



Badminton
Australia

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Individuals)
BY-LAWS**

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Revision History

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June 2014	1.0	Kim Low	New by-laws for Australian National Championships
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Australian National Championships

1.0 STRUCTURE

- 1.1 Badminton Australia (BA) will appoint a Member to host the Australian National Championships, and advise all other Members of the date and Host Association, no later than twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of the Championships. Before appointing a Member, the Member must advise BA of the Host, venue and Event Director/Committee Chair.

2.0 MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 An Event Director and management committee shall be appointed by the Host Association and the management of the Championships shall be vested in this managing body, subject to compliance with these By-Laws, the BWF General Competition Regulations and specific directions from the BA Board.
- 2.2 The draw will be conducted by the Event Management Committee in conjunction with, and approval by, the Referee.

3.0 REFEREES DUTIES

- 3.1 The Host Association shall recommend to BA who will consult with ABCOC in relation to the appointment of a Referee for the Championships no later than six (6) months prior to the commencement date of the Championships.
- 3.2 The Referee shall be the sole judge of matters relating to these By-Laws and the BWF General Competition Regulations.
- 3.3 The Manager of any team may protest to the Referee if he/she considers there has been a breach of these By-Laws. The decision of the Referee shall be final.

4.0 OFFICIALS

- 4.1 The Host Association must provide reasonable meals for Officials for sessions in the Championship.

5.0 SHUTTLE BRANDS

- 5.1 The Host Association shall comply with BA's requirements regarding the brand of shuttles and other equipment to be used not later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled commencement of the Championships. A minimum of two speeds of shuttles shall be made available.

6.0 **DATE OF EVENT**

6.1 The Australian National Championships shall be played around the middle of the month of February, or some other time as approved by the BA board.

7.0 **QUALIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

7.1 All listed Championship events shall be conducted if six or more entries have been received.

7.2 Players must reside in Australia for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the start of this event. Proof of meeting this criteria must be made available upon request of the Referee.

7.3 Players must have made themselves available for selection for, and fulfilled the selection criteria laid down by, their State/Territory Member in the Ede Clendinnen Shield event to qualify for entry to this event.

7.4 Players who reject a position in their State/Territory Ede Clendinnen team will not be eligible to participate in the Australian National Championships Event.

8.0 **LIST OF EVENTS**

Entries for the Australian National Championship will be received in the following events:

- Men's singles Championship
- Women's singles Championship
- Men's doubles Championship
- Women's doubles Championship
- Mixed doubles Championship

9.0 **CLOSING AND ENDORSEMENT OF ENTRIES**

9.1 Entry forms should be distributed at least three (3) months before the scheduled first day of play.

9.2 Entries for all Championship events shall close with the Host Association one (1) month before the scheduled first day of play.

9.3 The Host Association should ensure that entries for the Individual Championships can be submitted online through Tournament Software.

9.4 Entries from players shall be endorsed by the Member Association with whom they are registered.

10.0 **ENTRY FEES**

10.1 The entry fees shall be set at the discretion of the Host Association.

11.0 **TROPHIES**

11.1 The Host Association shall provide: -

- (i) a medal to be retained by each winner and runner-up; and/or
- (ii) prize money for each winner, the total value of which shall be determined by the Host Association.

11.2 The Host Association may also, at its discretion, provide medals and/or prize money for semi-finals and quarter-finals wherever possible as per BWF guidelines.

12.0 **THE DRAW**

The draw shall be made in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations, subject to the following also being observed:

- Entries shall close with the Host Association as per Clause 9.0;
- The draw shall not be published until approved by the Referee;
- As far as possible, players from the same Country or State shall not meet in first round matches. (Refer BWF General Competition Regulations – Separation of Entries); and
- Seedings shall be based on BWF Rankings at the time of conducting the draw. BA National rankings may be used in the absence of a BWF ranking.

13.0 **DRESS CODE**

13.1 Players shall be dressed in attire which conforms to the BWF Competition Regulations (Clothing).

14.0 **MEETINGS**

14.1 Prior to the commencement of the Championships two meetings will be held:
(a) Managers Meeting – Chaired by the Event Director to: introduce the Referee and Deputy Referee; clarify the conditions under which the events will be conducted; and provide an opportunity for questions; and

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(b) Court Officials Meeting – Chaired by the Referee to: update and clarify any umpiring rules and to advise of any particular requirements.

14.2 The Event Director and the Referee are required to provide a written report to BA following the completion of the Championships. Such report should include any issues encountered during the event for the attention of BA and any future recommendations.

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15.0 ENTRY FORM

The entry form should contain the following details:

- Name of Host Association
- Name of the Referee
- Dates for the Tournament
- Venue: Full name and address
- Brand of BA approved shuttlecocks to be used
- Closing date for entries
- Proposed playing schedule
- Clothing and Advertising Regulations
- Entry Fees and any other Regulations

APPENDIX A

Timeline	By Law	Action required
12 months	1.1	BA will appoint a Member to host the Championships, and advise all other Members of the date and Host Association, no later than twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of the Championships.
6 months	3.1	The Host Association shall recommend to ABCOC a Referee no later than six (6) months prior to the commencement date of the Championships. BA shall notify all other Members of the appointment.
2 months	5.1	The Host Association shall, not later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled commencement of the Championships, advise all competing Members of the brand of shuttles to be used.
1 month	9.1	Entries for all Individual Championship events shall close with the Host Association one (1) month before the scheduled first day of play.