

## **Badminton By-laws**

### **Section 1 - Competition Rules**

- 1.1** The Badminton competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the Regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- 1.2** The Organising Committee must apply to the BWF for sanction for the Tournament being part of a multi-sport event.

### **Section 2 - General**

#### **2.1 Island Representation**

##### **2.1.1 Individual Competition**

###### **2.1.1.1 Singles**

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| Men   | a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island |
| Women | a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island |

###### **2.1.1.2 Doubles**

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| Men   | a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island |
| Women | a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island |

###### **2.1.1.3 Mixed Doubles** a maximum of 4 pairs per Member Island

##### **2.1.2 Team Competition** a maximum of 1 Team per Member Island

**2.1.3** A Team to consist of a maximum of 5 men and 5 women competitors per Member Island.

**2.1.4** Each Member Island competing in the Badminton events shall also be required to complete a separate consolidated entry form showing all players nominated for the Team Event, and listing its entries in each of the Individual Events in rank order with a maximum of 4 players in the Men's Singles and Women's Singles, a maximum of 2 pairs in the Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles and a maximum of 4 pairs in the Mixed Doubles. This form shall be submitted to the Badminton Technical Committee in order to facilitate the determination of the seeding by the BWF and for making the draw.

#### **2.2 Age of Competitors**

**2.2.1** The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

**2.2.2** In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

#### **2.3 Officials**

**2.3.1** To be appointed by the Organising Committee

**2.3.2** The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee and the 4 Umpires all of whom shall be suitably qualified.

**2.4 Events**

Subject to the Host Island having the facilities available and appropriate entries the following events shall take place:-

**2.4.1. Individual**

Men's Singles                      Men's Doubles  
 Women's Singles      Women's Doubles      Mixed Doubles

**2.4.2 Team**

The Team Event shall consist of 5 matches, comprising 1 Mens Singles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Mens Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles.

**2.5 Training**

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 Where possible courts should be available for a minimum of 2 days prior to competition commencing for practice/training.

**2.6 Draws**

2.6.1 The Technical Committee (unless the BWF decides it wishes to do so) shall draw up the seedings for both the Team Event and the Individual Events.

2.6.2 The draw for the Team Event and the Individual Events shall be made by the Organising Committee in accordance with BWF Regulations and should be undertaken with guidance from the Technical Committee.

**2.7 Venues**

The minimum number of courts is 4, but 5 courts are preferable, in 1 hall or 2 halls close together. The recommended distance between courts and end of the halls is 2.08m with 3.80m behind each end of the courts. A 4-court hall's minimum measurements shall be 34.8 metres by 18 metres by 9 metres high. Halls of any other dimensions must be referred to and approved by the Technical Committee.

**2.8 Equipment**

Top grade feathered shuttlecocks are to be used throughout competition.

**2.9 Clothing**

The Regulations of the BWF concerning coloured clothing and advertising on clothing at multi-sports events shall apply, provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

**2.10 Medical**

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

**2.11 Medals**

2.11.1 Individual Gold, Silver and Bronze – 8 medals of each type required.

2.11.2 Team Medals will be awarded to all Members of the medal winning Teams. A maximum of 10 Gold, 10 Silver and 10 Bronze medals will be required.

**2.12 Protests and Complaints**

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

**2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing**

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

**Section 3 - Technical Committee**

**3.1 Appointment**

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

**3.2 Meetings**

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.

**Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings**

**4.1** The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.

**4.2** The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

**Section 5 - Individual Competition**

**5.1** The Individual Events will be open only to those players entered in the Team Event, and in the case of any Island not entering the Team Event, to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women from such an Island subject to clause 5.3 hereof.

**5.2** All events shall be played on a knockout basis with seeding

**5.3** A Member Island may enter a maximum of 4 players in the Men's Singles, a maximum of 4 players in the Women's Singles, a maximum of 2 pairs in the Men's Doubles, a maximum of 2 pairs in the Women's Doubles and a maximum of 4 pairs in

the Mixed Doubles. Only players representing the same Member Island may play together in the Doubles events.

- 5.4 Substitutes will be permitted after the draw has been made only with the consent of the Referee, subject to BWF Regulations.
- 5.5 No individual match should commence after 2300 hours.

### **Section 6 - Team Competition**

- 6.1 Each Member Island may enter a maximum of 1 Team in the Team Event. A Team must consist of a minimum of 2 men and 2 women and a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. Teams shall be divided into groups according to the number of entries so that each group consists of a minimum of 3 Teams. When there are 2 or more groups, 4 seeded Teams shall be placed or drawn accordingly.
- 6.2 In each group, each Team will oppose each of the other Teams in a tie. Matches shall be played in the order on the Team sheet. A player is entitled to an interval of 30 minutes between matches. No tie should commence after 2100 hours.
- 6.3 No player shall be permitted to take part in more than 2 matches in any 1 tie, but different players and pairings may be selected for different ties. Team Managers shall submit to the Referee the composition of their teams at least 30 minutes before that tie is due to start and no alteration thereto shall be permitted except as stated in 6.4. However, this may be waived at the discretion of the Referee.
- 6.4 The substitution of 1 player for another previously selected shall be permissible in a forthcoming match with the approval of the Referee and only in the case of illness or injury to the player concerned which occurred after the nominations have been made and provided that the restriction to 2 matches for any player is adhered to. Subject to the aforementioned restriction, substitutions shall also be permitted in any match, or matches, remaining in a tie after 1 team has attained a winning margin.
- 6.5 A match conceded because of injury or illness shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point. All matches in a tie shall be contested unless prevented by injury or illness. The Referee shall disqualify any Team that fails to carry out its obligations. In the knockout stages, a tie shall be concluded when a winning margin has been attained, subject to the agreement of both Team Managers or at the discretion of the Referee not to play the remaining matches in the tie.
- 6.6 The number of ties won - if these are equal the total number of matches won shall decide the final order in a group. If further adjudication is necessary, it will be the difference between the total number of games lost or won. If this does not decide, the order shall be determined by the result of the tie between the 2 Teams concerned.
- 6.7 When there is only 1 group, the awarding of medals shall be governed by the final order. When there are 2 groups, both group winners and runners-up shall compete on a knockout basis, each group winner opposing the runner-up of the other group in the

1<sup>st</sup> round. The final tie shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals, and a tie between the 1<sup>st</sup>-round losers shall decide the winners of the Bronze medals.

**6.8** When there are 4 groups, the 4 group winners shall compete on a knockout basis. The final shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals, and the winners of the Bronze medal shall be decided by the tie between the 1<sup>st</sup>-round losers.

**6.9** In the case of any number of groups other than provided in the Regulations 6.7 and 6.8, the format and method of proceeding to the knockout stage for the determination of the medal winners shall be as agreed by the Organising Committee for the Badminton events together with the Technical Committee.

**6.10** When there are 2 or more groups, those Teams not going forward to the knockout stages shall be divided into groups so that they play at least 2 further ties. Ranking will be given to all Islands in the best way possible and the format to be used will be issued at the time of the draw.