business shall be decided by majority vote.

Section 4 – All references to voting or approval of the membership of this organization refers to voting membership except where specified.

### **ARTICLE VIII – OFFICIAL RULES OF BADMINTON**

Section 1 – All members of this organization must adhere to the official rules of Badminton, which are as follows:

- A. A toss shall be conducted before the beginning of each match. The side that wins the toss shall choose to either serve first or receive the first serve on the side of the court they choose.
- B. Badminton matches consist of the best of 3 games.
- C. The side that scores 21 points first wins the game.
- D. The side winning a rally adds 1 point to their score.
- E. If the score is tied 20-20, the side that scores 2 consecutive points wins the game.
- F. If the score is tied 29-29, the side that scores the next point wins the game.
- G. The side that won the game serves first in the next game.
- H. When one side reaches 11 points each side gets a 60 second break.
- I. A two-minute break is allotted for both sides between the first and second games as well as between the second and third games.



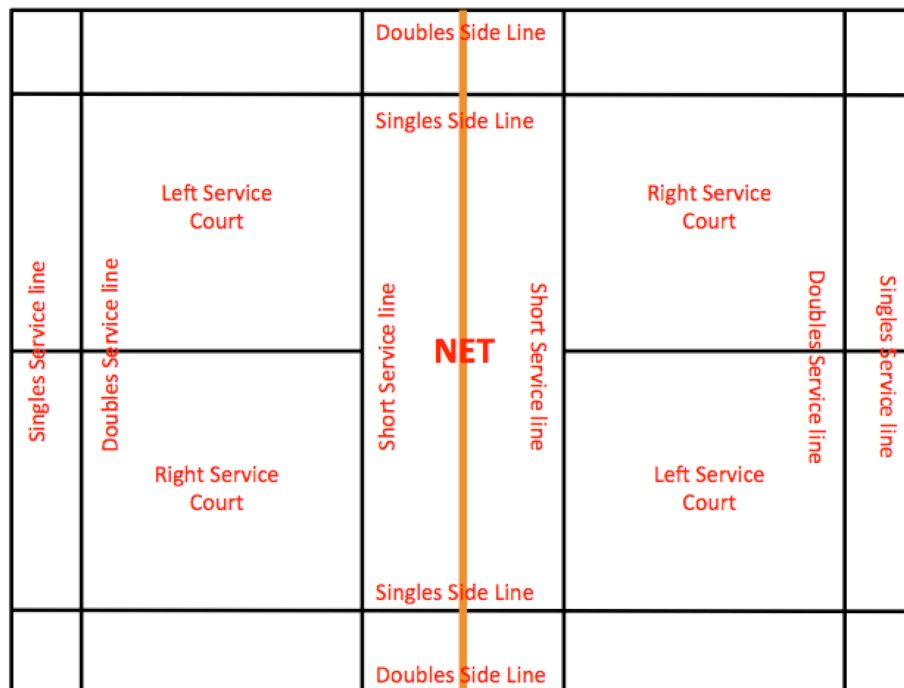
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- J. Upon completion of each game within a set the respective players must switch courtsides.
- K. Players shall serve from and receive in the right service court when the server has an even number of points.
- L. Players shall serve from and receive in the left service court when the server has an odd number of points.
- M. Only one service is allowed in order to begin the rally for a point.
- N. In doubles, when the score is even the player on the right service court serves. When the score is odd the player on the left service court serves. If the serving side wins the point then the player who served serves again on the appropriate service court.
- O. During service, the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib.
- P. Upon serving, some part of both feet of the server and the receiver shall remain in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position from the start of the service until the service is delivered.
- Q. After a serve is returned, the players may hit the shuttlecock from any position on their side of the court. The shuttle can only be hit once before it crosses the net to the other side of the court. Then the opposing side may do the same until the shuttle ceases to be in play.
- R. Service errors include serving from the wrong service court, serving out of turn or standing on the wrong service court. If a service error is made after the next service is done then the error will not be corrected. If a service error is made and discovered before the next service then it is considered a 'let' and the point shall be replayed.
- S. If the shuttlecock lands upon court boundaries then the point goes to the striker.
- T. A player calls a 'let' in order to halt play. In the event of a 'let' the point is replayed. The following are considered as 'lets':
  - a. When a shuttlecock is caught in the net and remains on top of the net or upon passing over the net gets caught in the net, except during service.
  - b. When, during service, the server and receiver both fault at the same time.
  - c. When the server serves before the receiver is ready.
  - d. When, during play, the shuttle separates from the rest of shuttlecock.
  - e. When the players are unable to make the decision if the shuttle landed inside or outside of the designated boundaries of the courts.
- U. The following are considered 'faults':
  - a. If the shuttlecock lands outside the court boundaries, fails to pass over the net, passes under or through the net, touches the ceiling or walls, touches a player or a players clothes, or touches an object or person.
  - b. If the shuttlecock is hit when it is not on the striker's side of the net.
  - c. If a player touches the net or the nets supports with his/her racket, body or clothing.
  - d. If a player invades the opponent's court over or under the net with his/her racket or body.
  - e. If a player distracts (deliberately or not deliberately) their opponent or obstructs an opponent by preventing them from making a legal stroke when the shuttle goes over the net.
  - f. If the shuttlecock is caught on a racket and slung while executing a stroke.
  - g. If the shuttlecock is hit or touched twice in succession either by the same player or, in doubles, by both players on the same side.
  - h. If a player is guilty of several offences.
- V. A shuttle is not in play if one of the following occurs:
  - a. The shuttle hits the net and remains attached to the net or suspended on top of the net.



