



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - BYLAWS

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS FOR
OPEN, U19, U17, U15 & U13

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Preamble

Badminton Australia (BA) is the national governing body for Badminton in Australia. BA is affiliated with the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), Paralympics Australia (PA) and Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA). It is the government recognised peak sporting body for Badminton in Australia by the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.

The purpose of holding Australian National Championships is to promote and celebrate badminton, align athletes, coaches, and official talent & development pathways, and to be financially sustainable. These bylaws are designed to achieve these principles.

As athletes, coaches and officials participate in badminton through the different age levels, there will be different approaches to winning and performance relative to athlete development. For younger players in U15 and U17 there will be a great emphasis on player development whereas U19 and Open age groups are to have a greater emphasis on performance.

These bylaws are underpinned by the BWF General Competition Regulations and are to be read in conjunction with:

- BWF General Competition Regulations
- BWF Junior Competition Regulations
- Badminton Australia Integrity Framework
- Badminton Australia Member Protection Policy
- Badminton Australia Competition Manipulation and Sport Wagering Policy
- Badminton Australia Improper use of Drugs and Medicine Policy
- Badminton Australia Child Safeguarding Policy

Where there is a conflict across policies at an operational level concerning the implementation of these policies and these bylaws, the BA CEO is responsible for resolving the issue, and the Policy and/or bylaws reviewed, updated and approved for the future.

This bylaw is designed to:

- Create an atmosphere of equity, excellence, and fair play
- Optimise safety
- Provide opportunities for participants to excel

1.0 General Information

1.1 Australian National Championships are to be held annually commencing with a Team Event followed by the Individual Event for each championship category.

1.2 These By-Laws cover the following championship categories of Open, U19, U17 and U15.

1.3 BA will manage, co-ordinate and be financially responsible for each event with operational support wherever possible of the local State/Territory badminton organisation and/or club/association.

1.4 The naming of the respective Championships are as follows:

1.4.1 The Australian National Championships comprising:

- a) Open Australian National Team Championship (competing for the Ede Clendinnen Shield)
- b) Open Australian National Individual Championship

1.4.2 The U19 Australian National Championships comprising:

- a) U19 Australian National Team Championship (competing for the CP Maddern Cup)
- b) U19 Australian National Individual Championship

1.4.3 The U17 Australian National Championships comprising

- a) U17 Australian National Team Championship (competing for the June Bevan Cup)
- b) U17 Australian National Individual Championship

1.4.4 The U15 Australian National Championships comprising:

- a) U15 Australian National Team Championship (competing for the Val Nesbitt Cup)

b) U15 Australian National Individual Championship

1.4.5 The U13 Australian National Championships comprising:

a) U13 Australian National Team Championship

b) U13 Australian National Individual Championship

1.5 Subject to clause 1.13 the maximum competition length for the Open, U19 and U17 championships is not to exceed 6 competition days and the maximum competition length for the U15 and U13 championships is not to exceed 5 competition days.

1.6 The Team Event for the Championship Division (Division 1) will comprise of no more than 8 competing teams.

Each State/Territory can enter one team into Division 1 and up to 3 teams for remaining Divisions. Following close of entries, BA may promote teams from Division 2 to Division 1 should there be 3 or less teams enter Division 1, if the total number of teams across all Divisions is less than 8 or if the number of teams in Division 1 is an uneven number of 3 or 7. Teams who wish not to be promoted to Division 1 in this circumstance can choose to not accept the promotion offer following the close of entry.

To ensure only one team can medal per State/Territory, promoted teams who are the 2nd team for the State/Territory who reach the semi-final stage will be ineligible to compete in the semifinals and will forfeit their position to the next lower team in their group who is the 1st team for their State/Territory. This team can compete in any remaining play off matches for lower finishing teams.

Badminton Australia may run a Clubs event in separate Divisions. These bylaws apply for the Club Teams event across Open, U19, U17, U15 and U13.

1.7 Division 1 must have a minimum of 4 teams (max 8) for the event to be considered an Australian National Team Championship. The format of the team competition will be designed to match the allocated time allowed for the event. For Open, U19, and U17 it will be 2.5 days. For U15 and U13 it will be 2.0 days. When Team formats require 3 sessions to be played in a day, no team is expected to play more than 2 ties per day.

1.8 For Teams entering in Division 1, no substitute players from another member States/Territory are allowed to compete in Division 1. In all other Divisions a member State/Territory may enter a team with substitute players from another State/Territory provided the team comprises at least 50% of its own registered players. Substitute players must receive endorsement from their respective State/Territory to be allowed to join with another State/Territory. In the Individual event the substitute player will compete under their original affiliated State/Territory.

