

MANCHESTER BADMINTON LEAGUE

SLANN CUP

Intention of competition: knockout team competition for MBL clubs for a cup with a plate event for first match losers.

Players eligible: clubs enter teams of players registered with MBL.

Events played: ladies' and men's doubles and mixed with handicaps. The team consists of four men and two ladies thus the make up of the game is different to the league matches.

Date of event: matches played in the evening during reserved weeks.

Automatic entry for one team unless Slann Cup Secretary informed.

Nominated teams to be given to Slann Cup Secretary before end of September.

SLANN CUP RULES

The competition shall be called the Slann Cup and shall be held annually.

Each club in membership of the MBL shall be entitled to enter any number of teams.

The Competition shall be run on a knock-out basis. A draw shall be made to determine the home team in each round.

The final to be played on a neutral court.

The Home team shall be the one drawn first in the tie.

The Home team shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the provision of accepted feather shuttlecocks.

The cost of shuttles used in each round, except the final, shall be shared equally between the two competing teams.

The MBL shall provide the shuttlecocks for the Slann Cup Final and the Plate Final.

The team knocked out in the preliminary round (if played) or the first round, shall be automatically entered into the Slann Plate, so everyone gets at least 2 games, and the rules for Slann Cup shall apply to this competition.

Each team shall consist of 4 men and 2 ladies and each tie shall consist of 4 mens doubles, 4 mixed doubles and a ladies doubles, with each man playing in one mixed event.

Mixed doubles must play in order of strength.

An official score card for each tie will be sent to the home team. Both captains shall fill in the composition of their team before the time fixed for play to commence. At the end of the tie, the official score card shall be signed by both captains. The captain of the winning team shall inform the Slann Cup Secretary by telephone and send the score card as soon as possible.

Each event shall consist of two games played using the rally point scoring system. The first side to reach 21 points is declared the winner. There shall be no setting in any of the games.

Unless mutually agreed by the two captains, the order of play shall be:

Mixed Doubles 1st v 1st, 2nd v 2nd, 3rd v 3rd, 4th v 4th.

Mens Doubles 1st v 1st, 2nd v 2nd.

Ladies Doubles

Mens Doubles Home 1st v Away 2nd, Home 2nd v Away 1st.

When the total number of aces is known, the envelope containing the handicap shall be opened and the result known.

Each team shall be handicapped, the handicaps being set by the sub-committee not later than one week before each round.

The only players eligible to represent a club in the competition shall be those players registered by that club for League Matches up to and including the 1st March in the season of the competition. Players must be registered as a squad with a maximum of 6 men and 4 ladies per squad. Alterations may only be made to the squad with the permission of the Competition Subcommittee and may be re-handicapped accordingly. Any player added to the squad must have represented the respective club in a league game that season. A revised handicapping shall be made prior to each subsequent round, including the semi-final and final. For clubs entering two or more teams, a player may only play in one team in that season with the exception that a player may play up once as a reserve.

All other BE and MBL rules shall apply for rules not covered by the Slann Cup Rules.

Unless by prior arrangement, all Slann Cup ties shall commence no earlier than 7:00pm. The MBL rules for late starting shall apply.

All ties must be played during the weeks reserved for this competition.