

SBL CUP RULES – 2011-2012

1. The competition is open to all SBL teams wishing to enter with the exception of the Taylor Trophy holders.
2. Teams will be seeded in the first instance, and thereafter matches will be drawn “out of a hat”.
3. No handicaps will be imposed.
4. The home team (from draw) will pay for court time and shuttles.
5. Each match will be played according to SBL match rules except where specifically stated below.
6. Matches will be won on rubbers. If both sides have won an equal number of rubbers, the match will be decided on games. If both sides have won an equal number of rubbers and games the match will be decided on number of points.

In the very unlikely event of points being equal, the winning side will be the team winning the most rubbers from the following three rubbers: Men 3&4 v Men 3&4 and the two Mixed Doubles Matches (i.e. the last three rubbers on the score sheet).

7. Any nominated individual may act as a substitute in up to a maximum of TWO Cup matches per season.
8. No individual may be nominated for a team for Cup purposes only, they must have been nominated previously during the season as a team player or substitute.
9. First Round Losers enter a Plate Competition.
10. A returnable cup will be presented to the winning team at the Presentation Evening. Medals will be presented to teams taking part in the final.
11. The cup can only be retained by the winning team if they play a Challenge Match for the Taylor Trophy against the holders of the Taylor Trophy. Rule 7 does not apply for this match.
12. Should the SBL Cup Winners lose the Taylor Trophy Challenge, they retain the SBL Cup for the year, and are eligible to enter the SBL Cup Tournament the following season.

Should they win the Taylor Trophy Challenge match, then they also keep the Taylor Trophy for one year, but cannot re-enter the SBL Cup the following season, (but have to play the Taylor Trophy Challenge match only the following year). This allows the previous holders to enter the SBL Cup the following season.