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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Badminton Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Badminton competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and BWF Rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Badminton events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to Badminton ISF event in 2024.

1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and BWF (Badminton World Federation) technical rules under the direction of the BWF. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the BWF Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Badminton events are open to individuals/teams.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories and mixed categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18* YEAR OF BIRTH
2024	2006-2007-2008-2009

2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per gender.



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OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Badminton technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- Umpires must have a national/continental or international level license.

Minimum number of umpires per delegation:

- from 1 to 4 athletes = 0 field of play officials (umpire)
- 5 or more athletes = 1 field of play official (umpires)

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Individual**
 - Girls singles
 - Boys singles
 - Girls doubles
 - Boys doubles
 - Mixed doubles
- **Team event**
 - Mixed Team Relay

4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

All matches will be played in accordance with the ISF rules and regulations and the BWF General Competitions Regulations.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The competition format for all events shall depend on the final number of entries in the tournament.
- The preferable format shall be a group stage followed by a knockout round.
- The number of groups, size of the group, qualification process and format shall be decided by the Referee in consultation with the BWF Technical Delegate.
- At the conclusion of the group stage, a second round of draw shall be conducted for the knockout stage.

RANKING SYSTEM AFTER GROUP PHASE

Ranking order in the groups:

- If two players/pairs have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- If three or more players/pairs 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 greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches and 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 greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.



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- If three or more players/pairs 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.

Knock-out stage:

- The draw for the knock-out stage shall be conducted at a Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.
- The knock-out stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning players/pairs progressing to the next round until a winner is found.

5. DRAW

- The seeding for the Team and Individual Events shall be based on the most recent BWF World Junior Ranking and shared with the HOD at the Team Managers Meeting held before the start of the tournament.
- In case any team or player without a BWF World Junior Ranking, the BWF Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Referee, shall seed the teams and players based on previous ISF and BWF tournaments, national ranking of players and other criterion.
- The draw(s) shall be carried out by the Referee and the BWF Technical Delegate during the Team Managers meeting(s) and shall be based on the seeding report.
- After the conclusion of a group stage, if any, the draw of the knockout round shall be based on the results of the group stage and the seeding report of the tournament.
- The Referee, in consultation with the BWF Technical Delegate, may apply separation of entries as required and when possible, so that Players/Pairs from the same country do not meet each other in the group stage.
- Depending on the number of participants and the decision of the Referee only winners of groups and players/pairs finishing second in the groups will get to the knockout stage.

6. MIXED TEAM RELAY

CONSTITUTION OF TIES AND TEAMS

Each tie will consist of 5 matches:

- One Boys Singles
 - One Girls Singles
 - One Boys Doubles
 - One Girls Doubles
 - One Mixed Doubles
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- The winner of the tie will be the team reaching 75 points first.
 - The first match will play one game to 15 points (change of court end at 8 points).
 - The second match will start at the score of the first match and continue from that score until one of the players/pairs reach 30 points (shift of court end when reaching 23 points).
 - The third match will start at the score of the second match and continue from that score until one of the players/pairs reach 45 points (shift of court end when reaching 38 points).
 - The fourth match will start at the score of the third match and continue from that score until one of the players/pairs reach 60 points (shift of court end when reaching 53 points).
 - The fifth and final match will start at the score of the fourth match and continue from that score until one of the players/pairs reach 75 points (shift of court end when reaching 68 points).
 - At the start of every match, the players/pairs shall change ends.
 - No player can play in more than 2 matches.
 - In case the same player is playing two consecutive matches, he/she shall not be allowed to have any additional rest.
 - 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 two matches, and the remaining matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side.
 - If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.

ORDER OF PLAY

- The two Team Managers will submit their team composition not later than two hours before the start of each tie.
- Before the team tie starts, a draw will be made between the Team Managers who will choose the first match to be played:
 - The winner of the draw will chose the first and third matches
 - The opposing team will choose the second and fourth matches
 - The match not having been chosen will be played fifth
- The loser of the draw shall also chose the side court for the first match of the tie.
- No rest shall be given for players playing 2 consecutive matches.

SUBSTITUTION

- After the Nomination of the Team List, the Referee may approve a substitute or substitutes for a player(s) who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by injury, illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance.
- No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted except substitutions of players of the same gender can be made prior to the start of each match. No substitutions can be made during a match.
- For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, BWF GCR Regulation 13.6.2 applies.
- If a player/pair retires due to an injury, the concerning match shall be conceded in favor of the opponent, following the points structure outlined in clause 12.

Example: While leading 28-23 against Team B in the second match of the tie, the Team A player/pair has sustained a significant injury and decided to retire; the match shall be awarded to Team B, completing the score as 28-30.

- In the event of an injury sustained during the tie, the following substitutions can be made subject to the approval of the Referee:

For a team of two boys and 2 girls

- If one of the two boys or one of the two girls designated to play in the tie is injured, that remaining male player or remaining female player may play in the remaining matches.
- If one of the two men or one of the two women designated to play in the tie is injured, that remaining male player or remaining female player may play in the remaining matches.

For a team of more than two boys and 2 girls

- If one or more of the men or one or more of the women designated to play in the tie are injured, another player of the team may play in the remaining matches.

7. PROTEST AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Jury Appeal. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English. The payment of amount 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Jury Appeal. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.

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