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- b. The shuttle hits the net or post and begins to fall towards the surface of the court on the striker's side of the court.
  - c. The shuttle hits the court surface.
  - d. A 'let' or 'fault' happens.
- W. Play shall be continuous from the first serve until the end of the match with the exception of the allowed breaks as stated in Rules H and I.
- X. Majority of games will be played without supervision of an umpire or lines judge. All players must participate in fair game play and must adhere to the rules. In order for games to be fair and fun each player must be honest when keeping score and when making judgments on 'lets', 'faults', and when the shuttlecock is not in play. If the players cannot make a fair judgment then the point is to be replayed.
- Y. The diagram below shows a typical Badminton court layout. In singles the inner lines perpendicular to the net are the court boundaries. In doubles, the outer lines perpendicular to the net are the court boundary lines.
- Z. During service in singles the shuttle must pass over the first line (short service line) parallel to the net.
- AA. During service in doubles the shuttle must land between the first and second lines parallel to the net. If the shuttle proceeds past the second line then it is a 'fault'.



Section 2 – Only feathered shuttlecocks or Mavis 2000 Nylon shuttlecocks are to be used during tournaments.



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### **ARTICLE X – PRACTICE SESSIONS**

Section 1 – A practice schedule will be created during the beginning of each semester. If majority of members are interested in playing over Summer and Winter breaks then a schedule will be created during the beginning of these school breaks. All practice sessions are to be held in the University of Houston’s Campus Recreation center.

Section 2 – The University of Houston Campus Recreation center has a total of four Badminton courts. Three of these courts, one outer court and two inner courts, are reserved for the Badminton Club of UH during scheduled practice times and are intended for member use only. The inner two courts are designated as the Challenge courts and the outer court is designated as Practice/Beginner courts. All courts are operated on a “first come, first serve” basis. If there are more non-members than members during our practice time, we will give up one or two courts to accommodate other badminton players.

Section 3 – Challenge courts are reserved for those who want to engage in either a singles or doubles match. To promote game fairness it is recommended to play doubles. A team will challenge another team to play a match on one of the challenge courts. The winning team can either play another match against the team that is next in line to play or can retire and let two other teams play. If there are four or more teams waiting to play and the winning team has won 3 successive matches, then they must retire and wait until it is their turn to play again.

Section 4 - A warm-up time of 2-3 minutes is allowed before a match begins.

Section 5 – Practice/beginner courts are reserved for those who want to practice and develop their Badminton skills, or want to learn how to play Badminton. Each court can hold a maximum of 4 players that can either all practice together or just practice as pairs. A maximum of 20 minutes is allotted for practice time unless there are no other players waiting to play.

Section 6 – All members of this organization are responsible for keeping track of their playing time and being respectful to other members that are waiting to play. If a member fails to comply with any of these conditions then they will be asked to leave the practice session.

### **ARTICLE XI – AMENDEMENTS**

Section 1 – One or more voting members of this organization may author an amendment to this Constitution.

Section 2 – The amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for review and recommendation concerning legality, punctuation, placement, and word order.

Section 3 – The Executive Board shall present the amendment at the next meeting of this organization, a copy of the amendment being given to each voting membership (refers to voting member) of this organization. This shall constitute a first reading.

Section 4 – At the next meeting following the acceptance of an amendment, updated copies of this Constitution shall be given to each voting member.

### **ARTICLE XII – ANTI-HAZING CLAUSE**

This organization will not initiate, participate in, or be witness to any act that inflicts or intends to inflict



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physical or mental harm or discomfort or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s).

### ARTICLE XIII – NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

As a Registered Student Organization at the University of Houston we adhere to the University of Houston's Non-Discrimination Policy. The University of Houston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. The university provides equal treatment and opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status except where such distinction is required by law. Additionally, the System prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

EFFECTIVE DATE : \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)