

2009 MASSBad Doubles League

Date: **March 15 Sunday - Divisions A/B – Place: UMass Lowell Campus Recreation Center**
April 4 Saturday - Division C – Place: Maugus Club and Waltham Club
April 18 Saturday - Division D- Place: To Be Determined

Eligibility: **Players:** Anyone who lives in MA, works in MA, or is affiliated with a MA badminton club. A player can only play for 1 team and 1 level only. Players can play in any Division more skilled than him/her, but cannot play in Divisions that are less skilled. For example, an “A” player cannot play in “B,” while a “C” player is eligible to play in “A.” All players in MA are eligible- there are no over-qualified players.
Teams: Anyone can form a team. A team can be formed by either one club or more than one club. Clubs may form more than 1 team. A team does not need to be associated with any club.

League Structure: Each team shall indicate their preferred playing level. For each level, play involves round robin group(s) with possible playoffs to be conducted at the end of the day or the next day. A maximum of 8 teams and a minimum of 4 teams shall play in each Division level. To accomplish this and to ensure that teams compete with others of their playing level, the coordinators may move teams one level up or down depending on the relative strength of the teams. The coordinators shall conduct an open random draw of groupings if more than one group is formed. Specific number, size and levels of groups to be determined.

Format of Team Meet: Each “team meet” will consist of the following set of matches: 4 Men’s Doubles, 1 Women’s Doubles, 2 Mixed Doubles. Stacking is not allowed.

Teams are required to finish all matches in a meet, regardless of whether the meet winner has already been determined.

Registration Due Date: Entries **must** be received by **Mar 1st, 2009** by e-mail for Div.A and B.

Entries **must** be received by **March 26th, 2009** by e-mail for Div. C.
Entries **must** be received by **April 9th, 2009** by e-mail for Div. D

Inquiries: Send e-mail to Coordinators for registration and questions:

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Qualifications: **Division A – Team members consists of MA A and B+ level players**

Division B – Team members consists of MA B level players

Division C – Team members consists of MA B- and C level players

Division D – Team members consists of MA C- and Beginner level players

Fee: **\$180 per team for Level A and B, \$120 per team for Level C and D.** Fee will be used for venue rental, badminton shuttlecocks, and plaque. Check must be received by **March 1st for Div. A/B**, March 26th for Div. C, and April 9th for Div. D. Make check payable and send to:

Tom Yang
14 Farmstead Way
Acton, MA 01720

2009 MASSBad Doubles League Entry Form:

1. Team Name: _____
2. Team Captain name: _____
3. e-mail address: _____ Phone Number: _____
4. Club Affiliation (if any): _____
5. Male Team members (minimum 5 men, maximum 7 men, each player can only play up to 2 matches in a given team meet) and USAB membership #:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Female Team members (minimum 2 women, maximum 4 women, each player can only play up to 2 matches in a given team meet) and USAB membership #:

_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Estimate your team strength (Highlight, underscore, or circle one): **A B C D**

8. Waiver of Liability:

Upon entering this league, I, the team captain, agree to abide by the current rules of the MassBad Doubles Leagues and the Massachusetts Badminton Association. I understand our participation in this badminton league during February to April 2009 is for enjoyment. I also understand and am aware that our participation in this sports event may sustain physical injuries or death regardless of fault. I further relinquish any legal claim against MassBad Doubles Leagues, the Massachusetts Badminton Association and its board / committee members in the event of injury.

Team Captain Signature: _____ Team Name: _____ Date: _____

9. Players must sign waivers below before the team match start:

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Mass Badminton events, my personal representatives or I, assigned heirs, and next of kin:

2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of badminton activities and that I am qualified in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity.

3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BADMINTON ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity. The condition in which the activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW: (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the activity.

4. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW:

5. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND AGREE NOT TO SUE THE USA BADMINTON, MASSACHUSETTS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, MASSBAD DOUBLES LEAGUES, PARTICIPATING CLUBS IN THE LEAGUE, VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, ANY SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein), FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES", OR OTHERWISE INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

6. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT,

Signatures of participants: _____ Date: _____