

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. **PURPOSES AND APPLICABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS:**

- 1.1 With these Regulations the Badminton Association of India (BAI or Association) in accordance with its Rules:
 - 1.1.1 controls the game, from a national aspect, in all states; and
 - 1.1.2 makes Regulations for all competition held in the country.
- 1.2 These Regulations apply to all categories of events that are defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9, unless otherwise specified.
- 1.3 The provisions of Regulations 8 to 22 are recommended, but not mandatory, for the categories of events defined in Regulations 2.9 and 2.10.

2. **TOURNAMENT DEFINITIONS:**

- 2.1 BAI recognises the categories of tournaments, matches and other events defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.9.
- 2.2 Inter-state Team Championships for Seniors, Juniors (Under 19 years).
- 2.3 National Badminton Championships for Seniors, Juniors (Under 19 years), Sub-juniors (Under 16 years), Midgets (Under 13 years) and Veterans (Above 35 years).
- 2.4 National level Open Tournaments for Seniors, Juniors (Under 19 years), Sub-juniors (Under 16 years), Sub-Juniors (Midgets) (Under 13 years), Sub-Juniors (Mini) (Under 10 years) and Veterans (may be in any age categories).
- 2.5 Championships restricted for specified number of players on the basis of their rankings.
- 2.6 Championships restricted for players from restricted number of Affiliated Units.
- 2.7 Exhibition Events
- 2.8 Multi-sports Events
- 2.9 Championships sanctioned and controlled by Affiliated Units of BAI where the entries are restricted only to players registered from that Affiliated Unit.
- 2.10 Other Tournaments or Events - Any tournament not falling into one of the categories 2.2 to 2.9.

3. **SANCTION:**

- 3.1 For all tournaments and events defined above in Regulations 2.3 to 2.10 except 2.8 and 2.9, the Affiliated Unit must apply for in the format marked as Format 1 and receive the sanction of the Executive Committee of BAI (Committee), if the tournament is open for players registered with any other Affiliated Unit.
- 3.2 The application for organising a tournament shall be sent,
 - 3.2.1 to Hon. Secretary before 31st December for the twelve-month period commencing from 1st April the following calendar year.
 - 3.2.2 along with a tournament fees as under:

In case the title of Tournament includes name / brand name of the event sponsors	Rs. 4,000
In all other cases	Rs. 2,000

- 3.2.3 Specifically mentioning the prize money offered.
- 3.3 The number of days sanctioned for main draw of the national level tournaments shall be based on the following:
 - 3.3.1 Seniors', multiple age groups Juniors' and Veterans' tournaments, if number of courts available at the venue:

Number of courts at the venue	Number of days of the main competition
Less than 3	5 days
In all other cases	4 days

- 3.2 The Committee shall have power to refuse sanction of a proposed tournament or event. If sanction is refused, the reason shall be stated to the Affiliated Unit applying.
- 3.3 A calendar for the period 1st April to 31st March shall be finalised in the meeting of the Committee normally held in the month of February. The calendar containing the names and dates of all BAI-sanctioned events shall be circulated to all concerned. These allocated dates may only be changed or cancelled by giving an application to BAI in writing giving reasons therefor.
- 3.4 Application for sanction for new events with less than the required notice in Regulation 3.2 will not be considered except in special circumstances. The Hon. Secretary in consultation with the President may sanction such events.
- 3.5 All Championships (as defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.8 and 2.10) offering prize money, shall pay an additional tournament fee to BAI at the rate of 5 per cent of the total prize fund. Such fee shall be a charge on the tournament and not on the prize fund. It shall be paid such that an amount equal to 5 per cent of the total prize fund is received by BAI within three weeks of the end of the tournament.
- 3.6 Should any tournament as defined in Regulations 2.2 to 2.8 and 2.10, be cancelled within one month of the sanctioned date, then the organisers shall be liable to pay BAI a cancellation fee of Rs. 5,000/- in addition to the tournament fees.
- 3.7 Where, however, the Committee is satisfied that the tournament cancellation was outside the control of the organisers due to force majeure, (e.g. civil disturbance, natural disaster), these fees may be waived.
- 3.8 The Indian Railway Sports Control Board shall conduct an open tournament falling under the Regulation 2.4 immediately after its departmental matches.
- 3.9 The Committee may approach the Affiliated Unit and make any additional financial arrangements as it may from time to time decide.
- 3.10 For any tournament or event sanctioned under Competition Regulation 3, the term “BAI-sanctioned tournament rights” shall mean all commercial, television, internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the event.
- 3.11 It is a condition of sanction that ownership of BAI-sanctioned tournament rights shall be determined in accordance with the Competition Regulations.
- 3.12 BAI-sanctioned tournament rights shall automatically belong to BAI, unless licences or concessions in respect of such rights are granted by BAI to the promoting Affiliated Units, either by virtue of Competition Regulations or in writing.
- 3.13 BAI always retains the right to publish results and reports from BAI-sanctioned tournaments and events, on the Internet and elsewhere, and to do so at times determined solely by BAI.
- 3.14 Players’ images
- 3.14.1 When a player is entered in an BAI-sanctioned event, the creation of television or audio signals, and the taking of photographs is permitted at all associated venues (including training/practice) without further need to seek the consent of the player or Affiliated Unit concerned. Any such television or audio signals can be distributed by the rights owner in any and all territories, and may be used on live or recorded television, Internet, webcasting, radio, film and other media of similar nature. BAI, the promoting Affiliated Unit and any photographer concerned shall have the right to use photographs or any other image of player(s) taken during the event.
- 3.14.2 If for legal reasons use of a player’s image requires the consent of the player concerned, the Affiliated Unit must ensure that such consent is obtained before entering the player. The user of photographs or other such images of player(s) assumes sole legal liability for such use.
- 3.15 BAI currently grants ownership of BAI-sanctioned tournament rights at all tournaments defined in these Regulations except 2.8 to the promoting Affiliated Unit. In formulating contracts, Affiliated Units are advised that this concession of rights is subject to change with reasonable notice.

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:**

4.1 Without a special consent of the Committee, no organiser of any event specified in Regulation 2.2 to 2.10 shall, for any tournament directly or indirectly promoted by it, accept entries from or on behalf of any players who

4.1.1 are not under the jurisdiction of a Affiliated Unit Member of BAI except those granted under any of the Competition Regulations; or

4.1.2 have been declared not in good standing with any Affiliated Unit or the Association.

4.2 Players must be permitted to enter for all the events for which they are qualified and no restriction in this respect shall be permitted except events covered under Regulation 2.9 which may restrict for the purpose of selection of the teams for the players registered from that Affiliated Unit only. However, such restriction shall be specified in the prospectus of the tournament. In the event of an Affiliated Unit making entries on behalf of its players, it shall list such entries in order of playing strength, in case the name of the players do not figure in the Ranking List published by BAI.

4.3 The eligibility of juniors shall be determined as under and both the conditions must be satisfied:

Group	Age under years as on the reference date	Class of study as on the reference date
Juniors	19 years	Second year of graduation (10+2+2) or below
Sub-juniors	16 years	XI (10+1) or below
Midgets	13 years	VIII or below
Mini	10 years	V or below

The eligibility of veterans shall be above the specified age for that age category as on the reference date.

4.4 The reference date shall be determined as under:

Date of commencement of tournament (Qualifying, if applicable)	Reference date of that calendar year
1 st January to 30 th June	1 st January
1 st July to 31 st December	1 st January

4.5 It is recommended that veteran groups should commence at 30 and 35 years of age respectively for the men and women. Further groups should be considered at five-year intervals.

4.6 The eligibility of Juniors and Veterans shall be supported by a certificate unless the date of birth is registered with BAI and is appearing in the approved list. An original copy of the Certificate must be produced to the Referee before playing his first match, It shall be the responsibility of the Referee to collect the certificates from the unregistered players and forward it to BAI. The following shall be the guidelines for verification of the date of birth / eligibility:

4.6.1 When the student has passed the High School / Matriculation examination, the proof of age shall be in form of the photocopy of the certificate of Passing given by the High School / Matriculation Board containing the date of birth duly certified by the Hon. Secretary of the Affiliated Unit.

4.6.2 In case of Non-Matriculate students, proof of age must be certified by the principal or Head Master of the college or School to which the student belongs

4.6.3 For uneducated Juniors, personal Medical Examination will be undertaken on the recommendation of the Referee and the Tournament Committee.

4.6.4 Proforma of Age certificate must be correctly completed by the Juniors who are non-Matriculantes with the necessary photo attached and all entries correctly signed as required. Specimen of Age proforma should be as specified in Format No. 2.

4.7 The checking, verification and authentication the age and its certificates of all the players is the prime responsibility of the Affiliated Unit to which the player is registered with. In case of any misstatement or

default, the player and the Affiliated Unit to which the player represents shall be liable to a penal action and suspension as the Committee may decide.

4.8 The entries for events specified in Regulation 2.4 to 2.7 and 2.10 shall be sent in writing by the Affiliated Units in order of strength or the players only through or accompanied by written authorisation of the Affiliated Unit, which the player represents, in the prescribed format specified by the organisers. If no format is prescribed by organisers, the entries shall be forwarded in the format specified in Format 3 or Format 4. The entries can be sent by registered post, on fax and if so advised by organisers by e-mail or on the Web site of organisers / BAI. It is the responsibility of the organiser to acknowledge receipt of entries of player and any subsequent amendment prior to the closing date. It is the responsibility of the Affiliated Units to ensure that confirmation of acceptance is received.

4.9 The entries for events specified in Regulation 2.4 to 2.7 and 2.10 should be sent along with the entry fees at the following scales only:

Singles events of all categories	Rs. 50 per player
Doubles events of all categories	Rs. 100 per pair

4.10 Players selected to participate in the main draw directly of any tournament shall not be liable to pay any entry fees for such event.

4.11 The fees for lodging protest of any kind shall be Rs. 300/- per protest. This fee shall be retained by the organisers of the event,

4.12 In making or authorising entries, the Affiliated Units concerned is reconfirming its acceptance, and acceptance by the players being entered, of the Association's Rules, Competition Regulations and Disciplinary processes.

