

Badminton England Affiliation 2017/18

Badminton England has changed the way Membership Affiliations are calculated for the 2017/18 season.

The OBL Committee is sending this document to you so that you can assess the probable impact on your club. Hopefully there will not be changes to the teams you wish to submit but, if there should be, then please advise Peter Browning by 30 June which is the deadline for entries for the 2017/18 season.

The main changes appear to be:

- The membership year starts on 1 September 2017. The BE membership department have advised that all prior season affiliations will lapse on 30 August (ie they will not continue to 31 October) and that no refunds will be issued for this one-off change.
- Clubs will pay a rate based on the number of affiliated members. The membership number is deemed to include volunteers and adopted members. The rate is £50 for clubs with 1-10 members, £70 for those with 11-15 and £100 for those clubs with 16 or more members. If your club size increases to the next charge band during the season the difference is payable.
- The rate for individuals within a club is reduced from the standard £16 membership rate in 2016/17 to £10 for the PLAY category but is increased to £20 for those in the COMPETE category. Coaches must pay an additional £10 to upgrade to the COMPETE category.
- The COMPETE category is required for those wishing to play in Badminton England sanctioned tournaments (eg the bronze, silver, gold circuit or representing their county). The BE Membership department have confirmed that those **players who just play local league badminton fall within the PLAY category** not the COMPETE category.

Please be aware that OBL requires that all players must be affiliated to play League matches (Rule F1). The expectation of the OBL Committee is that all your club members will be affiliated to ensure that they are adequately covered by insurance when they play and it also provides the opportunity for them to take advantage of other BE membership benefits. The BE membership department have advised that “guests” (unless BE members affiliated direct in their own right rather than through any club) are not covered by BE club insurance if they are a guest more than a minimal number of times.

The attached table is produced to reflect two scenarios for a club comprised of adults. These are that all members are in the PLAY category and, as an alternative, that a quarter of members are instead in the COMPETE category. For comparison purposes it excludes the County element which, for Oxfordshire, is understood to be increasing from £2.10 to £2.50.

The intention of BE is that for the majority of clubs/players there will be no detrimental impact resulting from the Affiliation change but the table, whilst simplistic, does suggest that for a few membership profiles there will be an overall increase. Please do **use the link** to view the official BE information **to form your own view of the likely impact on your club** based on your anticipated membership profile and do not hesitate to contact the membership department at Badminton England for clarification of how it may affect your club.

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/landingpage.asp?section=6839§ionTitle=Pricing+structure>

Kind regards
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