



REGULATIONS FOR

Oceania Teams Event (Junior and Senior)
Oceania Championships (Junior and Senior)

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OCEANIA TEAM COMPETITIONS

Between the Members of the Badminton Oceania Confederation

1 COMPETITION

- 1.1 The Oceania Teams Competitions shall consist of a series of badminton contests to be played between teams of players (senior or junior) representing the members of the Badminton Oceania Confederation ("BOC"). All contests shall be played under the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation ("BWF").
- 1.2 The contests shall be held at such intervals as shall be agreed upon by Badminton Oceania Confederation and shall be played in conjunction with the Oceania Championships.
- 1.3 There shall be no limit to the number of teams entered by any country, except where the host country for that year, sets a maximum limit on the number of entries which can be accommodated on their available courts.

2 MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The entire management and control of the contests subject only to the provisions of these regulations, shall on each occasion be vested in the national organisation of the country in which the contest is due to be played – hereinafter referred to as the Host Organisation.
- 2.2 The Host Organisation shall have the power to delegate all or any of its powers to any of its affiliated associations, but shall in all things be responsible for the correct and proper conduct of the contests.
- 2.3 The Venue shall be approved by the BOC.

3 FINANCE

- 3.1 The host organisation, will be assisted by Badminton Oceania with some costs* (*see event responsibilities document) of staging the competition.
- 3.2 The visiting organisations shall bear the costs relating to the travel, accommodation and maintenance of their teams, both external and internal.
- 3.3 An entry fee will be set for each team entered payable to BOC.
- 3.4 Teams withdrawing within 6 weeks of the competition will be charged a withdrawal fee of USD\$250

4 METHOD OF COMPETITION

Competition Format

- 4.1 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team
 - 4.1.1 The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking or World Junior Ranking list as stated in the date lines in the prospectus
 - 4.1.2 Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair, one women's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.

- 4.1.3 World ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs ranking points shall not be included in the team ranking .
 - 4.1.4 General competitions regulations 12.6.1 shall be applied for the next ranked pair of the same nationality in replacement of a Mixed nationality pair in the world ranking.
 - 4.1.5 On such determination, all the teams will be ranked in their order of strength.
- 4.2 Where there are 5 or fewer teams a round robin format shall be used. Played over a maximum of three (3) days. The draw shall be made to ensure the two (2) top ranked teams play each other in the final tie
- 4.3 Where there are six (6) or more teams the competition shall be played in two stages. The event shall not exceed three (3) days.
- The top 2 teams (based on player rankings) shall receive a bye into stage 2.
 - Stage 1 is for teams ranked no. 3 and below. This stage may be made up of 1 or more groups depending upon entry numbers.
 - 5 or less teams – round robin competition
 - 6 or more teams. 2 groups. Depending on available time there will either be a play-off - 1v2, 2v1 – the winners of these ties to progress to stage 2, or alternatively the winner of each group to progress to stage 2.
 - Stage 2 – 4 teams: Seed 1, Seed 2, two (2) teams from stage 1
 - Round-robin format. Teams from stage 1 to be in positions 3 & 4 in the pool – random draw.
 - Seed 1 vs Seed 2 to play each other in the last round of play
 - Gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded
- 4.4 Each tie shall be decided by the results of the two singles and three doubles matches. All five matches of each tie shall be played
- 4.5 Ranking Order
- 4.5.1 If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
 - 4.5.2 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
 - 4.5.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
 - 4.5.4 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.
If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
 - 4.5.5 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.

- 4.5.6 A conceded match shall count as if completed without conceding side scoring another point.
- 4.5.7 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

5 ARRANGEMENT FOR VENUES

- 5.1 Advice of the dates and venue of the competition shall be forwarded to all members of the BOC no later than **nine months** prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 5.2 Preliminary advice of entry will be forwarded to the BOC by member countries no later than **six months** before the commencement of the first tie and final entries no later than three months before the commencement of the competition.

6 APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE

A Referee for the event shall be approved by the BOC and all Members notified of the appointment **no later than three months** before the commencement of the competition. The Referee's powers and responsibilities in this Competition are:

- 6.1 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams comply with the Regulations for play at the venue;
- 6.2 to make the final decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager; and
- 6.3 there shall be no appeal against the decision of the Referee.

7 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 7.1 Players shall be qualified to represent a Member Association in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 8 and comply with the following conditions:-
- 7.2 Participation in the Oceania Teams Championships shall be restricted to players in good standing with their national organisation
- 7.3 All junior competitors must be under the age of 19 years on December 31 of the year in which the event is held.
- 7.4 Players must have **citizenship** status of an Oceania member country; players with only visas of any kind are not eligible to play.
- 7.5 A copy of birth certificate/ citizenship certificate/passport to be supplied if requested

8. TEAM MANAGER

- 8.1 Each Member Association concerned shall, at least **fourteen (14) days** before the team's competition, appoint a Team Manager of its team.
- 8.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own manager.
- 8.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the manager shall be notified to the host organisation and Referee.
- 8.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the member association and team concerned in connection with the conduct of the competition.
- 8.5 The team manager shall attend any briefing called by the Referee.