1.9 Team seeding will be based on:

1.9.1 Results from the most recent Team Championships

1.9.2 Where a State did not compete in the most recent Team Championships individual rankings of players taken from the Australian National Rankings, or, where determined by BA, other criteria can be added provided those criteria are listed in the event prospectus when determining team seeding.

1.10 The team tie format will depend on the final number of confirmed entries. Team tie format is attached as Schedule 1.

1.11 Individual Events will comprise of the following event disciplines:

1.11.1 For Open

- Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD)

1.11.2 For U19, U17 & U15

- Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles, Boy's Doubles, Girl's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
(BS, GS, BD, GD, XD)

- 1.12 There are no divisions in Individual Events. For Open, U19, U17, U15 & U13 Individual Events, where events that have more than 15 entries, the event is played in a knockout format through to the finals with 1st round losers/2nd round bye losers competing in a Plate event. Open players losing in Round 1 or 2nd round bye losers will be entered into plate events but have the option not to play. Players in U19, U17, U15 and U13 are expected to play in Plate events.

For events with 15 or less entries, the event will be played in a round-robin group format with groups of 3 or 4, as determined by BA, with group winners to proceed to a knock-out stage through to the finals. There will not be a Plate event for draws that allow for round-robin matches.

- 1.13 The time allocated for Open, U19 and U17 individual events is a maximum of 3.0 days or 3.5 days should qualification be required. The time allocated for the U15 and U13 individual event is a maximum of 3 days.
- 1.14 For Open, U13, U15, U17 and U19 Championships, players from countries affiliated with Badminton Oceania may compete by invitation from BA in the Teams and/or Individual events. Up to 2 Teams from the Oceania entries (selected by the Referee) can be allowed to compete in Division 1. Additional team entries from Oceania members can compete in the lower Divisions. Teams formed by Clubs and Associations may enter a team into the lower Divisions with the approval of the State/Territory they are affiliated with.
- 1.15 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The BWF General Competition Regulations will apply wherever possible.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All players competing in the Australian National Championships (other than NZ or other Oceania teams/individuals) must fulfil the following criteria:
- 2.1.1 be a citizen, permanent resident, or resident in Australia for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the start of the Championships.
 - 2.1.2 be a current bona fide member of an Association/Club/State/Territory and for an Association/Club that entity be an affiliated with the State/Territory they are representing in Australia.
 - 2.1.3 have made themselves available for selection and fulfilled the selection criteria of their State/Territory for selection to their Division 1 representative team.
 - 2.1.4 be endorsed of good standing by their State/Territory to compete in the Championships.
- 2.2 BA may permit other member countries of Badminton Oceania and their players to enter in U19, U17, U15 or under U13 for the Australian National Championships. Players will need to fulfil the following criteria to compete in these Championships:
- 2.2.1 be a citizen, permanent resident, or resident in their home country for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the start of the Championships.
 - 2.2.2 be a current bona fide member of an Association/Club/Region/Country in their home country
 - 2.2.3 be endorsed of good standing by their home country to compete in the Championships.
- 2.3 Players over the age of 14 satisfying Clause 2.1 and Clause 2.2 are eligible to compete in the Open category. For Open, U19, U17, U15 and U13, the following age criteria applies:
- 2.3.1 Open – Players must be above the age of 14 as of the 1st of January in the year of the

Championships.

- 2.3.2 U19 – players must be above the age of 14 as of 1st of January and under the age of 19 years as of the 31st of December in the year of the Championships.
 - 2.3.3 U17 – players must be above the age of 12 as of 1st of January and under the age of 17 years as of the 31st of December in the year of the Championships.
 - 2.3.4 U15 – players must be above the age of 10 as of 1st of January and under the age of 15 years as of the 31st of December in the year of the Championships.
 - 2.3.5 U13 – players must be above the age of 10 as of 1st January and under the age of 13 years as of the 31st of December in the year of the Championships.
- 2.4 It is a requirement from and including 2023 that all coaches attending National Championships have at least a Badminton Australia Foundation Coaching Course qualification. In 2023 exceptions can be made for players over the age of 18 who are entered into the competition and possess a Working with Children Check.

3.0 RIGHTS

- 3.1 BA owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images, and logos, in connection with the Championships.
- 3.2 In determining the financial arrangements at each Championship BA may grant licenses and concessions in respect to such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights as it sees fit.

