

WESTERN SUBURBS  
BADMINTON  
ASSOCIATION  
(INCORPORATED)



WSBA Inc.  
Match Regulations

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# Match Regulations

## 1. Definitions

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Committee** means the committee of management of the Association;

**Member** means a club that is a member of the Association;

**Pennant Competitions** means an organised competition of members' teams.

**Competition Season** shall be determined by the Committee each year.

**Grade** shall be determined by the Committee each year.

**Match** means the total number of games/sets played.

**Game** means a game to 15/21 points.

**Set** means the best of three games.

**Premiership Points** are awarded in accordance with Clause 12.21 of these regulations.

**Ace** means a point won during a game.

## 2. Rules of Play

The Laws of Badminton as adopted by Badminton Australia from the International Badminton Federation shall apply, or as determined by the Committee.

## 3. Power to Amend

The Committee has the power to amend these Match Regulations.

## 4. Pennant Competition

The Committee shall arrange Pennant Competitions to be played.

## 5. Regulation Dress

Appropriate racquet sports attire is preferred.

## 6. Registration.

6.1 A player entered in a Pennant Competition must be a member of a club that is a member of the Association, and must be registered with the Association.

6.2 All applications for registration shall be lodged with the Association and shall include the following details: Full Name, Address, Telephone Numbers, Gender, Club, Grade applied for, Association, Club and Grade played for during the past season.

6.3 The Committee has the right to reject any applications for registration or make any stipulations it considers necessary concerning the grades or competitions in which a player may play if accepted. Appeals may be lodged in accordance with Clause C8 of the Constitution.

6.4 A registered player shall not be eligible to transfer to another member during the same season, or for twelve months after the end of the season unless a clearance is obtained from the member with which the player was last registered. All clearances must be submitted in writing to the Committee, and if approved, will be effective immediately.

- 6.5 In the event of any team playing a player ineligible under the conditions of these Match Regulations, all games/sets in which the ineligible player participated shall be forfeited.
- 6.6 A player not listed on the original entered team sheet shall be deemed to be a pool player.
- 6.7 If after five games with the one club, a player wishes to register with that club, then a Late Registration Form must be completed by the player and lodged with the Association. No Late Registration Forms will be accepted after Round 15.
- 6.8 If members have outstanding monies to the association, their teams will be unable to play in semi-finals and grand finals.

## **7. Entries**

- 7.1 Only teams representing members are eligible to compete, and entries shall be made on the official form and lodged with the Secretary on or before the closing date fixed by the Committee.
- 7.2.1 Registration of individual players as required by Badminton Victoria must be paid to the Association prior to playing six matches in any one season.
- 7.2.2 When an individual player has paid the Badminton Victoria registration whilst a member of another association of BV, they will be required to provide evidence to the Association. Players registered in another association will be required to register at WSBA and pay a guest player levy. Failure to do so will result in the ineligible player receiving no points until the fee is paid.
- 7.2.3 Individual players who register with the Association and Badminton Victoria after 30 September of any calendar year will pay a reduced registration fee. This registration fee should approximate 70% of the full calendar annual fee.
- 7.3.1 Team fees set by the Committee must be paid to the Association before Round six. Failure to do so will result in the team receiving no points until the fee is paid, and the member may be fined an amount deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 7.4 The entry of teams for a competition season shall not be accepted from any member in arrears with any monies due to the Association at the closing date for entries.
- 7.5 An entry shall not be accepted unless sufficient players are registered to make up complete teams in all grades for which a member has entered.

- 7.6 In the event of a team withdrawing from the Pennant competition after the team draw has been completed, the member shall be fined an amount deemed appropriate by the committee.

## **8. Grading Of Teams And Players**

- 8.1 The Committee shall determine the number of grades each season.
- 8.2 The Committee shall determine the grade in which each team will play.
- 8.3 The Committee shall advise each member of the players graded for each team. No player as graded in these teams shall be permitted to play in a lower grade during the season unless approved by the Committee.
- 8.4 The Committee shall grade any player registered after the commencement of the season and the member notified of the lowest grade in which he or she may play.
- 8.5 Where members have two or more teams entered in the same grade, no interchange of players shall be permitted between these teams, except with the approval of the Committee.
- 8.6 Players graded in a lower team shall be permitted to play in a higher grade.
- 8.7 A member may apply to the Committee for the regrading of a graded player. The application shall be made in writing to the Committee and shall include detailed reasons for the request. The Committee shall decide all such applications within fourteen (14) days of receipt and its decision will be provided in writing to the member making the application.

## **9 Fill-in Player Pool**

- 9.1 A central pool of Fill-in Players shall be maintained by the Committee. Fill-in players may nominate a preferred grade or night of play.
- 9.2 The Committee shall determine the lowest grade in which a Fill-in Player may compete.
- 9.3 Registration of individual Fill-in Players as required by Badminton Victoria must be paid to the Association prior to playing six matches in any one season.
- 9.4 Fill-in Players are not eligible to play in final matches except with the approval of the Committee.
- 9.5 Unless expressly advised, all players from the previous season who are not entered into teams for the current season will automatically be added to the Fill-in Player Pool.