9 NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 9.1 All teams shall be located at the venue of the competition not less than 24 hours prior the commencement of the competition.

- 9.2 Each competing Member Association shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the commencement of play in the Teams Competition, nominate to the Host Organisation Committee not fewer than two male and two female players and not more than 6 male and female players
- 9.3 Teams shall be required to play the ties comprising:
1 Men's Singles
1 Women's Singles
1 Men's Doubles
1 Women's Doubles
1 Mixed Doubles
- 9.4 Each Team manager shall hand to the Referee, at least two hours before the start of any tie, or at such time as agreed with the Referee, the composition of the team, where the players are from those previously nominated.
- 9.5 The teams for each tie shall consist of a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women and a minimum of two (2) men and two (2) women.
- 9.6 No player shall play in more than two matches.
- 9.7 The Referee may sanction a substitute (or substitutes) for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or unavoidable hindrance. A substituted player may take no further part in that tie.
- 9.8 If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only one match, and the remaining two matches involving that player's sex shall be conceded to the opposing side.
- 9.9 If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same sex, or one of each sex, the whole tie shall be conceded.
- 9.10 The Referee shall thereupon make available to the Manager/Captain of the participating teams the names of the opposing players and pairings.

10 ORDER OF PLAY

- 10.1 The following are permissible orders of play:
- 10.1.1 Men's Doubles–Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
 - 10.1.2 Men's Singles–Women's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
 - 10.1.3 Mixed Doubles–Men's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Singles–Women's Doubles
 - 10.1.4 Mixed Doubles–Men's Singles–Women's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Doubles
 - 10.1.5 Mixed Doubles–Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Men's Doubles
 - 10.1.6 Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Men's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
- 10.2 Determining order of play
- 10.2.1 Orders of play 10.1.1 to 10.1.6 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles.
 - 10.2.2 If all six orders of play, 10.1.1 to 10.1.6 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play 10.1.2 will be used.
- 10.3 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

11 INJURIES

- 11.1 Should any player become injured or indisposed, and thereby unable to play in the team nominated at any time between handing in of nominations and the scheduled commencement of play, the team concerned shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Referee (reg 9.6), to submit a new team excluding the player involved.

12 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 12.1 The Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance provided that the substitute player/pair is lower ranked than the player/pair being replaced.
- 12.2 The ranking of player/pair shall be based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the competition.
- 12.3 A substitute may be requested due to any illness or injury sustained since teams were nominated, or during the tie. Any **pair** unaffected by the need for substitution shall be left unchanged.
- 12.4 The ranking of players/pairs not ranked in the World Ranking shall be at the discretion of the Referee, who will use General Competition Regulations 12.6.1 and 12.6.2 where they apply.
- 12.5 A player substituted during a tie shall take no further part in that tie.

13 ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

- 13.1 The BWF Competition Regulations on advertising and clothing apply.
- 13.2 A team must all wear the same colour of shirts and shorts.
- 13.3 It is **optional (although highly recommended)** that players have their name on the back of their shirt. Lettering must be at a height of 6-10cm
- 13.4 It is **mandatory** that players have the Country name on the back of their shirt. The country name must be printed at a height of 5cm

14 SHUTTLECOCKS

The make and speed of shuttlecocks adopted by the Host Organisation shall be BWF approved, and notification is to be given to the visiting Member Associations **two (2) months** before the commencement of play.

15 TROPHIES

- 15.1 The Trophies shall be known as the **Oceania Teams' Trophy**.
- 15.2 The National Organisation whose team wins the contest on each occasion shall be entitled to hold the trophies until the next contest.
- 15.3 Full details of all matches played including names of the players and scores will be maintained by the BOC.
- 15.4 The Oceania Teams' Trophies shall be presented by the donors/donors related family members or VIP's where possible at the conclusion of the competition.
- 15.5 In the event of the competition being discontinued for any reason whatsoever the ownership of the Trophies shall be vested in the BOC, to which it shall be returned on demand.

16 ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS

These regulations may be altered by recommendations from the Events Committee and ratification by the Oceania Board.

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION

- 1.1. Oceania Championships shall be annually. Oceania Junior Championships shall be played in odd numbered years.
- 1.2.
- 1.3. The events in every Championship tournament shall include singles and doubles for both men and women and mixed doubles, and they shall all be conducted on a simple knock-out system in accordance with the existing rules and regulations adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
- 1.4. The winners of all events shall be regarded as Oceania (Junior) Champions, as the case may be, and shall be presented by the Badminton Oceania Confederation with trophies to commemorate their success. Runners-up in all events shall be presented with medals and or trophies. All medals shall be suitably inscribed.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1. Any organisation in membership with the Confederation may apply to stage the Championships. Any member can bid to host the Championships; such bid forms shall be sent to the Chief Operating Officer of the Confederation.
- 2.2. Notification of the dates and venue of every Championship tournament shall be sent by the Chief Operating Officer of the Confederation to all affiliated organisations no later than three months in advance, together with an invitation to compete.