4.13 For any competitive event sanctioned by BAI, a player shall not have his/her entry refused for reasons of race, religion or politics. Refusal of entries for any reason other than that there are too many entries to be accommodated (Regulations 10) requires the specific written permission of BAI.

4.14 BAI may impose conditions on entries made by a Affiliated Unit whose players repeatedly enter a tournament and do not play.

5. REPRESENTATION:

5.1 A player shall be qualified to play any event in the country if he satisfies both the following Regulations:

- 5.1.1 is a registered player on the roll of Badminton Association of India through Affiliated Units;
- 5.1.2 the player is in good standing with that Affiliated Unit;

5.2 A player shall be qualified to represent an Affiliated Unit, except Railway Sports Control Board, Air India Sports Control Board, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, Association of Indian Universities and Associate Member if he satisfies either of the Regulations 5.2.1 or 5.2.2:

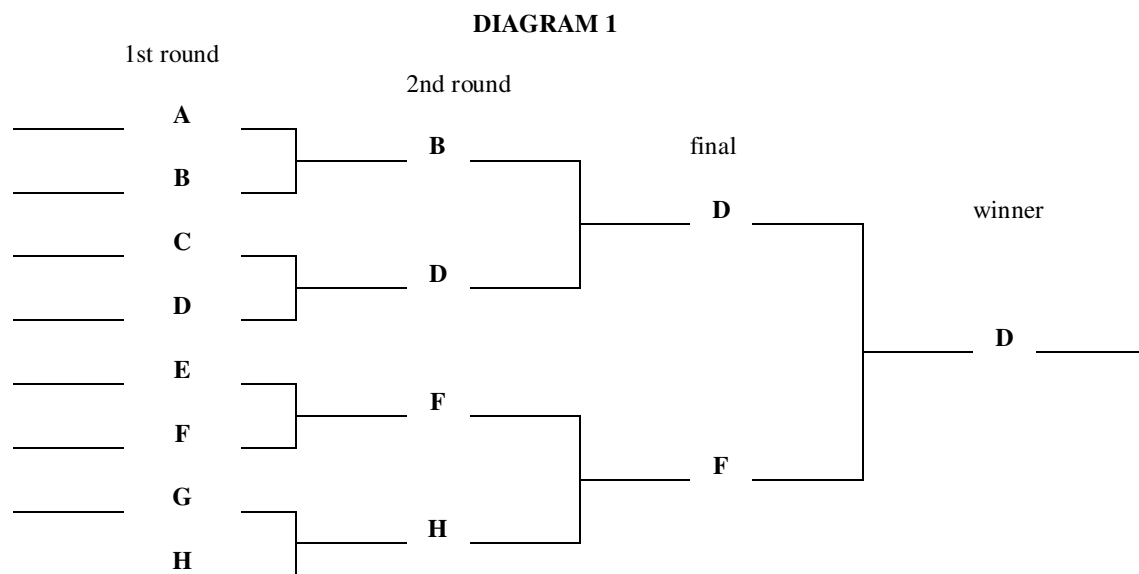
5.2.1 was born in the state concerned. In case of players born in foreign country, the state of birth for the purpose of these regulations shall be the state in which he gets himself registered after migration to India;

5.2.2 has had his or her main residence in that state concerned for six months immediately preceding the reference date of the fixture. While determining the place of residence, a player who has shifted his main residence in different state due to transfer of job or education of the player or job of his parents, the player shall apply to BAI for special permission to determine the new place and waive the condition of six months of main residence in new city. Such representation shall be made within 15 days of such transfer of residence through new parent Affiliated Unit and copy to the earlier parent Affiliated Unit.

5.3 A player shall be qualified to represent Railway Sports Control Board, Air India Sports Control Board, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board or any other Associate Member, from the date of employment / contract, provided he has not participated in the inter-state team championship or nationals from any other Affiliated Unit for that registration period.

- 5.4 The university students are not employees and as such are eligible to play for the selection of the state teams for which they are eligible. If the university students participate in the selection event / trials and are selected to represent the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), they shall be qualified to represent AIU and shall thereby be disqualified from representing the state concerned, irrespective of their registration with the Badminton Association of India as at 1st July for the registration period 1st July to 30th June, from the date of intimation of such selection to BAI.
- 5.5 If a team of Associate member of BAI gets qualified to participate in the Inter-State Team Championship or any of the nationals as specified in Regulation 2.2 and 2.3, a player selected to represent the said Associate Member shall be qualified to represent the said Associate Member and shall thereby be disqualified from representing the state concerned, irrespective of their registration with the Badminton Association of India as at 1st July for the registration period 1st July to 30th June, from the date of intimation of such selection to BAI.
- 5.6 For the smooth implementation of these regulations, the Railway Sports Control Board, Air India Sports Control Board, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board shall before 30th June and Association of Indian Universities shall before 31st August carry out their respective selection process every year and shall intimate the names of the players selected to BAI within 15 days of the specified dates. BAI shall forthwith intimate these names to all Affiliated Units so that these players shall be deemed to be registered with these institutions and shall not be qualified to represent any other Affiliated Unit. Other players who are not selected in these institutions shall be eligible for seeking registration from the State Associations for which they are eligible.
- 5.7 If a player shall have represented a State and such Affiliated Unit is subsequently divided into two or more Affiliated Units or is absorbed by another Affiliated Unit, either politically or by recognition of BAI, such player shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any Affiliated Unit.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding the foregoing Regulations, in the case of any officially-recognised competitive multi-sport event in which badminton is included, the qualifications for the representation of a Affiliated Unit shall be in full accordance with the conditions laid down by such a multi-sport event, provided however that the above Regulations 5.1 to 5.2 are also not contravened.
6. **JURISDICTION:**
- 6.1 A player comes under the jurisdiction of all Affiliated Units to which he/she is directly or indirectly affiliated / registered.
- 6.2 Where a sanction is imposed that affects a player's participation beyond the jurisdiction of the Affiliated Unit concerned, then such sanction shall be notified immediately to BAI, who shall notify all Affiliated Units of such sanction.
- 6.3 Where sanctions affect a player who comes under the jurisdiction of more than one Affiliated Units, BAI shall have power to receive representations and to amend such sanctions, if felt necessary.
7. **INVITATIONS:**
- 7.1 The organising committee of the events specified in Regulation 2.4 to 2.7 and 2.10 shall invite 2 singles players and 1 doubles pair in each category for participating in the event. In addition to these players the organising committee shall provide lodging facility only to 2 singles and 1 doubles pair in each category.
- 7.2 The players for invitation shall be selected from the latest declared ranking list of BAI.
- 7.3 The invitations shall be sent to the addresses of the players with a copy to the Affiliated Unit they represent.
8. **PAYMENTS TO PLAYERS:**
- 8.1 Under no circumstances may a player be offered or paid money or goods to play in other than an exhibition event (as defined in Regulation 2.7). Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses that are actually incurred are allowed to be reimbursed.

- 8.2 The invited players shall be provided with the facilities as specified in the Annexure A.
- 8.3 The players shall be entitled to the facilities specified in the respective annexures irrespective of whether they are availing any of these facilities from any authority / organisation either free of charge or at a concession.
9. **THE DRAW:**
- 9.1 The draw for all knock-out events shall be made in the manner set out below and no dummy entry is permitted.
- 9.2 In open events requiring sanction by BAI and multi-sports events, the draw shall be done by the Tournament Committee on the basis of the latest rankings published by BAI. To accomplish this, the latest ranking list shall be forwarded by BAI to the organisers and / or the Referee of the tournament.
- 9.3 The draw shall be done not more than 7 days and not less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. It is recommended that the draw be done as near as practicable to the end of the period specified. The draw must be published as soon as possible after it is done, but in all cases no less than 24 hours before the first scheduled match. The qualifying rounds, if any, count as part of the tournament for these purposes.
- 9.4 The draw shall be conducted as follows.
- 9.4.1 When the number of playing units is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they shall meet in pairs in the order drawn, as in Diagram 1 for eight playing units.
- 9.4.2 When the number of playing units is not a power of 2, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of playing units, (e.g. with 17 playing units, there are $32-17 = 15$ byes).
- 9.4.3 The byes shall be placed as in Tables 1 to 5 and Diagram 2.



Placing of byes and seeds in a draw

Table 1 (for 8 to 16 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 16.

Entries	No. of seeds	Seeds			No. of byes	Placement of byes
		1	2	3/4		
8	2	1	16	-	8	2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15
9	2	1	16	-	7	2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15
10	2	1	16	-	6	2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15
11	2	1	16	-	5	2, 4, 6, 11, 15
12	2	1	16	-	4	2, 6, 11, 15
13	2	1	16	-	3	2, 6, 15

14	2	1	16	-	2	2, 15
15	2	1	16	-	1	2
16	2	1	16	5, 12	0	-

Table 2 (for 17 to 32 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 32.

Entries	No. of seeds	Seeds				No. of byes	Placement of byes
		1	2	3/4	5/8		
17	4	1	32	9, 24	-	15	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
18	4	1	32	9, 24	-	14	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31
19	4	1	32	9, 24	-	13	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
20	4	1	32	9, 24	-	12	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31
21	4	1	32	9, 24	-	11	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 23, 27, 29, 31
22	4	1	32	9, 24	-	10	2, 4, 6, 10, 14, 19, 23, 27, 29, 31
23	4	1	32	9, 24	-	9	2, 4, 6, 10, 14, 19, 23, 27, 31
24	4	1	32	9, 24	-	8	2, 6, 10, 14, 19, 23, 27, 31
25	4	1	32	9, 24	-	7	2, 6, 10, 14, 23, 27, 31
26	4	1	32	9, 24	-	6	2, 6, 10, 23, 27, 31
27	4	1	32	9, 24	-	5	2, 6, 10, 23, 31
28	4	1	32	9, 24	-	4	2, 10, 23, 31
29	4	1	32	9, 24	-	3	2, 10, 31
30	4	1	32	9, 24	-	2	2, 31
31	4	1	32	9, 24	-	1	2,
32	8	1	32	9, 24	15, 13, 20, 28	0	

Table 3 (for 33 to 64 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 64.