4.0 MANAGEMENT & STRUCTURE

- 4.1 An Event Director and organising committee shall be appointed by BA. The management of the Championships shall be vested in BA, subject to compliance with these By-Laws, the BWF General Competition Regulations and specific directions by Badminton Australia. BA will ask the State/Territory member, where the event is being held, to nominate a person to be on the organising committee.
- 4.2 Appointments will be made as early as possible BA, event staff will consult with the BA Technical Officials Committee (BATOC) in relation to the appointment of the Referee and Deputy Referee wherever possible no later than four (4) months prior to the commencement date of the Championships.
- 4.3 The Referee shall be the sole judge of competition matters relating to these By-Laws and the BWF General Competition Regulations.
- 4.4 Team and Individual entry fees shall be set by BA. These fees shall be inclusive of GST and paid in \$AUD.
- 4.5 Individual and Team entry fees shall be advised by BA in the prospectus for that event.
- 4.6 BA will determine the brand of shuttles and other equipment to be used prior to the commencement of the Championships. Preferred Two speeds of approved shuttles may be available during competition.
- 4.7 Prior to the commencement of the Championships the Referee will organise two meetings:
 - a) Team Managers Meeting
 - b) Court Officials Briefing
- 4.8 The Teams and Individual draws will be conducted by badminton Australia and approved by the Referee.

5.0 TEAM FORMAT

5.1 Open Team (all divisions)

- 5.1.1 Each tie shall comprise of 5 matches one (1) each of men's and women's singles, one (1) each

of men's doubles and women's doubles and one (1) mixed doubles.

- 5.1.2 Teams will compete in 4 or 5 ties in total to determine the winner and final placings over 2.5/3 days of competition as per Schedule 1. However, this rule is dependent on the number of teams entered.
- 5.1.3 Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) men and three (3) women with a maximum of five (5) men and five (5) women. The final names of all players shall be submitted to BA no later than three weeks before the commencement of the Championships.
- 5.1.4 No player shall play in more than two disciplines in the same tie. The order of play will be determined by the Referee. Minimum rest time for players competing in 2 disciplines is 30 minutes.
- 5.1.5 The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for team lists to be submitted prior to each tie on the form supplied. Where two ties are played in one day teams to be given at least until 15 mins wherever possible after the completion of the earlier tie for their team list to be submitted for the next tie.
- 5.1.6 All injury, substitutions, forfeited matches and re-submission of Team listing shall be subject to the approval of the Referee. Once the tie has commenced no substitutions are allowed.
- 5.1.7 Each State/Territory shall have a Manager. For the Open Championships the Manager can occupy this role while also being a playing member, or a coach. No person can be a coach, team manager and player.

Where the Manager is a playing member, and that State/Territory has additional teams (in other divisions), that State/Territory must nominate an assistant manager to oversee their additional teams.

- 5.1.8 All teams for U19, U17, U15 and U13 Championships shall be accompanied by a non-playing team manager, or assistant manager, who is at least eighteen years of age, and will be the responsible point of contact for the team throughout the Team Championships
- 5.1.9 It is mandatory for each team (all divisions) to provide one non-playing, court official, per team for the duration of the Teams and Individual Championships. A court official for this clause means a 'Qualified Umpire'.

For Open, U19's, U17's, U15's and U13's a Qualified Umpire is required per team. For U17/U15/U13 a "Qualified Umpire" or "Umpire in Training" can be entered provided they are part of the umpire training course as part of these events. If a team cannot provide a court official at the time they are required, that team can forfeit their next scheduled tie as determined by the Referee.

- 5.1.9.1 States and Territories must select an official from within their own state as their accredited court official allocation at least 6 weeks prior to the competition and provided to BA in the prescribed form.
- 5.1.10 A State/Territory that cannot provide an accredited court official can then select accredited court official from another State/Territory, from any non-selected court official, and must submit them to BA at least 4 weeks prior to the competition in the prescribed form.
- 5.1.11 The team, including athletes, coaches, and team manager, winning the Championship shall be named the Australian National Champions and be presented with the Ede Clendinnen Shield. Medallions shall be provided by BA to the players and up to 3 coaches/team manager for the First, Second and Third Place Winners. Other medallions may be presented at the discretion of

BA.