3. FILING OF ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entries for the Oceania Championship tournaments must be on-line using the BWF on-line entry system
- 3.2. Late entries will not be accepted.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. An entry fee will be set for the event per person regardless of number of events entered payable to BOC.

5. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 5.1. Participation in Oceania Championship Tournaments shall be restricted to players in good standing with their national organisation, and a player's eligibility to represent a country shall be in accordance with the qualifications for international players adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
- 5.2. Players must have **citizenship** status of an Oceania member country; players with only visas of any kind are not eligible to play.
- 5.3. A copy of birth certificate/ citizenship certificate/passport to be submitted if requested by BOC

6. LAWS OF BADMINTON

- 6.1. Play in Championships, Tournaments and Competitions organised by or under the auspices of the Confederation shall be in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation. Any player shall be entitled to a rest of at

least half an hour (30 minutes) between any two matches in which he and/or she may be required to play.

- 6.2. Any player or pair absent or unwilling to play when required shall forfeit the match concerned.

7. GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 7.1. The general organisation of every Oceania Championship Tournament shall be under the control of the member organisation appointed to promote it, and the Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of BWF and any additional regulations of the BOC
- 7.2. The host organisation shall not be permitted to make or sanction any restrictive arrangements concerning travel or accommodation for players from other countries.
- 7.3. Each member organisation in the Championships shall be entitled to make its own travel and hotel arrangements if it wishes to do so.
- 7.4. A Referee for the event shall be approved by the BOC and all Members notified of the appointment no later than three months before the commencement of the competition.

8. The Referee's powers and responsibilities are:

- 8.1 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams comply with the Regulations for play at the venue;
- 8.2 to make the final decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager; and
- 8.3 there shall be no appeal against the decision of the Referee.

9. DRAW AND TIME-TABLE

- 9.1 Seedings for the draws will be based on the World Rankings and Junior World Rankings stated in the date lines in the prospectus.
- 9.2 The draw shall be done not more than 10 days and not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. It is recommended that the draw be done as near as practicable to the end of the period specified. The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match.
- 9.3 Tournament software will be used for the individual draw and scheduling.

10. UMPIRES, ETC.

- 10.1 The host country shall be responsible for providing the number of qualified umpires and service judges required for the event. (Overseas umpires can be requested at the host organisations expense)
- 10.2 The host organisation shall be responsible for providing a sufficient number of line judges and scorers for each match. (see OC operational plan)

11. EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS

(see separate event responsibilities document)

- 11.1. Every country taking part in Oceania Championship Tournaments shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials for travel, board and lodging, entry fees and any other items.
- 11.2. All receipts from the Tournament, except entry fees which are payable to BOC, shall belong to the host organisation.

- 11.3. Sponsorship shall be permissible provided that no sponsor shall have any voice in the management of the Tournament.

12. ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

The Oceania Championships are graded as a BWF Grand Prix event and therefore all Grand Prix regulations regarding clothing apply in addition to specific Oceania Regulations thus:-

- 12.1. BWF Competition Regulation 22 on Lettering applies.
- 12.2. BWF Competition Regulation 23 on Advertising applies.
- 12.3. In Singles, it is **mandatory** that from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other.
- 12.4. It is **mandatory** that from quarter finals onwards, doubles partners wear the same colour and that opposing pairs wear different colours from each other.
- 12.5. It is **mandatory** in Oceania Championships that the **name of the player** shall appear on the back of the shirt.
- 12.6.
- 12.7. Compliance with all other requirements of the BWF Competition Regulations in respect of lettering, advertising and designs on player's clothing are **mandatory**.

13. INTERPRETATIONS

- 13.1. The whole organisation of Oceania Championships shall be conducted in full conformity with the existing rules and regulations of the BWF concerning amateurism, professionalism, international qualifications and umpiring, and these shall be those published in the most recent Statute Book of the BWF or any other official publication of that Federation.

TIMELINES FOR OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Timeframe	Action	Responsibility
On being awarded the event no later than 9 months	Provide the contact details, city and proposed venue to Badminton Oceania and all Members.	Host Country
6 months out	Preliminary advice, invitations to all Oceania members	Host Country & Badminton Oceania
6 months out	Nominate the Referee(s) for the event to BOTOOC - to be announced to Members.	Host Country, Badminton Oceania
6 months out	The name and contact details of the Event Director confirmed – communicated to Members	Host Country
6 months out	Prepare entry information and have this c	Host Country & Badminton Oceania
2 months out	Advise all teams brand of shuttles to be used	Badminton Oceania
2 months out	Close of team entries	All member countries
1 month out	Deadline for team members names sent to host association	BOC
4 weeks	Close of Individual entries	Member countries
14 days/ 2 weeks out	Teams draw circulated to all members after it has been approved by the Referee.	Host Association, Referee
1 month after	Tournament Director and Referees report circulated to Executive and members.	Referee & Tournament Director