Entries	No. of seeds	Seeds				No. of byes	Placement of byes
		1	2	3/4	5/8		
33	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	31	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
34	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	30	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
35	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	29	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
36	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	28	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
37	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	27	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
38	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	26	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63
39	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	25	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
40	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	24	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
41	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	23	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
42	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	22	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
43	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	21	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
44	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	20	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 37, 39, 43, 45, 47, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
45	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	19	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
46	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	18	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 28, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 59, 61, 63
47	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	17	2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 28, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 61, 63
48	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	16	2, 4, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 28, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 61, 63
49	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	15	2, 4, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 28, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 61, 63
50	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	14	2, 4, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 39, 45, 47, 53, 55, 61, 63
51	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	13	2, 4, 10, 12, 18, 20, 26, 39, 45, 47, 55, 61, 63
52	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	12	2, 4, 10, 18, 20, 26, 39, 45, 47, 55, 61, 63
53	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	11	2, 4, 10, 18, 20, 26, 39, 47, 55, 61, 63
54	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	10	2, 4, 10, 18, 26, 39, 47, 55, 61, 63

55	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	9	2, 4, 10, 18, 26, 39, 47, 55, 63
56	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	8	2, 10, 18, 26, 39, 47, 55, 63
57	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	7	2, 10, 18, 26, 47, 55, 63
58	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	6	2, 10, 18, 47, 55, 63
59	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	5	2, 10, 18, 47, 63
60	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	4	2, 18, 47, 63
61	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	3	2, 18, 63
62	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	2	2, 63
63	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	1	2
64	8	1	64	17, 48	9, 25, 40, 56	0	(seeds 9/16 : 5, 13, 21, 29, 36, 44, 52, 60)

Table 4 (Seeds for 65 to 128 entries) On a draw sheet numbered 1 to 128.

Entries	No. of seeds	Seeds				
		1	2	3/4	5/8	8/16
65	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
66	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
67	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
68	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
69	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
70	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
71	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
72	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
73	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
74	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
75	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
76	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
77	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
78	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
79	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
80	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
81	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
82	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
83	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
84	16	1	128	33, 96	17, 49, 80, 112	9, 25, 41, 57, 72, 88, 104, 120
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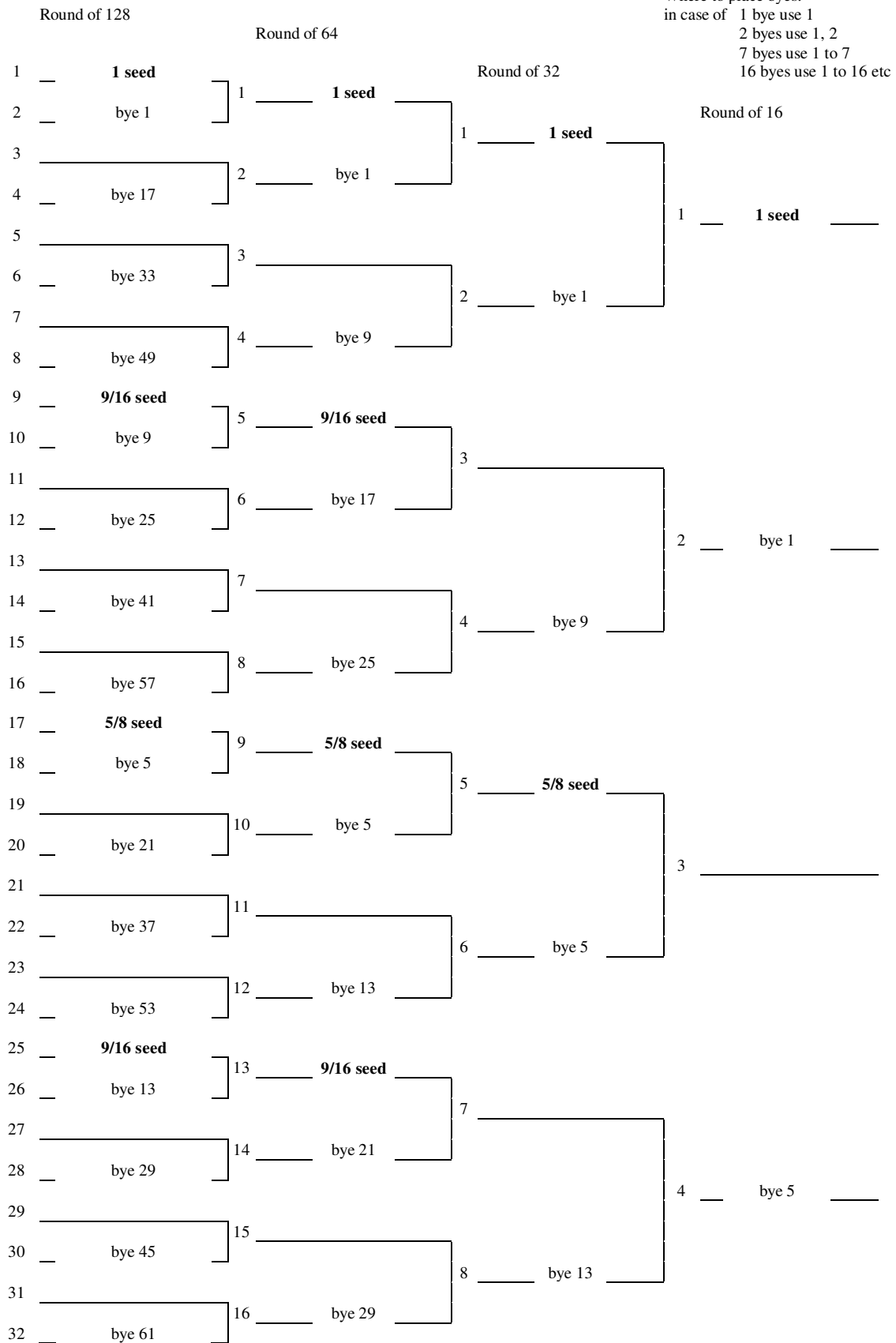


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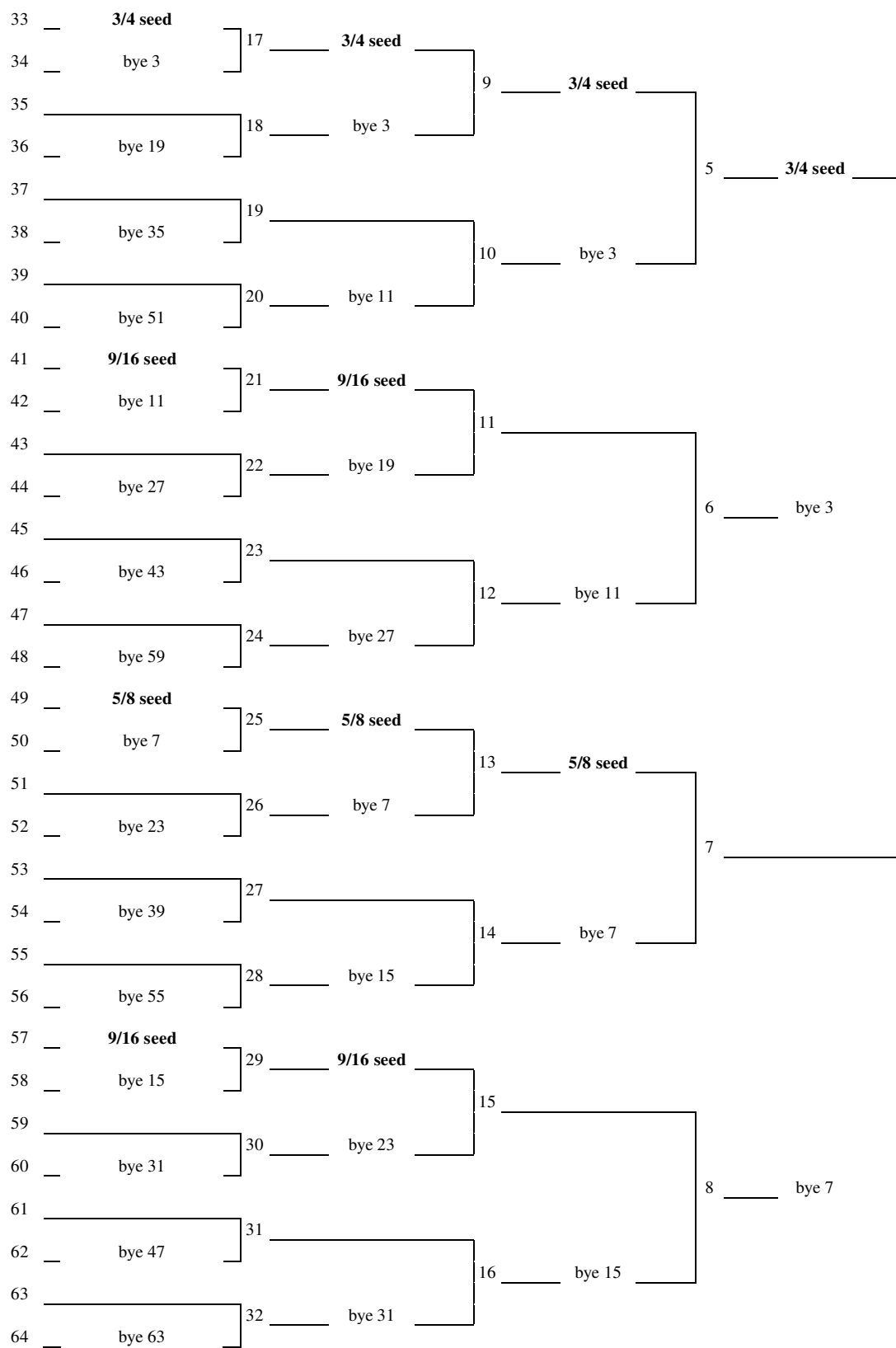


