



## South West Leinster Badminton League Rule Book Amendments

Several motions & proposals were presented to the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting which was held in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Amendments were made to the following rules:

### Rule 7 b) regarding the Annual General Meeting now reads:

Each club participating in Men's, Ladies or Mixed Leagues not sending a representative to the A.G.M. must pay a fine of €50.00 to "THE LEAGUE" before the next season's competitions begin.

### Rule 13 q) regarding Competitions now reads:

Where a League consists of five teams or more, at least one semi-final will take place to decide the finalists; where a league consists of only three or four teams, the two teams with the highest points will go straight to a Final; where a league consists of five teams, the team with the highest points will go straight to a Final and the two teams with the next highest points will play a Semi-Final to decide the other place in the Final.

### Rule 15 regarding fixtures now reads:

A fixture meeting will be held prior to the commencement of Men's and Ladies Leagues & Mixed Leagues where the Match Secretary/nominated club member arranges fixtures with other clubs. Fixtures are then submitted to the League organiser before a specified date. Once fixtures have been submitted, clubs can only postpone fixtures for the following reasons – Hall unavailability, Bereavement of a club member, Clashing with another badminton event or Severe weather conditions. Matches may only be postponed by the match secretary, not by team captains. If any match is postponed, the league organiser must be notified before the fixture was due to be played and given the new fixture date and the reason why the fixture could not be played. If a club cancels a fixture a second time, barring extraordinary circumstances (to be discussed with the league organiser) the matter will be referred to the sub-committee for Issues with Matches Played on Time. The committee may in turn penalise the offending club 2 points.