- 9.6 If after five games with the one club, a player wishes to register with that club, then a Late Registration Form must be completed by the player and lodged with the Association.
- 9.7 Team captains will be required to indicate (with a “PP”) on the match result sheet when a team player is a Fill-in “Pool Player”. On the reverse of all match sheets, team captains will be required to advise Fill-in player details: Name, Address, Date of Birth, Telephone.

## **10. Shuttlecocks**

- 10.1 The Committee shall determine at the beginning of each season the type and brand of shuttlecocks to be used in each grade.
- 10.2 Each team shall provide half of the shuttlecocks for all matches.

## **11. Teams**

- 11.1 A complete six-player team shall consist of a minimum of three men and three women, and a maximum of four men and four women. A complete four player team shall consist of a minimum of two men and two women, and a maximum of three men and three women.
- 11.2 No player shall play in more than 2 (two) men’s or 2 (two) women’s doubles relative to their gender or in more than 1 (one) mixed doubles or in more than 1 (one) singles relative to their gender in any match. No player shall play with any partner more than once in any one match.
- 11.3 Players may play in more than one match in any one round but may not play in more than one match on the same date.

## **12. Matches**

- 12.1.1 All matches will be played using the rally point scoring system.
- 12.1.2 Scoring in 6 (six) player teams will be the best of 3 games to 15 points. If the score reaches 14 all, a team must win by 2 points. If the score reaches 20 all, the team winning the 21<sup>st</sup> point is the winner.
- 12.1.3 Scoring in 4 (four) player teams will be the best of three games to 21 points. If the score reaches 20 all, a team must win by 2 points. If the score reaches 29 all, the team winning the 30<sup>th</sup> point is the winner.
- 12.2.1 Matches in 6 (six) player teams shall consist of 3 mens, 3 womens and 3 mixed doubles.
- 12.2.2 Matches in (singles playing) 4 (four) player teams shall consist of 2 mens singles and 2 womens singles, 1 womens doubles, 1 mens doubles and 2 mixed doubles.

- 12.2.3 Matches in doubles only, 4 (four) player teams shall consist of 1 mens doubles and 1 womens doubles and four mixed doubles. The format for the mixed doubles will be:  
1<sup>st</sup> Man & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady vs 1<sup>st</sup> Man & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady  
2<sup>nd</sup> Man & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Man & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady  
1<sup>st</sup> Man & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady vs 1<sup>st</sup> Man & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady  
2<sup>nd</sup> Man & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Man & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady
- 12.3 If a 6 (six) player team is unable to field at least five players with not less than two men and two women it shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to their opponents. If a 4 player team is unable to field at least three players with not less than one man and one woman it shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to their opponents. If both teams are unable to field the required number of players the match shall be abandoned.
- 12.4 If a 6 (six) player team is a player short that team shall forfeit the second and third men's or women's doubles and the third mixed doubles. If a 4-player team is a player short that team shall forfeit the second singles, second mixed doubles and men's or women's doubles.
- 12.5 In the event of a player being injured or becoming ill during a match so that he or she is unable to continue, a forfeit shall be given to the opposing team for the game/set concerned. The team in default shall retain all points scored at the time of default. A substitute shall be allowed for all remaining games/sets provided that the substitute is eligible in all ways to take part in the match.
- 12.6 Unless otherwise permitted, matches in all grades shall commence at 7.30pm, and all team members must be present by 8.00pm or they shall forfeit any games/sets that cannot be played due to absent team members. A team unwilling or unable to play the first game/set by 7:45pm shall forfeit the game/set.
- 12.7 If a match does not commence within 30 minutes of the stipulated time the team unwilling or unable to play shall forfeit the match and a walkover shall be awarded to their opponents.
- 12.8 Before the commencement of a match, each captain shall hand to the opposing team a complete list of his team (including first name and family name) in the order in which they are to play, and this list and order shall not be altered without consent of the opposing captain.
- 12.9 The order of play in a six player team shall be 1st men's, 1st women's, 2nd men's, 2nd women's, 3rd men's, 3rd women's, 1st mixed, 2nd mixed, 3rd mixed. The order of play in a four player team shall be the men's doubles, women's doubles, 1st man's singles, 1st woman's singles, 2nd man's singles, 2nd woman's singles, 1st mixed, 2nd mixed. Any deviation from this order shall only be by agreement of the opposing captains.