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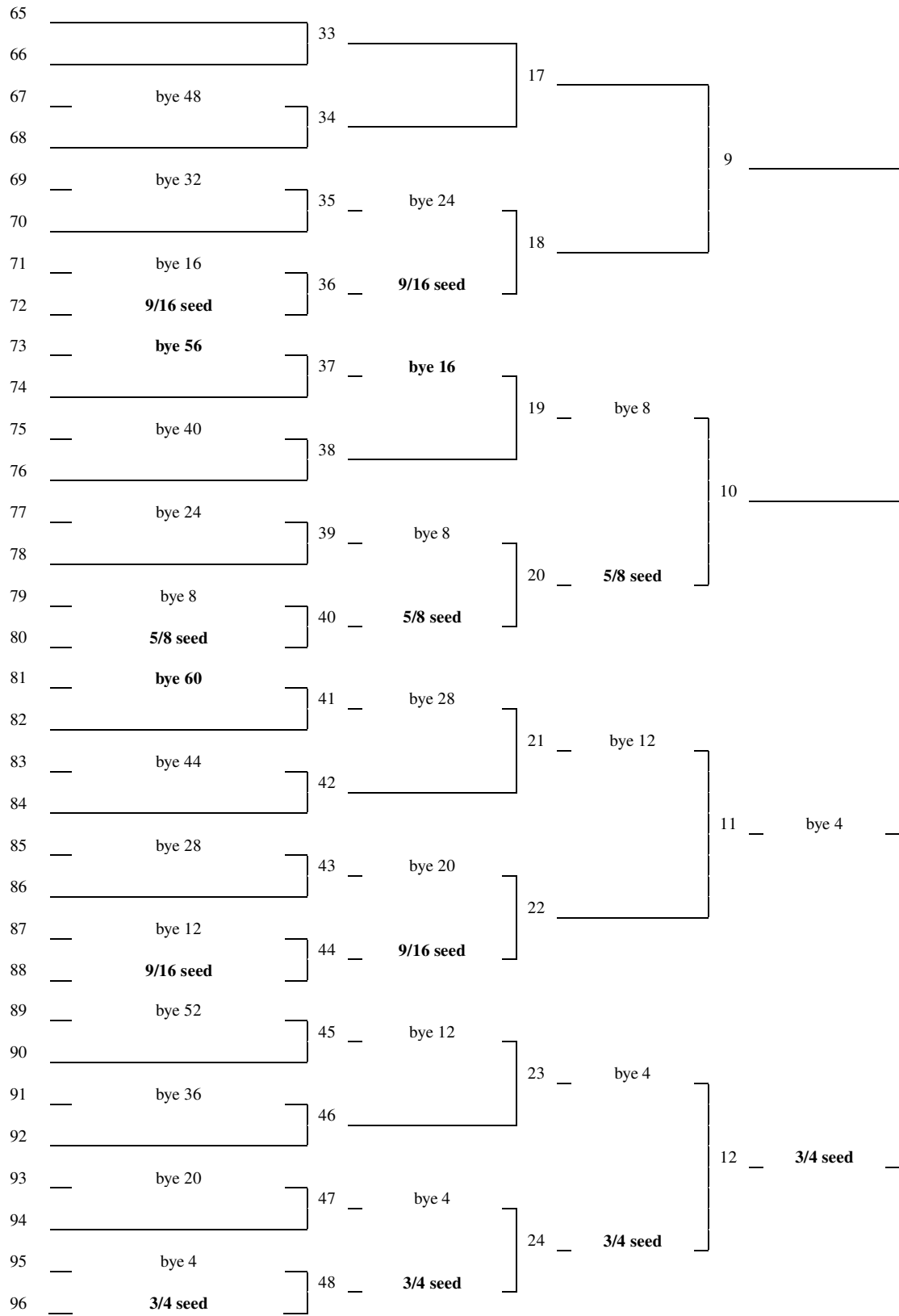
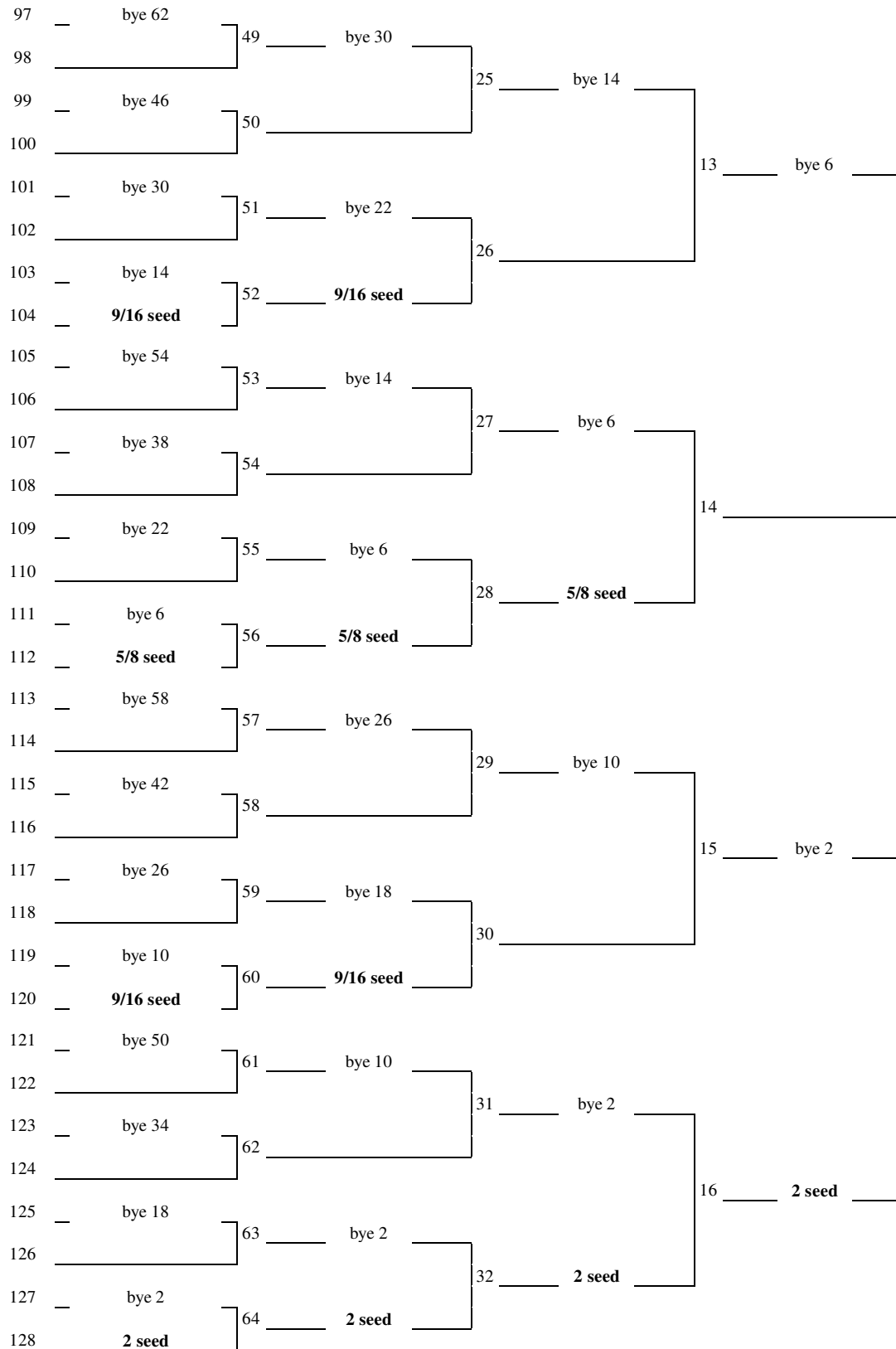


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9.5. The seeding of the draw at all BAI-sanctioned events shall be done on the basis of the most recently published BAI Ranking. In each event, the entry which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 9.7 are decided.

- 9.6 Before implementing Regulation 9.5 in doubles events in which the Tournament Committee does the seeding, the ranking shall be worked out as under:
- 9.6.1 The individual ranking points of the partners participating in the competition shall be added to arrive at the ranking points of the pair.
- 9.6.2 The list of participating doubles pairs shall be arranged in descending order of ranking points as determined in the above manner. This will determine the notional ranking of the pairs for that tournament.
- 9.6.3 In each event, the pair which is ranked highest shall be seeded number 1, and the next highest number 2, and so on until all seeds required by Regulation 9.7
- 9.7 To seek even strength throughout the draw and to avoid players from one Affiliated Unit meeting in the early rounds, the draw may be seeded or arranged subject to the following restrictions:
- 9.7.1 A maximum of 16 seeds if there are 64 or more entries; a maximum of eight seeds if there are 32 to 63 entries; a maximum of four seeds if there are 16 to 31 entries; or two seeds if there are less than 16 entries.
- 9.7.2 The seeded entries shall be selected as the best in the event at that time as specified above.
- 9.7.3 Seeded entries shall be placed as detailed in the example draw in Diagram 2. Seeded entries in the top half of the draw are placed at the top half of their sections, (e.g. eighths or sixteenths), and in the bottom half of the draw at the bottom of their sections.
- 9.8 The top two seeded entries shall be dealt with as follows:
- 9.8.1 number 1 placed at the top of the draw; and
- 9.8.2 number 2 placed at the bottom of the draw.
- 9.9 The other seeds shall be dealt with taking regard of the requirements of Regulation 9.10.
- 9.9.1 Numbers 3 and 4 drawn by lot to the remaining two quarters of the draw.
- 9.9.2 Numbers 5 to 8 drawn by lot to the remaining eighths of the draw.
- 9.9.3 Numbers 9 to 16 drawn by lot to the remaining sixteenths of the draw.
- 9.10 Entries from any one Affiliated Unit shall be drawn as follows:
- 9.10.1 The first and second ranked entries by lot in opposite halves of the draw.
- 9.10.2 The third and fourth ranked entries by lot in the two remaining quarters.
- 9.10.3 When there are 32 or more total entries, the fifth to eighth ranked entries by lot in the four remaining eighths.
- 9.10.4 The ranking of entries from an Affiliated Unit can be amended by the seeding. If this is done a new ranking order is implicitly established and should be used for the purposes of Regulation 9.10.
- Note: This method of player separation, where it is desired, is recommended for all tournaments conducted at any level of competition.
- 9.11 The separation achieved by Regulation 9.10 shall be extended to the maximum possible for the number of entries.
- 9.12 For the purposes of Regulation 9.10, a qualifying entry or a pair from two different Affiliated Units shall be regarded as not coming from any particular Affiliated Unit.