5.2 U19 Team (all divisions)

- 5.2.1 Each tie shall comprise of 5 matches one (1) each of boy's and girl's singles, one (1) each of boy's doubles and girl's doubles and one (1) mixed doubles.
- 5.2.2 In general, teams will compete in 4 or 5 ties in total to determine the winner and final placings over 2.5 days of competition as per Schedule 1. However, this rule is dependent on the number of teams entered.
- 5.2.3 Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) males and three (3) females with a maximum of five (5) males and five (5) females. The names of all players shall be submitted to BA no later than two weeks before the commencement of the Championships.
- 5.2.4 No player shall play in more than two disciplines in the same tie. The order of play will be determined by the Referee. Minimum rest time for players competing in 2 disciplines is 30 minutes.
- 5.2.5 The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for team lists to be submitted prior to each tie on the form supplied. Where two ties are played in one day teams be given at least until 15 mins wherever possible after the completion of the earlier tie for their team list to be submitted for the next tie.
- 5.2.6 All injury, substitutions, forfeited matches and re-submission of Team listing shall be subject to the approval of the Referee.
- 5.2.7 All teams shall be accompanied by a non-playing team manager who is at least eighteen years of age, and will be the responsible point of contact for the team throughout the Team Championships
- 5.2.8 It is mandatory for each team (all divisions) to provide one non-playing, court official, per team for the duration of the Teams and Individual Championships. A court official for this clause means an accredited qualified Umpire.
 - 5.2.8.1 State and Territories must select an official from within their own state as their accredited court official allocation at least 6 weeks prior to the competition and provide to BA on the prescribed form.
 - 5.2.8.2 A State/Territory that cannot provide an accredited court official can then select an accredited court official from another State/Territory, from any non-selected court official, and must submit them to BA at least 4 weeks prior to the competition on the prescribed form.
- 5.2.9 The team, including athletes, coaches, and team manager, winning the Championship shall be named the U19 Australian National Champions and be presented with the C.P. Maddern Trophy. Medallions shall be provided by BA to the team members for the First, Second and Third Place Winners. Other medallions may be presented at the discretion of Badminton Australia.

5.3 U17 Team (all divisions)

- 5.3.1 Each tie shall comprise of 8 matches of two (2) each of boy's and girl's singles, one (1) each of boy's doubles and girl's doubles and two (2) mixed doubles. The winner of a tie resulting in 4-4 matches at the end of play will be determined as per schedule 2.
- 5.3.2 In general teams will compete in 4 or 5 ties in total to determine the winner and final placings over 2.5/3 days of competition as per Schedule 1. However, this rule is dependent on the number of teams entered.
- 5.3.3 Players may play no more than two matches within the same tie but cannot be in the same discipline. The order of play will be determined by the Referee.
- 5.3.4 Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) males and females (4) girls with maximum of six (6) males and six (6) females. The names of all players shall be submitted to BA no later than two weeks before the commencement of the Championships.
- 5.3.5 Each team is required to submit its team ranking lists electronically, on a template provided by Badminton Australia, at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. The team ranking should follow the Australian National Rankings or should provide documented evidence of why the team ranking does not follow the Australian National Rankings. The Referee may have the ranking lists approved for correct ranking order by the BA National Selectors.
- 5.3.6 An electronic copy of all approved team lists, with their players in ranked order for singles and all possible ranked combinations of mixed doubles, shall be distributed to all team managers at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. If a team is required to make a last-minute change to their ranking list, they are to submit the change as soon as possible to the Event Director and Referee. Alterations may be accepted by the Referee; however, reference may be made to the BA National Selectors to confirm any change to the rankings.
- 5.3.7 Following approval by the Referee, any amended ranking list will be promptly advised in person and distributed in writing to all team managers.
- 5.3.8 Any team unable to field the minimum number of boys and girls in any one tie must move their players up the ranking order, leaving the lower ranked position vacant.
- 5.3.9 The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for team lists to be submitted prior to each tie on the form supplied. Where two ties are played in one day teams be given at least until 15 mins wherever possible after the completion of the earlier tie for their team list to be submitted for the next tie
- 5.3.10 All injury, substitutions, forfeited matches and re-submission of Team listing shall be submitted for approval by the Referee.
- 5.3.11 All teams shall be accompanied by a non-playing team manager, who is at least eighteen years of age and will be the responsible point of contact for the team throughout the Team Championship.
- 5.3.12 It is mandatory for each team (all divisions) to provide one non-playing, court official, per team for the duration of the Teams and Individual Championships. A court official for this

clause means a 'Qualified Umpire' or an Umpire 'In Training'. If a team cannot provided a court official at the time they are required, that team can forfeit their next scheduled tie at the determination of the referee.