- 12.10 In all grades the players must play in order of merit. If the team order as exchanged is considered by either captain to be incorrect the captain may, before the match commences, register a protest with the opposing captain against the playing order. If the captains cannot agree on order of merit, the match shall be played under protest and the result and reason for the protest forwarded to reach the Committee no later than three days after the match. Should the protest be upheld the offending team shall forfeit the games/sets involved.
- 12.11 Before the commencement of every game/set the opposing teams shall toss, and the team winning the toss shall have the option of serving first or not serving first or choosing ends. The team losing the toss shall have the choice of any alternative remaining.
- 12.12 An interval of two minutes shall be allowed between each game of a set. If any team is unwilling or unable to continue within this time it shall forfeit the game or set concerned.
- 12.13 In all matches except finals, participating teams shall provide the umpires. Unless otherwise agreed by the team captains, the teams shall provide the umpires commencing with the home team for the first game.
- 12.14.1 At the end of each competition season the top four teams will play in the semi-finals. The number one team will play the number four team, and the number two team will play the number three team. The winners will play each other in the final.
- 12.14.2 In grades of less than six teams, the number one and number two teams will play each other in the final.
- 12.14.3 Teams that reach semi-finals and grand finals are required to submit their completed team sheet to the Match Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the match being played. In all grades, players must play in order of merit.
- 12.15 The Committee shall, wherever possible, appoint independent umpires for semi-final and final matches and any team refusing to play under an umpire so appointed shall be deemed to have forfeited the game/set.
- 12.16 Each of the teams not participating in semi-final matches shall provide four umpires for six-player teams and three umpires for four-player teams to officiate in semi-final matches.
- 12.17 The Referee shall be in full control of Semi-Final and Final matches.
- 12.18 Each of the teams defeated in semi-final matches shall provide four umpires for six-player teams and three umpires for four-player teams to officiate in final matches.

- 12.19 All umpires attending semi-final and final matches shall be in attendance by 7:30pm and shall print their name, arrival and departure time on the attendance sheet.
- 12.20 Members failing to provide umpires as prescribed shall be fined. The fine shall be an amount deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 12.21.1 In all grades the results of the match shall be as follows: One premiership point will be awarded for each game won.
- 12.21.2 In the event of a draw in semi-finals and finals only, an extra premiership point will be awarded to the team winning the most sets. If sets are equal the extra premiership point will be awarded to the team winning the most aces. If sets, games and aces are equal, the match will be replayed at a time determined by the committee.
- 12.21.3 In the event of an incomplete scoresheet, penalty points will be deducted by the committee. Instances where penalty points may apply are:
- Player name(s) missing
  - Incorrect names recorded
  - First & surname for each player do not appear at least once
  - No scores entered against a game
  - Match, game & total points not added up
  - Fill-in player's details not included
  - Team name not included.
- 12.22 No player shall be eligible to play in any semi-final or final match unless the player has paid the Badminton Victoria registration and has represented the member in at least five matches during the current season in the team concerned or teams in lower grades. The Committee may grant special exemption from the provision of this Regulation in exceptional circumstances on the written application to the Committee by the member concerned, prior to the match being played.
- 12.23 No points shall be awarded for a bye, however where the fixture allocates a team a greater number of byes than the other teams in that grade, points will be awarded to the disadvantaged team, commensurate to half the highest possible score.

### **13. Walkovers, Postponements and Incomplete Matches**

- 13.1 Members unable to field a team in a scheduled match must inform the Stadium Manager, Match Secretary and the opposing team at least 24 hours prior to the time and date fixed for the match. Failure to do so will result in the match being forfeited, and the member being fined in accordance with Clause C7 of the Constitution.
- 13.2 The Committee may approve postponements in certain circumstances. Applications for postponements must be submitted in writing to the Committee, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the match,

giving the reasons and the arrangements proposed for playing the match.

- 13.3 In the event of a match being unfinished, premiership points shall be allotted according to the score of completed games at the time of cessation of play. Any games that have not been completed or played for any reason shall be cancelled and no points will be awarded
- 13.4 Result sheets shall be signed by a representative of each team, who will be held equally responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the details.
- 13.5 At the conclusion of play, team captains shall place their signed result sheet in the designated location.
- 13.6 In the event of a walkover the result of a match shall be determined as though the team not in default had won all games to love. The winning team shall submit a scoresheet.
- 13.7 Any team that gives a forfeit or a walkover in any match shall be required to lodge a satisfactory explanation with the Committee not later than three days after the date set down for the match. Failure to do so will result in the member being fined in accordance with Clause C7 of the Constitution.

#### **14. Protests**

- 14.1 Any protests must be lodged, in writing, with the Committee within three days of the date on which the alleged breach occurred.

#### **15. Tournaments Other Than Pennant Competition**

- 15.1 The Committee has the power to make regulations, and to conduct tournaments between individual players, pairs and members subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Match Regulations.
- 15.2 Tournaments between individual players and pairs may be open or restricted to players registered with a member.
- 15.3 Entries shall be made on the official form and shall be lodged with the Secretary, on or before the closing date fixed by the Committee.
- 15.4 The entry fee determined by the Committee shall accompany each entry.
- 15.5 The Committee has the power to refuse an entry for a particular grade and may enter a player/s for any other grade that it considers more suitable to the strength of the player or pairs.
- 15.6 The Committee shall publish in the manner stated in the notice of the tournament, the venue and times of play for the tournament.

- 15.7 The Committee shall appoint, for each playing period of the tournament, a referee who shall be responsible for the application of the Match Regulations during that period of play. The decision of the Referee shall be final.