- 9.13 The following will be the pattern of the main draw in all tournaments as specified in Regulation 2.4, 2.5 and 2.10:

Event	Maximum number of entries in main draw	Direct selection of entries in main draw on the basis of ranking	Wild card entries to be filled in by the local organisers	Maximum number of qualifiers
Men's / Boys' Singles	32	22	2	8
Men's / Boys' Doubles	16	11	1	4
Women's / Girls' Singles	24	18	2	4
Women's / Girls' Doubles	12	9	1	2
Mixed Doubles	8	5	1	2

10. QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

- 10.1 Where entries exceed the required places in the main competition draw, the organisers are recommended to play qualifying rounds under the supervision of the tournament committee or Referee as provided for in Regulations 10.2 to 10.14.
- 10.2 Qualifying rounds shall be conducted for the players prior to the main draw of all tournaments and events defined above in Regulations 2.3 to 2.4, 2.6 and 2.10
- 10.3 The number of days qualifying rounds shall be conducted shall be restricted to as under:

All nationals	Two days
Events defined in Regulation 2.4, 2.6 and 2.10 for Seniors	One day
Events defined in Regulation 2.4, 2.6 and 2.10 for Juniors	Two days

- 10.4 Only one game of 21 points shall be played for men's / boy's singles and all doubles; and 15 points for women's / girl's singles through out the qualifying rounds.
- 10.5 Latest available BAI Ranking shall be used to determine the players / pairs whose entries can be accepted directly in the main draw, with the principles of Regulation 9.5 and 9.6 used.
- 10.6 The draw for the qualifying competition shall be done in accordance with Regulations 9.1 and 9.4. Any seeding in the qualifying draw shall be done in accordance with Regulation 9.5 to 9.9.
- 10.7 These players or pairs not directly in the main competition shall play for a limited number of places and one entry will be qualified for every four entries in the qualifying rounds subject to the maximum number of qualifiers specified in Regulation 9.13.
- 10.8 The places allocated for qualifying players/pairs in the main draw shall be drawn by lot, shall not be placed, and shall not be artificially separated.
- 10.9 Where players or pairs withdraw their entry from the main competition, the organisers may fill the vacancies from the entries in the qualifying rounds, provided these entries have not yet lost a match in the qualifying rounds
- 10.10 If a vacancy arises in the main draw, the highest ranked entry not accepted (as described in Regulation 10.1) can be placed in the vacancy. Where more than one vacancy arises, the relevant entries shall be placed by drawing lots.
- 10.11 The Referee may re-draw a particular draw if it has been rendered significantly imbalanced and if play in that draw has not begun.
- 10.12 If more players/pairs enter the competition than the organisers can accept even in the qualifying rounds, BAI Ranking (as modified using the principles explained in Regulations 9.5 and 9.6) shall be used to determine the players/pairs whose entries can be accepted into the qualifying draw, and which entry to fill any subsequent vacancy that may arise. When more than one vacancy arises, the relevant entries shall be placed by drawing lots.

- 10.13 In cases where no BAI ranking is available then, the local players shall play for limited places in the qualifying draw and the outstation players shall be given direct entry in the qualifying draw.
- 10.14 It is recommended that, as far as is practicable, separation by the Affiliated Unit (as in Regulation 9.10) should be used in the qualifying rounds.
- 10.15 Where drawing by lot is done under Regulations 10.10 or 10.12, separation by the Affiliated Unit represented (as in Regulation 9.10) should be ignored.

11. ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAW AND SUBSTITUTIONS:

- 11.1 The Referee shall only permit an alteration to the draw if either Regulation 11.1.1 is met, or both Regulations 11.1.2 and 11.1.3 are met:
- 11.1.1 an error has been made in implementing Regulation 4.8 and / or 9, and play in that draw has not begun;
- 11.1.2 prior to his/her first scheduled match, a player is prevented from competing through illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance;
- 11.1.3 the substitute player / pair would have been either unseeded, or seeded in no higher a seeding group than the seeding group of the original player / pair. The seeding groups are (in order) 1, 2 3 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 16.
- 11.2 Subject to Regulation 11.1, substitution in singles is only permitted when the entries are restricted by a fixed quota of entries per Affiliated Unit and the new player is from the same Affiliated Unit, and provided the original player does not then participate in any event in the tournament.
- 11.3 Subject to Regulation 11.1, substitution in doubles is only permitted:
- 11.3.1 to enable the remaining player to have a substitute partner from any Affiliated Unit, provided the constitution of no other pair is affected;
- 11.3.2 to replace a pair from one Affiliated Unit by a new pair from the same Affiliated Unit, if the entries are restricted by a fixed quota of entries per Affiliated Unit; or
- 11.3.3 to enable the remaining players from two original pairs affected by Regulation 11.1 to partner each other. In this event, if one of the original pairs has drawn a bye, that place in the draw shall be filled by the new pair; otherwise the place shall be drawn by lot.
- 11.4 Substitutions under Regulations 11.1 to 11.3 take priority over changes under Regulations 10.8 and 10.9.
- 11.5 A player/pair who loses a match shall not play again in the same event in the same tournament.
- 11.6 In events played under the pool system or in groups, the Referee may allow the substitution of a player/pair if the original player/pair is prevented from competing through illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance. Such substitution can only take place until the first match of that player/pair has started but, once started, no substitution can take place.

12. RANKING IN EVENTS PLAYED UNDER THE POOL SYSTEM OR IN GROUPS:

- 12.1 Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
- 12.2 If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 12.3 If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- 12.3.1 If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 12.4 If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.

- 12.4.1 If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 12.4.2 If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 12.5 A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.
- 12.6 If illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted.

13. ADVERTISING IN THE PLAYING AREA:

- 13.1 The only allowable display of advertising in words or pictures anywhere within the two metre clear space surrounding the court (see Appendix 2) or over the court itself must satisfy Regulations 13.2 to 13.5.
- 13.2 Any form of advertising in the playing area must not distract players, spectators or TV viewers, or cause any confusion with the court lines.

The Court

- 13.3 A maximum of two identical emblems of the court supplier can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
- 13.4 A maximum of two identical emblems of the event sponsor can be situated flush with the court surface such that there is at most one outside each sideline or each baseline 30 centimetres or more away. Each emblem can be 170 centimetres or less by 30 centimetres or less.
- 13.5 There is no restriction on the shape of the advertisement(s). However, non-slip materials with similar properties to the rest of the playing surface must be used to apply/display advertisements.

The Net

- 13.6 A single advertisement can be situated on the net at least 100 centimetres from either end of the net and at least 12.5 centimetres from both the net tape and the bottom of the net. The advertisement must be applied by paint or dye and no solid advertisement will be permitted.
- 13.7 A maximum of two net supplier's emblems can appear on the net. If present, they should be placed such that there is one on each end of the net on opposite sides of the court. Each emblem must be placed on the white tape at a distance of 4 centimetres from the post and can be 3.5 centimetres high or less and 10 centimetres broad or less.

The Posts

- 13.8 Each post can have a maximum of two identical emblems. Each emblem must face an end of the court, be flush with the surface of the post and be 30 centimetres high or less, and 3 centimetres broad or less.
- 13.9 Advertising in the net requires the specific sanction of the Committee on application of the organisers.

Umpire's and service judge's chair

- 13.10 The umpire's chair is always permitted to have advertising. Rackets and players' clothing are permitted to have advertising in accordance with Regulations 14 to 18.
- 13.11 Use of any virtual imaging or advertising on the TV signal at BAI-sanctioned events is not permitted without prior written approval of BAI.

14. **CLOTHING (general)**

- 14.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, an article of clothing shall be defined as anything worn or carried by a player during play, except the racket, and including, but not limited to, pullovers, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands, towels, wristbands, bandages and medical supports.
- 14.2 In order to ensure attractive presentation of badminton at events organised or sanctioned by BAI, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing. It is not acceptable to tape over nor to pin on advertising nor in any other way to modify such clothing to comply with advertising or other regulations.
- 14.3 Regulations regarding advertising apply only to clothing worn during play.
- 14.4 The exact regulations regarding advertising must be clearly indicated on the tournament prospectus or entry form and advised to entrants in all associated communications.
- 14.5 In applying Regulations 14 to 18 the decision of the Referee at each event shall be final.

15. **COLOUR OF PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

- 15.1 In all sanctioned events, including those organised by the BAI itself and multi-sport events, each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.
- 15.2 It is recommended that from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear different colours from each other and doubles partners wear the same colour.
- 15.3 It is recommended that in Inter-state Team Championships, the players wear team colours. That is, each player should wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent articles of clothing).

16. **DESIGNS ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

- 16.1 In all BAI sanctioned events and multi-sport events, each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulations 16.2 to 16.4.
- 16.2 Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content.
- 16.3 The front of the shirt may carry the flag or emblem of the Affiliated Unit represented.
- 16.4 A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 18 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.

17. **LETTERING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

- 17.1 In BAI sanctioned events and multi-sport events, each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 17.2 to 17.5.
- 17.2 Colour, style and height of lettering
- 17.2.1 Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman or Devanagari alphabet, and in one single colour contrasting with that of the shirt.
- 17.2.2 If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering should be on a contrasting panel.
- 17.2.3 In order that lettering be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers, lettering must be a minimum height of 6 centimetres and a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
- 17.2.4 Lettering should be horizontal, or as close to horizontal as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.
- 17.3 Player names
- Any name of a player on the back of the shirt is optional and if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 17. If used, the player's name shall include the family name (or an abbreviation thereof) and, if desired, the initials of the given name(s) or nickname and shall correspond with the name on the entry.