5.3.12.1 State and Territories must select an official from within their own state as their accredited court official allocation at least 6 weeks prior to the competition and provide to Badminton Australia on the prescribed form.

5.3.12.2 A State/Territory that cannot provide an accredited court official can then select an accredited court official from another State/Territory, from any non-selected court official, and must submit them to Badminton Australia at least 4 weeks prior to the competition on the prescribed form.

5.3.13 The team, including athletes, coaches, and team manager, winning the Championship shall be named winner of the June Bevan Trophy. Medallions shall be provided by BA to team members for the First, Second and Third Place Winners. Other medallions may be presented at the discretion of Badminton Australia.

5.4 U15 Team (all divisions)

5.4.1 Each tie shall comprise of 8 matches of two (2) each of boy's and girl's singles, one (1) each of boy's doubles and girl's doubles and two (2) mixed doubles. The winner of a tie resulting in 4-4 matches at the end of play will be determined as per schedule 2.

5.4.2 Teams will compete in 4 or 5 ties in total to determine the winner and final placings over 2.5/3 days of competition as per Schedule 1. However, this rule is dependent on the number of teams entered.

5.4.3 Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) males and four (4) females with maximum of six (6) males and six (6) females. The names of all players shall be submitted to BA not later than two (2) weeks before the commencement of the Championships.

5.4.4 Players may play two matches within the same tie but cannot be in the same discipline. The order of play will be determined by the Referee.

5.4.5 Each team is required to submit its team ranking lists electronically, on a template provided by Badminton Australia, at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. The team ranking should follow the Australian National Rankings or should provide documented evidence of why the team ranking does not follow the Australian National Rankings. The Referee may have the ranking lists approved for correct ranking order by the BA National Selectors.

5.4.6 An electronic copy of all approved team lists, with their players in ranked order for singles and all possible ranked combinations of doubles and mixed doubles, shall be distributed to all team managers at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. If a team is required to make a last-minute change to their ranking list, they are to submit the change as soon as possible to the Event Director and Referee. Alterations may be accepted by the Referee; however, reference may be made to the BA National Selectors to confirm any change to the rankings.

5.4.7 Following approval by the Referee, any amended ranking list will be promptly advised in person and distributed in writing to all team managers.

- 5.4.8 Any team unable to field the minimum number of boys and girls in any one tie must move their players up the ranking order, leaving the lower ranked position vacant.
- 5.4.9 The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for team lists to be submitted prior to each tie on the form supplied. Where two ties are played in one day it is recommended that teams be given at least until 15 mins after the completion of the earlier tie for their team list to be submitted for the next tie.
- 5.4.10 All injury, substitutions, forfeited matches and re-submission of Team listing shall be submitted for approval by the Referee.
- 5.4.11 All teams shall be accompanied by a non-playing team manager, who is at least eighteen years of age and will be the responsible point of contact for the team throughout the Team Championship.
- 5.4.12 It is mandatory for each team (all divisions) to provide one non-playing, court official, per team for the duration of the Teams and Individual Championships. A court official for this clause means a 'Qualified Umpire' or an Umpire 'In Training'. If a team cannot provide a court official at the time they are required, that team can forfeit their next scheduled tie as determined by the Referee.
- 5.4.12.1 State and Territories must select an official from within their own state as their accredited court official allocation at least 6 weeks prior to the competition and provide to Badminton Australia on the prescribed form.
- 5.4.12.2 A State/Territory that cannot provide an accredited court official can then select an accredited court official from another State/Territory, from any non-selected court official, and must submit them to Badminton Australia at least 4 weeks prior to the competition on the prescribed form.
- 5.4.13 The team, including athletes, coaches, and Team Manager, winning the Championship shall be named the U15 Australian National Champions and be presented with the Val Nesbitt Trophy. Medallions shall be provided by Badminton Australia to the team members for the First, Second and Third Place Winners. Other medallions may be presented at the discretion of BA.

5.5 U13 Team (all divisions)

- 5.5.1 Each tie shall comprise of 8 matches of two (2) each of boy's and girl's singles, one (1) each of boy's doubles and girl's doubles and two (2) mixed doubles.
- 5.5.2 Teams will compete in 4 or 5 ties in total to determine the winner and final placings over 2.5/3 days of competition as per Schedule 1. However, this rule is dependent on the number of teams entered.
- 5.5.3 Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) males and three (3) females with maximum of five (5) males and five (5) females. The names of all players shall be submitted to BA not later than two (2) weeks before the commencement of the Championships.
- 5.5.4 Players may play two matches within the same tie but cannot be in the same discipline. The order of play will be determined by the Referee.
- 5.5.5 Each team is required to submit its team ranking lists electronically, on a template provided by Badminton Australia, at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. The team ranking should follow the Australian National Rankings or should provide documented evidence of why the team ranking does not follow the Australian National Rankings.

