



# **Under 13 Interstate Series**

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# **Regional Teams Challenge**

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***Rules and Regulations***

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# BACKGROUND

**Its purpose:** To introduce Under 13 players to interstate competition and give them the opportunity to experience a team environment and a carnival format.

The series will consist of a round-robin teams' event (singles and doubles) and a round-robin individual event (singles and doubles).

The format of the team's event will rely on the entries received from interstate teams.

Teams will be invited from the various regions in Victoria and other states to participate in a separate Regional Team's Challenge.

If teams do not have sufficient players available in the age group Victoria, in consultation with the team managers, will endeavour to provide players.

## 1. NOMINATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION

- 1.1. Members intending to participate in the series shall notify the host association no later than 3 months prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 1.2. The number of teams representing each State Association participating in the series will be decided based on the number of entries. The host State may organise a combined team if there is an odd-number of entries to balance the draw.
- 1.3. For the series the players will be under the age of 13 as at December 31, 2011.

## 2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1. The host association will be responsible for arranging the venue. Interstate associations will be responsible for all domestic travel and the management of the team travel and accommodation at all venues.
- 2.2. The Management of the series shall be vested in the host association.
- 2.3. The teams' draw will be conducted by the Host Association and following approval of the Referee, shall be circulated to the teams participating not later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Competition.
- 2.4. A maximum of four team matches will be played on one day.
- 2.5. Each team shall be accompanied by a non-playing manager.
- 2.6. Each team will provide their own umpire.
- 2.7 Teams will oppose each of the other teams in a round robin series.

## 3. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 3.1. A player shall be qualified to represent a State Association provided that he/she is registered with that association.

## 4. COMPOSITION AND NAMING OF TEAMS

- 4.1. Each team competing shall at least 14 days before the fixed date for the commencement of play at a venue nominate a minimum of three (3) males and three (3) females.
- 4.2. The team nomination shall be sent to the host association 14 days before the fixed date for the commencement of play and copies shall be made available of all teams competing at the first Managers Meeting of the Competition.
- 4.3. All players nominated shall be listed in order of ranking in order of merit for singles and doubles.

## 5. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS EVENT

- 5.1. Each manager, unless decided otherwise shall hand to the Referee one hour before the start of any tie the composition of the team.
- 5.2. The Referee shall, when all the teams have been received, make them available to the Team managers, on request.
- 5.3. Each tie shall consist of twelve matches (12 matches) using Rally Point Scoring - with one game to 30.
  - Three boy's singles,
  - Three girl's singles,
  - Three boys double (players alternating),
  - And three girls doubles (players alternating)
- 5.4. In each tie all matches shall be played to a conclusion except in extraordinary circumstances determined by the Referee.

## 6. ORDER OF PLAY

- 6.1. Scoring system as per BWF Laws of the Game (7.0)
- 6.2. Each tie will be played on two courts, and the order of play for each court shall be:

Court 1	Court 2
Boys Singles 3	Girls Singles 3
Girls Singles 2	Boys Singles 2
Boys Singles 1	Girls Singles 1
Girls Doubles 3	Boys Doubles 3
Boys Doubles 2	Girls Doubles 2
Girls Doubles 1	Boys Doubles 1

- 6.3. If any player is participating in two matches consecutively they are entitled to a 15 minute interval between them.

## 7. SCORING FOR TIES

- 7.1. The result of each tie shall be decided on the number of matches won - the team winning the greatest number of matches shall be declared the winner.
- 7.2. Should teams win the same number of matches, the result shall be decided on the number of games won, and if those be also equal, the result shall be decided on the number of points won. If matches, games and points won are still equal, the tie shall be decided by the difference between points won and points lost.
- 7.3. The team with the greater difference being declared the winner.

## **8. COMPOSITION OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVENT**

8.1. The Individual Event will consist of round-robin matches in singles and doubles. The format will be decided by the Referee based on the number of entries.

## **9. TROPHIES**

9.1. Medallions shall be provided by the host association to team members for the Winners and Runners-up in the Teams Event. A participation certificate will be provided to all other team members

9.2. Trophies shall be provided to the Winners and Runners-up of the individual event.

## **10. REFEREES DUTIES**

10.1. The host Association shall appoint a nationally recognised qualified Referee for the Competition.

10.2. The Referee shall be the sole judge of matters relating to these By-Laws and the Laws of Badminton.

## **11. SHUTTLES**

11.1. The host Association shall advise all competing members of the brand of shuttles to be used, not later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of the Competition.

11.2. BWF approved shuttles must be used.

## **12. INJURIES TO PLAYERS**

12.1. Should any player become injured or indisposed and, as a consequence, be unable to play for their team as nominated at any time between the handing in of nominations and the scheduled commencement of play, the team concerned shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Referee, to submit a new team excluding the player involved. That player must then refrain from playing in any more games within that tie, which they withdrew from.

12.2. Should however any player become unable to play at any time after the commencement of the tie, that player's place may be taken by any other eligible player for any unplayed matches: while any match the injured player is unable to COMPLETE shall be forfeited to the opposing team at the then existing score.

12.3. All replacements of players shall be subject to the approval of the Referee.

## **13. FORFEITED MATCHES**

13.1. In each tie all matches shall be played to a conclusion except in extraordinary circumstances approved by the Referee.

13.2. Where a tie is not completed through forfeiture, the team awarded such forfeit shall be allocated maximum games and points for the matches involved.

13.3. A team having an insufficient number of players to contest all the matches shall nominate for and complete as many of such matches as possible, with the forfeited matches being those at the lowest position/s of merit.