

## Newmarket Badminton Federation (NBF) 2024/5 Season Report for SBA AGM 16 July 2025

**Leagues:** All results and league tables are on the league web site (link below), with most winners and relegation positions decided apart from Men's Division 2, hindered by even more late / missing results than usual. With the sad demise of the Bury League good news for us welcoming a couple of extra entries from Abbeygate, but sadly for the third season no ladies league. We will be picking up the possibility of the Men's League becoming "Open" at the AGM as the South Cambs League will also be considering and many of the clubs play in both leagues so we are likely to try to be consistent.

**Competitions (some not held):** Again this year numbers were insufficient to run our Rushworth Knockout trophy and NBF Doubles (Level and Mixed) competitions and the NBF vs BDBL challenge has yet to restart since 2019.

**NBF International Team Tournament 15/16 Feb 2025 - 31<sup>st</sup> year.** As usual Teams of 2 men and 2 ladies played level and mixed doubles in 3 groups (based on the Belgian categories B1, B2 and a C1/C2 combined) at Newmarket, Soham, Burwell and Mildenhall. So 133 players (mercifully we only needed 1 sub) in 33 teams played 30,456 points in 912 games (114 matches), with total games per player ranging from 24 to 36 (half of which were to 15 points) with a Saturday night social on the top floor of Wildwood in Newmarket, making for a very busy weekend - so well done to those who survived! After a couple of years since starting this event without any of our Belgian friends (which was the original "raison d'être"), it was great to see some new Belgian entries along with players from around the country, coach loads from Southend plus increased entries from the UK Armed Forces (UKAF).

On a personal note having been involved with this event since its inception 32 years ago (Covid scuppered 2021) and having played in the first 27 it was a relief to hand over most of the donkey work to some new blood (although still assisting in my NBF secretary role).

**NOTE TO PLAYERS:** this tournament is a great fun / competitive weekend, attracting a high standard from all over the Country and abroad (primarily Belgium), so IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE SOME ENTRIES FROM THE REST OF SUFFOLK! Date for next year weekend of 28 Feb/1 March 2026.

**Belgium trips:** for the first time in over thirty years of entering Belgium tournaments our local players have taken a break this year, but hopefully will return to taking part next season.

**NBF AGM (via Zoom):** scheduled for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

For details and all the news see web site [newmarketbadmintonfederation.org.uk](https://newmarketbadmintonfederation.org.uk)

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