

Guidance for junior players joining adult league clubs

1. A **List of Clubs** is published on this web site (www.nfrba.co.uk) You are advised to check the senior league club's venue, club and match playing days and times.
2. Attending as a **visitor** before joining is advisable to see if it suits you.
3. Check the **joining cost**, clubs have a joining fee and a match fee. Club joining fees range from £45 - £125 per season. Some have a reduced rate for junior players. All members must be registered with Badminton England, usually paid by your senior or junior club. You may join several clubs but this fee is payable only once each year. Ensure you know which club is paying this fee for you and tell your new club - it should reduce the joining fee.

Match fees range from £3 - £6 and are paid each time you play a match, home or away and are in addition to the joining fee. You are advised to check with the club treasurer or secretary before joining.

4. **Matches**, if you agree to play for a club, you must become a member. If you cannot attend a match, you need to let the team captain know as a reserve will have to be found. Make sure you have contact phone numbers in case of a problem on the day of the match.
5. If you play in a team, you will be expected to take your turn providing match **food**, sandwiches, cake, fruit, nibbles are examples. Clubs provide food for home matches only.
6. Some halls have one court or play 2 matches together so your match may finish **late**; times should be shown on the match schedule.
7. Once you have played for a senior club in mixed (for example) you cannot play for another club in mixed for the rest of the season. However if you play mixed for one club, you can play level doubles for a different club and "Comp" (2 women and 4 men) for a third; however, this will require 3 separate joining fees.
8. Some clubs have a welfare officer to talk to; if the club you join does not, you can discuss any concerns with your coach or parents. Badminton England have an email safeguarding@badmintonengland.co.uk for Advice For Young People. Also on <http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/> under "Safeguarding".

If you or your parents have questions, please contact your junior club coach or the NFRBA secretary.

Fees and details are current at July 2016

Your first senior match:

You will have been given a match schedule, please diarise the details and let the team captain know as early as possible any dates you cannot make.

If you are held up, you will need to ring a member of the team to let them know if you will be late – so you will need contact phone numbers.

If the match is at “home” then you might need to take food, the team captain will usually inform you well in advance of what food you need to take with you.

If the match is “away” that club will provide food and water. You are advised to take a spare racket, in case you break a string or worse.

Don't forget your match fee, you will be asked for it.

You will be given knock up shuttles and when the game begins, new shuttles will be used. You are entitled to test a shuttle and this is advisable – but inform the opposition you are testing it.

Rules are on Badminton England web site. Queries to your club coach.

Many junior players already play league and are keen to help, encourage and support you.

Enjoy it