17.4 Association names

The name of the player's association may appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with Regulations 17.4.1 to 17.4.2 but, if used, shall meet all requirements of Regulation 17.

17.4.1 In all BAI sanctioned individual events, the name of the player's association on the back of the shirt is optional.

17.4.2 In Team Championships, the name of the player's association on the back of the shirt is mandatory.

17.5 Lettering sequence and use in advertisements

17.5.1 The sequence on the shirt from top to bottom shall be player name (if present), association name (if present), advert (if present).

17.5.2 Lettering is also allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 18, and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions. Such lettering can then be in any alphabet.

18. ADVERTISING ON PLAYERS' CLOTHING

18.1 In BAI sanctioned events and multi-sport events, articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulations 18.2 to 18.5.

18.2 The shirt may carry advertising as in Regulations 18.2.1 to 18.2.2.

18.2.1 Advertisements may appear on the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left collar, right collar, front of shirt. Each advertisement must be 20 square centimetres or less, and there must be no more than three in total and only one per location; and

18.2.2 Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres; such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

18.2.3 If, in the Referee's sole judgment, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in Regulation 18.2.2 and the event sponsors or the TV broadcasters, or if the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the Referee may limit advertising on the shirt to Regulation 18.2.1.

18.3 Other Clothing

18.3.1 Each sock and each shoe may carry two advertisements provided each advert is 20 square centimetres or less.

18.3.2 Each other article of clothing may carry one advertisement of 20 square centimetres or less.

18.4 The advertisements in Regulations 18.2 and 18.3 may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.

18.5 In multi-sports events (eg National Games) the organisers may specify more restrictive advertising limitations on players' clothing during play than in Regulations 18.2 to 18.4.

18.6 Affiliated Unit advertising

18.6.1 Affiliated Units may use an area not exceeding fifty square centimeters on their players' shorts or lower part of dresses or skirts.

18.6.2 The area shall typically be used for a Affiliated Unit's logo or an advert for a Affiliated Unit's sponsor.

18.6.3 The advertisement must be the same on the shorts or skirts of all players from any one Affiliated Unit.

18.6.4 Any Affiliated Unit wishing to use this type of advertising must have written permission from BAI for doing so.

19. **RESULTS:**

- 19.1 Results from all BAI-sanctioned tournaments must be sent by courier or speed post to the Honorary Secretary and Ranking Committee immediately after the last day's in the tournament has been completed. It shall be the responsibility of the Referee to ensure that the players' IDs, if allotted, are mentioned in the final draws.
- 19.2 The results on day to day basis must be sent to BAI website Co-ordinator on e-mail in the format that may be prescribed for that purpose immediately on conclusion of the play for the day.

20. **WITHDRAWALS:**

- 20.1 It is a condition of entry to a BAI-sanctioned event that the organisers must be notified of any withdrawal.
- 20.1.1 Where such withdrawal is made before the draw of the qualifying rounds, if required to be played, or otherwise of the main draw is made, no penalty is involved.
- 20.1.2 Any withdrawal within the seven days after the draw is made as stated above or the event has started renders the player or the Affiliated Unit concerned liable to a penalty as decided by a BAI Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will not be applied when the withdrawal was notified and was beyond the control of the Affiliated Unit or player concerned.
- 20.2 The Referee of all BAI-sanctioned events must, immediately after the conclusion of the event, advise BAI about all players (or teams in the case of team competitions) who withdrew from the event or who did not appear after the draw had been made.
- 20.3 For each player or team in Regulation 20.2, the Referee must advise BAI of the circumstances of the withdrawal, including whether they were notified, and supply a copy of any relevant documentation.
- Acceptable reasons for withdrawal includes:
 - Injury or illness (supported by a medical certificate or authorised by the event doctor)
 - Bereavement or serious illness of a close family member
- 20.4 Within two weeks of the conclusion of each BAI-sanctioned event, the Hon. Secretary will review the information received in accordance with Regulation 20.2. Where no information was received by the organisers about a withdrawal or non-appearance, or where information received appears insufficient to support a withdrawal without penalty, the player and / or Affiliated Unit concerned will be advised in writing that the Disciplinary Committee will be reviewing the matter. The Affiliated Unit and / or the player will be permitted two weeks in which to comment or supply additional information and/or documentation. After that time, the Disciplinary Committee will review all available information and comments received and decide whether a penalty of Rs. 500/- per event will be applied.
- 20.5 A player giving walk over in any one event of the main draw shall be considered to have withdrawn from the whole tournament and shall not be permitted to participate in any other event in the tournament.
- 20.6 The regulation shall not be applicable to the walk over given in the qualifying round of a tournament.
- 20.7 If a pair gives walk over in doubles event by not reporting of a player, the partner of that player be given opportunity to have alternate partner. If he is not able to have any other partner, then he should not be debarred from playing in singles on the pretext that he has given walk over in the doubles event.

21. **CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS OR EVENTS:**

- 21.1 A Referee shall be appointed for all sanctioned tournaments as specified in Regulation 2.2 to 2.8 and 2.10, and a deputy for all Junior events by the Court Officials' Committee (COC) of BAI.
- 21.1.1 The Referee shall be in overall charge of the event.
- 21.1.2 The Referee or a deputy (if appointed either by BAI COC or by the event organiser) shall always be present in the hall during the playing of matches. These two will be assisted by a person specifically nominated by the

event organiser, who would be responsible for carrying out administrative work such as writing of score sheets, updating of draw, etc. as may be decided by the Referee.

- 21.2 The duties of the Referee shall include:
- 21.2.1 ensuring that the conduct of the tournament or event is in accordance with the Laws of badminton, the Rules and Regulations of BAI and any other regulation pertinent to the particular competition;
 - 21.2.2 approval of the programme of play; and
 - 21.2.3 overall control of and ensuring that there is an adequate panel of court officials of requisite ability. At least One Grade I or higher qualified and One Grade II umpire shall be nominated by BAI COC for the tournaments specified in Regulation 2.2 to 2.7 and 2.10. The balance umpires shall be arranged by the Host Affiliated Unit from the umpires under their jurisdiction. If the Host Affiliated Unit does not have adequate number of qualified Umpires, the shortfall shall be met by the BAI COC. It is a must to have at least 2.5 umpires per court operated and any decimal to be rounded off to the next integer.
- 21.3 No player shall be required to commence a match within 30 minutes of the completion of a previous match. Longer intervals than this are desirable, especially when playing conditions are hot and humid.
- 21.4 At all BAI-sanctioned events, BAI will appoint at least two BAI Representative. The Zonal Vice President and Zonal Joint Secretary of BAI will normally be BAI Representative for any event in their jurisdiction.
- 21.5 The duties of BAI Representative shall be:
- 21.5.1 to get all the information regarding the event and to take any necessary actions;
 - 21.5.2 to give advice to the organisers, ensuring the general organisation is adequate;
 - 21.5.3 to attend the event and any associated meetings, such as publicity conferences and general social functions;
 - 21.5.4 to represent the interests of BAI in any dispute not the direct responsibility of the Referee; and
 - 21.5.5 to support the Referee in his general duties.
- 21.6 In no case, the duties of such Representative(s) shall conflict with the responsibilities of the Referee.
- 21.7.1 One brand of BAI approved shuttle only must be adopted for exclusive use during any tournament or event and the name of this brand must be advertised in the prospectus.
 - 21.7.2 No rationing of shuttles per match must be allowed, and all shuttles used must be a charge against the tournament and not against the players concerned.
- 21.8 The court officials appointed for any event shall be provided with the facilities as specified in the Annexure B.
- 21.9 BAI representatives appointed for any event shall be provided with the facilities as specified in the Annexure C.
- 21.10 The court officials and BAI representatives shall be entitled to the facilities specified in the respective annexures irrespective of whether they are availing any of these facilities from any authority / organisation either free of charge or at a concession.
22. **PRIZES:**
- 22.1 Prizes may be awarded to players in all BAI sanctioned events and, where appropriate, may be paid in cash. The entry form or prospectus for the event shall set out the total value of any such prizes.
 - 22.2 The Prizes, whether cash or goods, shall be given directly to the player concerned.

- 22.3.1 The following division of prizes shall be applicable for tournaments specified in regulation 2.3 to 2.5 and all other events with a comparable number of competitors having total prize value of Rs.3 lakhs and above in case of Seniors and Rs. 1.50 lakhs and above in case of Juniors:

% of total prize money:

	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Quarter-finalist	Last 16	Total
Men's / Boy' singles	8	4	2	1	0.4	
Number	x1	x1	x2	X4	x8	
Total	8	4	4	4	3.2	23.2
Women's / Girls' singles	6.9	3.3	1.8	0.9	-	
Number	x1	x1	x2	X4	-	
Total	6.9	3.3	3.6	3.6	-	17.4
Men's / Boys' doubles*	7.2	4	2.4	1.4	-	
Number	x1	x1	x2	X4	-	
Total	7.2	4	4.8	5.6	-	21.6
Women's / Girls' doubles*	6.1	4	2.2	-	-	
Number	x1	x1	x2	-	-	
Total	6.1	4	4.4	-	-	14.5
Mixed doubles*	6.1	4	2.2	-	-	
Number	x1	x1	x2	-	-	
Total	6.1	4	4.4	-	-	14.5
Balance to distributed at the discretion of the organisers						8.8

*Per pair

- 22.3.2 In case of an event with various age groups of the Juniors, the ratio of prizes amongst age groups shall be as under:

Age group	% of total prize value
Under 19 years	40
Under 16 years	35
Under 13 years	25

- 22.3.3 The organisers of events having lower total prize value than those stipulated shall be free not to give prizes to the quarter-finalists and last 16 players, provided that the ratio of prizes given to winner, runner-up and semi-finalists shall remain unchanged.