- 5.5.6 An electronic copy of all approved team lists, with their players in ranked order for singles and all possible ranked combinations of doubles and mixed doubles, shall be distributed to all team managers at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the Championships. If a team is required to make a last-minute change to their ranking list, they are to submit the change as soon as possible to the Event Director and Referee. Alterations may be accepted by the Referee; however, reference may be made to the BA National Selectors to confirm any change to the rankings.
- 5.5.7 Following approval by the Referee, any amended ranking list will be promptly advised in person and distributed in writing to all team managers.
- 5.5.8 Any team unable to field the minimum number of boys and girls in any one tie must move their players/pairs up the ranking order, leaving the lower ranked position vacant.
- 5.5.9 The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for team lists to be submitted prior to each tie on the form supplied. Where two ties are played in one day it is recommended that teams Australian National Championships - By-Laws - Page 9, be given at least until 15 mins after the completion of the earlier tie for their team list to be submitted for the next tie.
- 5.5.10 All injury, substitutions, forfeited matches and re-submission of Team listing shall be submitted for approval by the Referee.
- 5.5.11 All teams shall be accompanied by a non-playing team manager, who is at least eighteen years of age and will be the responsible point of contact for the team throughout the Team Championship.
- 5.5.12 It is mandatory for each team (all divisions) to provide one non-playing, court official, per team for the duration of the Teams and Individual Championships. A court official for this clause means a 'Qualified Umpire' or an Umpire 'In Training'.
- 5.5.13 State and Territories must select an official from within their own state as their accredited court official allocation at least 6 weeks prior to the competition and provide to Badminton Australia on the prescribed form.
- 5.5.14 A State/Territory that cannot provide an accredited court official can then select an accredited court official from another State/Territory, from any non-selected court official, and must submit them to Badminton Australia at least 4 weeks prior to the competition on the prescribed form.
- 5.5.15 The team, including athletes, coaches, and Team Manager, winning the Championship shall be named the U13 Australian National Champions and be presented with a Trophy. Medallions shall be provided by Badminton Australia to the team members for the First, Second and Third Place Winners. Other medallions may be presented at the discretion of BA.
- 5.5.16 All U13 teams must have a coach registered with BA, a team manager, and a team umpire.
- 5.5.17 All team officials must have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) – valid Working with vulnerable people check, or equivalent.
- 5.5.18 It is highly recommended that a parent or guardian travels and stays with each individual child for the duration of the Championships (team & individual events).
- 5.5.19 It is highly recommended that U13 teams do not stay together as a team in any type of shared accommodation, the recommendation is for players and parents/guardians to travel and stay together individually. Where a state or territory does decide to stay together as a team, clause 2.9 of Annexure B of the Badminton Australia National Integrity Framework Child Safeguarding Policy should be observed at all times. The policy can be accessed via <https://www.badminton.org.au/integrity-resources/>.

5.5.20 For all U13 matches in both team events and individual events there is to be no courtside coaching during play. Coaching can only occur at the end of each game. (No coaching in between points and during the 11-point interval)

6.0 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT FORMAT

6.1 The Individual Championships Event format is described in Clauses 1.11 - 1.15.

Closing date for individual entries is 21 days prior to the individual event commencing.

6.2 Seeding for all Individual Championships will be based on the BA National Rankings as at 14 days prior to the individual event commencing. Where players from countries other than Australia are competing, a BA representative will liaise with an appointed member from each of those countries to determine the seeding based on each country's national rankings. Where determined by BA National rankings may be amended by the national selectors together with the referee due to COVID-19 player restrictions. The draw for the individual events will be released at the team managers meeting prior to the team event commencing.

6.3 A minimum of 6 entries are required for the event to be classified as a National Individual Championship.

7.0 DRESS CODE

7.1 It is mandatory that players shall be dressed in badminton attire that conforms with the rules of the BWF competition regulations (clothing sections 20-24).

7.2 Each player from the same team must wear similar colour and design of shirts, with their state/association/club on the back, and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing) throughout a Team Championship tie.

