## **Game Rules & Dates**

- > The standard rules of play apply to the matches, first to 21, win by 2, sudden death at 29-29.
- > Best of 3 sets, change ends at the beginning of each set and at 11 points in the decider.
- > Close line calls are decided by the player closest, for any disputes, please re-play the point.
- > The competition will start on May 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Entries may begin in March and the starting order draw will be made on 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- > Any entries later than this can join the ladder at the bottom and work their way up.

## Ladder Rules & Challenges

- > The Ladder begins with all registered pairs/players randomly designated a starting position.
- > The window for weekly challenges opens at 7am each Monday and closes at 8pm each Friday
- A team may make only one challenge per week.
- > A team may not challenge the same team a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in consecutive weeks.
- > The team you challenge can be no more than 3 places higher than you at the start of the week.
- If you beat an opponent you claim their position on the ladder bumping them down a spot.
- > To make the challenge official, tag an opponent on the Facebook page or message me
- > The order in which the challenges are made, may impact the changes of position at the end of the week.
- ➢ If you receive a challenge, the precedence of when and where to play goes to you.
- > All challenges must be accepted, you have until the following Sunday to play the tie or give up the spot.
- Any teams inactive during a game week will slip down a position (if you're at the top & no one challenges you, you may challenge any team below you to avoid this).
- > If you wish to change your partner, you must give up your position & re-join at the bottom.

## **Multiple Ladder Rules & Club/Individual Points**

- > If the number of teams on 1 ladder exceed 20, a second ladder will be added.
- In this case, nothing really changes, for example the top team on the lower ladder can challenge the bottom 3 teams on the higher ladder.
- At the end of the season, all individuals will score points (see points system page for details), mixed and non-mixed points being added together for the Individual Championship.
- > The top 5 men and top 5 ladies from each club score points for their Club in the Club Championship.
- > Entering the same ladder twice with a different partner is permitted for nurturing up and coming talent.
- > But these end of year points won't be added to your total and of course you can't challenge yourself.

## Payments & How to find us

- > The entry fee for the season per pair is £5, just to cover time, web fees & trophies.
- > If you wish to play your match on a Club Night, please get permission from the Club Chairman.
- > Club fees for the evening will apply. A guide to booking courts at Island Sport Centres is available.
- Find the Website at www.ladderminton.co.uk or join the Facebook group Badminton Ladder IW