- 22.3.4 Organisers may re-allocate the prizes allocable an event to other events, if the event is not conducted or have fewer than 7 matches actually played in the tournament in that event or with an artificially low entry provided that the ratio of prizes given to winner, runner-up and semi-finalists shall remain unchanged.

23. DOPING AND FEMININITY CONTROL:

- 23.1 The Doping and Femininity control Regulations as adopted by the International Badminton Federation from time to time will be applicable for all events run directly or indirectly under the auspices of the BAI or one of its Affiliated Unit, whether or not the event needs sanction by BAI.

24. IMPLEMENTATION, MODIFICATION AND PENALTIES:

- 24.1 The Executive Committee of BAI, or such of its committees or sub-committees as it shall determine, has full authority to implement, interpret or modify these Regulations and to impose penalties on any Affiliated Unit for infringement of any of the Regulations. The Affiliated Unit(s) of the offending player(s) may also be instructed to take specified disciplinary action.

25. **PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AFFILIATED UNITS:**

- 25.1 Each Affiliated Unit shall be responsible for the conduct of all tournaments held under its jurisdiction and in particular for ensuring compliance by the organisers with all the relevant Competition Regulations in BAI-sanctioned events.
- 25.2 Each Affiliated Unit shall be responsible for the control and management of all players under its jurisdiction.
 - 25.2.1 To be eligible to enter and compete in tournaments, all players must be in good standing with their Affiliated Unit. An Affiliated Unit may declare a player under its jurisdiction to be ineligible to compete, but the reasons for such declaration and the period of ineligibility must be reported to BAI.
 - 25.2.2 Affiliated Units shall have full responsibility for any support (financial or otherwise) received by players under their jurisdiction for the purposes of preparation and competition.
 - 25.2.3 Affiliated Units shall also supervise or administer any sponsorship, contractual or other arrangements entered into, or involving players under their jurisdiction.
- 25.3 All the players participating any tournament shall adhere to the players' code of conduct as specified in Appendix 3.

ANNEXURE A**FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE INVITED PLAYERS**

Travelling	2 nd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Travelling allowance	Rs. 200/- per 24 hours journey or part thereof
Lodging and boarding	Free lodging and boarding for the main tournament plus two days extra
Boarding allowance	If free boarding is not provided allowance for the main tournament days plus two days extra
In case of A Grade cities	Rs. 600/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of B Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of C Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
Incidental expenses allowance	Rs. 200/- per day for the main tournament days plus two days extra
National Champion's allowance	Additional allowance to the National Champions of the previous year, if they are eligible to play in the same age group
Allowance for the seniors and veterans	Rs. 500/- lump sum
Allowance for the Juniors	Rs. 300/- lump sum

ANNEXURE B**FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT OFFICIALS****Common facilities to be provided to all officials irrespective of grade or category**

Travelling allowance	Rs. 200/- per 24 hours journey or part thereof
Lodging and boarding	Free lodging and boarding for tournament days plus two days extra
Boarding allowance	If free boarding is not provided allowance for the tournament days plus two days extra
In case of A Grade cities	Rs. 600/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of B Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of C Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.

Honorary Referee:

Travelling	2 nd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Officiating allowance	Rs. 450/- per day plus two days extra

Honorary Deputy Referee and Match Control:

Travelling	2 nd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Officiating allowance	Rs. 400/- per day plus two days extra

International Umpires:

Travelling	3 rd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Officiating allowance	Rs. 400/- per day plus two days extra

Grade I Umpires:

Travelling	3 rd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Officiating allowance	Rs. 350/- per day plus two days extra

Grade II Umpires:

Travelling	2 nd Class both ways rail fare.
Officiating allowance	Rs. 350/- per day plus two days extra

Local Umpires:

Conveyance allowance in lieu of travelling, lodging and boarding	Minimum Rs.200/- per day for tournament days.
Officiating allowance	As per applicable to appropriate category / grade.

In case of international events organised in India, referees and international umpires from India will be provided with the following facilities:

Travelling	2 nd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Travelling allowance	Rs. 200/- per 24 hours journey or part thereof.
Lodging	Free lodging and break fast for tournament days plus two days extra at the same hotel in which the foreign umpires / players are put up.
Officiating and food allowance	Rs. 1000 for the tournament days plus two day extra.

ANNEXURE C

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO BAI REPRESENTATIVES

Travelling	2 nd AC Class both ways rail fare.
Travelling to Hon. Secretary	One way 2 nd AC class rail fare and one way air fare.
Travelling allowance	Rs. 200/- per 24 hours journey or part thereof
Lodging and boarding	Free lodging and boarding for the tournament plus two days extra
Boarding allowance	If free boarding is not provided allowance for the tournament days plus two days extra
In case of A Grade cities	Rs. 600/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of B Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
In case of C Grade cities	Rs. 500/- per day. Accommodation shall be arranged by the organisers.
Incidental expenses allowance	Rs. 450/- per day for the tournament days plus two days extra

BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

APPLICATION FOR SANCTION OF THE ALL INDIA LEVEL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Name of the Affiliated Unit		
Name of the championship		
Dates of the championship	From:	To:
Venue		
Name of the organisers		
Details of the actual organisers		
Postal address		
Telephone numbers	Residence:	Office:
Fax numbers	Residence:	Office:
Pager / Mobile number		E-mail address:
Whether restricted to specified Affiliated Units? If yes, names of the specified units		
Age groups for which the Championship shall be conducted.	Seniors Juniors (Under 19 years) Sub-Juniors (Under 16 years) Midgets (Under 13 years) Mini (Under 10 years) Veterans (Over 45 years) Veterans Masters (Please specify various age groups)	
Total prize money (payable in cash and not in kind)		
Number of courts available at the venue.		
Application fees enclosed		

**SIGNATURE HON. SECRETARY
OF THE AFFILIATED UNIT**

BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

AGE CERTIFICATE FOR PLAYERS

1. Name in full (in Block letters): _____ (Surname) (Name)	Photograph duly Attested by the School / College Head Master / Principal
2. Father's name in full (in Block letters): _____ (Surname) (Name)	
3. Date of Birth: _____ (Date) (Month) (Year)	
4. Two identification marks: a) _____ b) _____	
5. Details of School / College: a) Name: _____ b) Postal address: _____ _____ c) Telephone number: _____ d) Fax number: _____	
6. Age as at 1st July of the calendar year of the date of this certificate _____ (Years) (Month)	
7. Class in which studying as at 1 st July _____	

We confirm that the above information is true and correct.

Signature of the Player		Left Hand Thumb impression of player
Signature of Hon. Secretary of the District Association	Signature of Hon. Secretary of the State Association	Signature of Principal / Head Master of the School / College
Seal of the Association	Seal of the Association	Seal of the School / College
Date: Place:	Date: Place:	Date: Place:

FORMAT NO. 3**PROFORMA OF SENDING THE ENTRIES**

Please accept my entry for the following tournament:

Name of the tournament					
Dates of the tournament					
Venue of the tournament					
Full name of the player (Surname first)					
Affiliated Unit represented				Male / Female:	
Postal address of the player					
Telephone numbers	Residence:			Office:	
Fax numbers	Residence:			Office:	
Pager / Mobile number					
E-mail address					
Date of birth					
Events in which participating	Please tick against appropriate event. In case of doubles name of the partner)				
Seniors	Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles	<input type="checkbox"/>	With
Juniors (Under 19 years)	Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles	<input type="checkbox"/>	With
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Sub-Juniors (Under 16 years)	Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles	<input type="checkbox"/>	With
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Midget (Under 13 years)	Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles	<input type="checkbox"/>	With
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Mini (Under 10 years)	Singles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubles	<input type="checkbox"/>	With
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth

Signature of the player**Counter signature of Secretary of Affiliated Unit**

APPENDIX 1

SPECIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL STANDARD FACILITIES

1. The minimum desirable height from the floor over the full court for any event specified in Regulation 2.3 to 2.9 shall be 9 metres (30 feet).
2. The required height shall be entirely free of girders and other obstructions over the area of the court.
3. There shall be at least two metres (6½ feet) clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, this space also being a minimum requirement between any two courts marked out side by side.
4. The flooring shall be preferably of synthetic surface laid on wooden flooring, but minimum there should be wooden flooring.
5. In exceptional circumstances, the sanctioning authority may vary these requirements.

INDIAN RANKING SYSTEM

1. **Definition:**

The Indian Rankings are lists of the players / pairs in order of strength as calculated using points-based system.

2. **Events included:**

The Rankings are derived from BAI-sanctioned events (except invitational events, events played in pooled system and team events - for the time being) held during the previous 52 week period. These events are graded and the details published in BAI Calendar of that year. The ranking for the Juniors shall be in three age groups viz. Under 19 years, Under 16 years and Under 13 years.

3. **Lists:**

The top 32 singles players' and 32 doubles players' rankings shall be published after every event. The full lists of all players are published monthly on the BAI website www.badmintonindia.org.

4. **Points system:**

4.1 Players / pairs win basic points according to how far they progress in the draw of particular event.

4.2 If a player / pair:

4.2.1 had a bye in the first round and lost in the second round - they receive first round loser's points

4.2.2 had a bye in the first round, won the second round and lost in the third round - they receive third round loser's points

4.2.3 had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round - they receive second round loser's points

4.2.4 had a bye in the first round, walkover in the second round and lost in the third round - they receive third round loser's points

4.3 In case of doubles events:

4.3.1 The points awarded to a doubles pair will be divided equally between the partners, which will determine the Individual Doubles Ranking Points.

4.3.2 The sum of the Individual Doubles Ranking Points of the partners will decide the total number of Ranking Points of the Pair.

5. **Additional Points:**

Additional points shall be added to the points earned by a player as per Indian Ranking System under the following circumstance:

5.1 The ranking points equivalent to one tenth of the points to the credit of a player as per latest IBF ranking list in the same event. In case of doubles, the points earned by pair will be divided equally between the doubles partners.