8.0 TROPHIES AND MEDALS

8.1 For Team Championships, BA shall provide medals/trophies for presentation to the players, manager, and coach of the top three placed teams. Badminton Australia, at its discretion, may provide medallions for other players, coaches, and court officials.

Where NZ or other Oceania teams are entered for Teams into Division 1, two sets of medallions can be issued. One set of medallions based on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishing places of Australian teams, and 1st 2nd and 3rd placings of all teams entered into Division 1, thus ensuring an Australian National Team Champion can be crowned.

8.2 For the Individual Championships, BA will provide medals/trophies and prize monies (where applicable) to 1st, 2nd and 3rd/4th placed players. Where an individual from a NZ or Oceania country places 1st, 2nd, 3rd/4th, additional medals for Australian athletes can be awarded in line with the placings as if NZ or Oceania individuals were not included in the tournament.

8.3 In addition to clause 8.1 and 8.2, perpetual trophies will be awarded to all winning Teams and Individual champions. BA is responsible for engraving the winner's details.

9.0 Sportsperson of the Championships AWARD

9.1 The referee, event director and up to two others approved by BA will award a joint Sports Trophy to up to one male and up to one female player at each of the National Championships who has competed in both the Team and Individual events and is based on the following merits:

- leadership
- teamwork
- fairness
- respect

9.2 The following sporting trophies awarded at each of the Australian National Championships are:

9.2.1 For Open - Cliff Cutt Memorial Trophy

9.2.2 For U19 - Joy Twining Memorial Trophy

- 9.2.3 For U17 - Val Nesbitt Sporting Trophy
- 9.2.3 For U15 - Ross and Jan Synot Sporting Trophy

10.0 REPORTING

- 10.1 The Event Director and Referee are required to provide separate written reports to BA within 30 days following the completion of the Championships. A template for the report is available from BA. Such a report should identify any insights and areas for development regarding the conduct and organising of the event.

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**SCHEDULE 1
TEAM TIE FORMAT**

TEAM COMPETITION = 2.5 days

Note - the order of the group matches as follows can be changed at the discretion of the referee.

8 Teams (4 teams in Group A and 4 Teams in Group B)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 B1 vs B3 B2 vs B4	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4 B1 vs B2 B3 vs B4	<u>Morning Session</u> Winners Semi - Finals Losers Semi - 3rd/4th Placings Winners - 5th/6th Placings Losers - 7th/8th Placings
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 B1 vs B4 B2 vs B3	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs B2nd - semi B1st vs A2nd - semi A3rd vs B4th B3rd vs A4th	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Individual starts
<u>Night Session</u> None	<u>Night Session</u> None	

7 Teams (4 teams in Group A and 3 Teams in Group B)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 B1 vs B3 B2 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4 B2 vs B3 B1 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> Winners Semi - Finals Losers Semi - 3rd/4th Placings A3rd vs W A4/B3 - 5th/6th Placings L A4/B3 - Bye - 7th Placed
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 B1 vs B2 B3 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs B2nd - semi B1st vs A2nd - semi A4th vs B3rd A3rd - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Individual starts
<u>Night Session</u> None	<u>Night Session</u> None	

6 Teams (3 teams in Group A and 3 Teams in Group B)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 B1 vs B3 A2 & B2 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A2nd vs B3th - Q/F B2nd vs A3rd - Q/F A1st & B1st - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> Winners Semi - Finals Losers Semi - 3rd/4th Placings L from Q/F - Bye
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 B1 vs B2 A3 & B3 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs W B2/A3 - semi B1st vs W A2/B3 - semi L A2/B3 vs L B2/A3 - 5th/6th	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Individual starts
<u>Night Session</u> A2 vs A3 B2 vs B3 A1 & B1 - Bye	<u>Night Session</u> None	

5 Teams (5 teams in Group A)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 A5 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 A5 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1st vs A2nd - Finals A3rd vs A4th - 3rd/4th Placings A5th - Bye - 5th Placed
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A5 A3 vs A4 A2 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A5 A4 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Individual starts
<u>Night Session</u> A2 vs A5 A1, A3, A4 - Bye	<u>Night Session</u> A4 vs A5 A1, A2, A3 - Bye	

4 Teams (4 teams in Group A)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3	<u>Morning Session</u> Winners Semi - Finals Losers Semi - 3rd/4th Placings
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs A4th - semi A2nd vs A3rd - semi	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Individual starts
<u>Night Session</u> None	<u>Night Session</u> None	

