**BLACKPOOL & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

**GUIDELINES/CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEAM CAPTAINS AND PLAYERS**

1. Team captains are responsible for the overall conduct of their team.
2. Team players should be ready to play at the starting time stated on the website.
3. Should any player want to arrive later than the starting time to the match, their captain/ club match secretary should contact the opposite team captain/match secretary to advise and should request confirmation that the message has been received. They should also be aware of the rule regarding unfinished matches due to lateness of a player.
4. Court surface and equipment should be in a suitable condition for match play at the stated start time. Team captains should provide shuttles in accordance with BDBA rules.
5. Matches should be played in accordance with the current Laws of Badminton e.g. scoring rule, service rule etc.
6. Team captains should ensure that their team play in a sporting manner i.e. a player should apologise if the opposition is hit by the shuttle during a rally; a player (either side) should shout the score after every rally to try and avoid a score dispute; line calls may be clarified in a polite and respectful manner and a let can be played if both parties cannot agree the call.
7. The use of an umpire is allowed however, this will usually be one of the players participating in the match. An umpire will keep the score, but if both teams agree can rule on a disputed line call.
8. Any on-court disputes should be resolved amicably by team captains at the earliest opportunity. Grievances cannot be rectified at the instigation of Council. If a team has a grievance relating to a match, the captain/match secretary should make a complaint to Council with an outline of the grievance. Council is then obliged to investigate the complaint and will seek a response from the other party.
9. Please help the Press & Publicity Secretary by writing a brief match report.
10. The completed match sheet (signed by both captains) should be sent to the League Match Secretary within the time allowed in league rules. It is preferable to send via WhatsApp or email. A copy should also be sent to the Press & Publicity Secretary.