TEAM COMPETITION = 2.0 days**8 Teams (4 teams in Group A and 4 Teams in Group B)**

Day 1	Day 2
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 B1 vs B3 B2 vs B4	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4 B1 vs B2 B3 vs B4
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 B1 vs B4 B2 vs B3	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs B1st - Final A2nd vs B2nd - 3rd/4th Placings A3rd vs B3rd - 5th/6th Placings A4th vs B4th - 7th/8th Placings
<u>Night Session</u> None	<u>Night Session</u> None

7 Teams (4 teams in Group A and 3 Teams in Group B)

Day 1	Day 2
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 B1 vs B3 B2 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4 B2 vs B3 B1 - Bye
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 B1 vs B2 B3 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs B1st - Final A2nd vs B2nd - 3rd/4th Placings A3rd vs B3rd - 5th/6th Placings A4th - Bye - 7th Placed
<u>Night Session</u> - None	<u>Night Session</u> - None

6 Teams (3 teams in Group A and 3 Teams in Group B)

Day 1	Day 2
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 B1 vs B3 A2 & B2 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1st vs B2nd - semi B1st vs A2nd - semi A3rd & B3rd - 5th/6th Placings
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 B1 vs B2 A3 & B3 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> Winners Semi - Finals Losers Semi - 3rd/4th Placings A3rd vs A3rd & B3rd - Bye
<u>Night Session</u> A2 vs A3, B2 vs B3 A1 & B1 - Bye	<u>Night Session</u> None

5 Teams (5 teams in Group A)

Day 1	Day 2
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4 A5 - Bye	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3 A5 - Bye
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A5 A3 vs A4 A2 - Bye	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A5 A4 - Bye
<u>Night Session</u> A2 vs A5 A1, A3, A4 - Bye	<u>Night Session</u> A4 vs A5 A1, A2, A3 - Bye (No Finals Playoffs)

4 Teams (4 teams in Group A)

Day 1	Day 2
<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A3 A2 vs A4	<u>Morning Session</u> A1 vs A4 A2 vs A3
<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1 vs A2 A3 vs A4	<u>Afternoon Session</u> A1st vs A2nd - Finals A3rd vs A4th - 3th/4th Placings
<u>Night Session</u> - None	<u>Night Session</u> - None

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SCHEDULE 2 TIE BREAK AND TEAM RANKING

1.0 TIE BREAK (For U19, U17, U15 & U13 Team Event)

Tie breaks will be determined by count back from the tie results as per below.

For Division 1

During the Round Robin stage, when the total number of matches between the two competing teams are tied, the winner of the tie will be determined as follows:

1. The difference between total games won and total games lost. The team with the greater difference in games is declared the winner.
2. If 1 above results in a tie then the difference between total points won and total points lost will be calculated. The team with the greater difference in points is declared the winner.
3. If 1 & 2 above result in a tie the winner is decided by drawing lots or if the States/Territoires agree to another process that will be provided for in the event Prospectus.

During the Knockout stage, when the total number of matches between the two competing teams are tied, the winner of the tie will be determined as follows:

1. The difference between total games won and total games lost. The team with the greater difference in games is declared the winner.
2. If 1 above results in a tie then the difference between total points won and total points lost will be calculated. The team with the greater difference in points is declared the winner.
3. If 1 & 2 above still result in a tie then the winner is decided by the result of the tie between the two teams during the round robin stage.
4. If 1, 2 & 3 above is unable to produce a winner then the winner is decided by drawing lots or if the States/Territories agree to another process that will be provided for in the event Prospectus.

2.0 RANKING (For Team and Individual)

This applies to Open, U19, U17 and U15 Team and Individual Championships. Following on from the Round Robin stage, team and individual rankings (placings) will determine the playoffs for the Knockout stage of the Championships.

2.1 Team Ranking

The ranking will be determined by the number of ties won. Should there be a tie between teams, the following shall apply:

1. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
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.
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. 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.
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 or if the States/Territoires agree to another process that will be provided for in the event Prospectus.
6. A conceded match shall count as if completed without conceding side scoring another point.
7. All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

2.2 Individual Ranking

The ranking will be determined by the number of matches won. Should there be a tie between players/pairs, the following will apply:

1. If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
2. If three or more players/pairs have won 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 match between them.
3. If three or more players/pairs have won 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 the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
4. If three or more players/pairs have won 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 or if the States/Territories agree to another process that will be provided for in the event Prospectus.
5. All results of any player/pairs that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

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