5.2 If a player misses an event due to his engagement as nominee of BAI in International Coaching Camp or an International event, average points earned by such player prior to such event by dividing the total points earned by the total number of tournaments actually played.

5.3 In exceptional cases, the Ranking Committee may grant additional points to a player to take care of unforeseen circumstances beyond control of the player.

6. **Ranking:**

- 6.1 The ranking of the players who have competed in six or fewer events is worked out by taking total points they have won.
- 6.2 In the case of players / pairs who have competed in more than six events within last 52 weeks, the ranking is obtained by taking 6 highest points scored in tournaments during the previous 52 week period.
- 6.3 Players are then ranked in descending order of points.

7. **Points lists:**

- 7.1 The following table show the points awarded in BAI-sanctioned events.

	7*	6*	5*	4*	3*	2*	1*
Winner	600	540	480	420	360	300	240
R/up	510	460	408	358	306	256	204
¾	420	378	336	294	252	210	168
5/8	330	298	264	232	198	166	132
9/16	240	216	192	168	144	120	96
17/32	150	136	120	106	90	76	60
33/64	60	54	48	42	36	30	24
65/128	30	28	24	22	18	16	12

- 7.2 The star rating of any of the All India Level Prize Money Tournament for the Seniors shall be as under:

Prize Money	Star rating
Rs. 0.50 lacs or more but not more than Rs. 1.25 lacs	1*
More than Rs. 1.25 lacs but not more than Rs. 2.00 lacs	2*
More than Rs. 2.00 lacs but not more than Rs. 3.00 lacs	3*
More than Rs. 3.00 lacs but not more than Rs. 4.00 lacs	4*
More than Rs. 4.00 lacs but not more than Rs. 5.00 lacs	5*
More than Rs. 5.00 lacs	6*
Senior Nationals & Grand Prix Finals	7*

- 7.3 The star rating of any of the All India Level Prize Money Tournament for the Juniors shall be as under:

Prize Money	Star rating
Rs. 0.25 lacs or more but not more than Rs. 0.75 lacs	1*
More than Rs. 0.75 lacs but not more than Rs. 1.25 lacs	2*
More than Rs. 1.25 lacs but not more than Rs. 2.00 lacs	3*
More than Rs. 2.00 lacs	4*
Junior / Mini Nationals & Grand Prix Finals	5*

8. **Criteria for Indian Ranking Events:**

8.1 Entries:

- 8.1.1 The minimum number of entries in each event of the main competition must be at least 6 players / pairs.
- 8.1.2 The 6 players / pairs must play at least one match in the competition. i.e. there should not be any walkovers.

8.2 Competition:

- 8.2.1 The separation of players between the qualifying and main draws to be according to the latest Indian Ranking.
- 8.2.2 The seedings also should be according to the latest Indian Ranking.
- 8.2.3 The vacancies in the draw to be filled according to the latest Indian Ranking.

- 8.2.4 An event where less than six players / pairs actually participate will not be included in the Indian Ranking.
- 8.3 Where the final results do not identify the players with their Identification Numbers where allotted, the results will not be included in the Indian Ranking System.
- 9.4 During the transitional period of 52 weeks, the only normal points earned (without considering the time reduction factor) during the preceding 52 weeks shall continue to be considered for determining ranking as per the system described above.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1 to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for BAI sanctioned events, and to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of BAI, sponsors, and the public;
- 1.2 to uphold the good name of BAI and the integrity of the sport of badminton nation-wide.

2. **APPLICABILITY**

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all BAI sanctioned events and the players participating in them.
- 2.2 All players, at all times, shall be subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each player who enters or is nominated to participate in a BAI sanctioned event shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and then, in effect, is bound by them.
- 2.3 Any player who commits any offence defined in Regulations 3 to 5 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the player.

3. **PLAYER COMMITMENT AND ENTRY OFFENCES**

- 3.1 **Late withdrawal**
Withdrawing from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation.
- 3.2 **Playing another event**
Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BAI sanctioned event and playing in another badminton event during the period of that event.
- 3.3 **Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury**
Withdrawing from a future event due to injury or illness and playing in any badminton event during the period between the date of notification of injury/illness and the said event from which the player has withdrawn.
- 3.4 **Early departure from tournament**
Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend dope-tests.

4. **PLAYER ON SITE OFFENCES**

- 4.1 **Inappropriate conduct**
During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a BAI sanctioned event, not conducting oneself in a honourable and sportsmanlike manner.
- 4.2 **Dress violations**
 - 4.2.1 Failing to dress and present oneself for play in a suitable smart manner. Clean and acceptable badminton sport clothing shall be worn.
 - 4.2.2 Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of each tournament with regard to clothing and advertising regulations.
- 4.3 **Failure to complete a match**
Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonable unable to do so.
- 4.4 **Late arrival for match/no match**
 - 4.4.1 Arriving late for a match, resulting in disqualification.

- 4.4.2 Withdrawing from any event in a tournament whilst still fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in that said tournament, i.e. players may not default without good reason from one event to concentrate their efforts in another during the same tournament.
- 4.5 **Failure to use best efforts**
Not using one's best efforts to win a match.
- 4.6 **Trying to influence line judges**
Trying to influence the decision of line judges by arm, hand, racket or verbal gestures.
- 4.7 **Seeking coaching**
Seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching.
- 4.8 **Failure to attend media conference**
Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference organised after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation for the player's next match.
- 4.9 **Violating ceremony protocol**
When participating in the finals of a tournament, not participating in the final ceremonies directly after the match or not wearing the style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organisers.
- 4.10 **Audible obscenity**
Using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.
- 4.11 **Visible obscenity**
Making of gestures or signs with hands and/or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.
- 4.12 **Abuse of shuttle**
- 4.12.1 Intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.
- 4.12.2 Deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its flight or speed.
- 4.13 **Abuse of racket or equipment**
Intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets or other equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpires' chair or other fixtures during a match.
- 4.14 **Verbal abuse**
Making a statement within the precincts of the tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.
- 4.15 **Physical abuse**
Physically abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.
- 4.16 **Unsportsmanlike conduct**
Conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport.
5. **PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES**
- 5.1 **Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game**
Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of badminton. If a player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of badminton. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of badminton.

5.2 **Wagers**

Wagering anything of value in connection with an event in which one will be, or is, competing.

5.3 **Bribes or other payments**

Offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting, or agreeing to offer, give, solicit or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or the result of a match in any BAI sanctioned event.

6. **DRUG OFFENCES**

6.1 In addition to the time-ban penalty, any player found guilty of abuse of any prohibited substance specified by the IOC shall forfeit the right to any prize money won at the tournament at which the offence was registered. The offending player shall also forfeit any World Ranking points earned during the said event. In the doubles event, the partner of the "drug offender" at the said event, shall incur the same prize money and circuit points penalties for the doubles event in which the offender was partnered.

6.2 According to the severity of the offence, the above penalties could also apply to tournaments/events played after the offence was registered, but before the disciplinary hearing.

REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION:

- 1.1 National Championships shall be promoted every year.
- 1.2 The National Championships shall be restricted to the players from India only.
- 1.3 The Senior Nationals shall include the following events:
 - 1.3.1 Men's Singles shall be played for Vikas Topiwala Challenge Cup
 - 1.3.2 Men's Doubles shall be played for Culcutta Badminton Cup
 - 1.3.3 Women's Singles shall be played for Olympian Badminton Challenge Cup
 - 1.3.4 Women's Doubles shall be played for All India Badminton Association Cup
 - 1.3.5 Mixed Doubles shall be played for Burdhan Challenge Cup
- 1.4 The Junior Nationals shall be restricted to the players of under 19 years and shall include the following events:
 - 1.4.1 Junior Boys' Singles shall be played for Culcutta Badminton Cup
 - 1.4.2 Junior Boys' Doubles shall be played for Ramswamy Cup
 - 1.4.3 Junior Girls' Singles shall be played for Maharani Gayatridevi Cup
 - 1.4.4 Junior Girls' Doubles shall be played for Chiranjit Lal Madan Cup
 - 1.4.5 Junior Mixed Doubles
- 1.5 The Mini Nationals shall be restricted to the Sub-Junior players of under 16 years and Mini players of under 13 years and shall include the following events:
 - 1.5.1 Sub-Junior Boys' Singles (Under 16 years) shall be played for Naurattan Singh Bhalla Cup
 - 1.5.2 Sub-Junior Boys' Doubles (Under 16 years)
 - 1.5.3 Sub-Junior Girls' Singles (Under 16 years) shall be played for Mrs. Afsar Ahmed Cup
 - 1.5.2 Sub-Junior Girls' Doubles (Under 16 years)
 - 1.5.1 Sub-Junior (Midget) Boys' Singles (Under 13 years)
 - 1.5.2 Sub Junior (Midget) Boys' Doubles (Under 13 years)
 - 1.5.1 Sub Junior (Midget) Girls' Singles (Under 13 years)
 - 1.5.2 Sub Junior (Midget) Girls' Doubles (Under 13 years)
- 1.6 The Veteran's Nationals shall be restricted to the Veteran players of over 45 years and shall include the following events:
 - 1.6.1 Veteran Men's Singles shall be played for P&T Cup
 - 1.6.2 Veteran Men's Doubles
 - 1.6.3 Veteran Women's Singles
 - 1.6.4 Veteran Women's Doubles
 - 1.6.5 Veteran Mixed Doubles
- 1.7 The winners of all events shall be regarded as National Champions and they shall be presented by BAI with Merit Certificate to commemorate their success in the format specified in Appendix 2. The Runners-up and both the Semi-finalists in all events shall be presented with Merit Certificates. Both the Semi-finalists shall be considered to have secured Third Place.

2. APPLICATION:

- 2.1 For all the Nationals, the Affiliated Unit must apply for in the format marked as Format 1 under the Competition Regulations and receive the sanction of the Committee.
- 2.2 The application for organising a tournament shall be sent,
 - 2.2.1 to Hon. Secretary before 31st December for the following year's Nationals.
 - 2.2.2 along with an application fees as under:

Senior, Junior, Mini Nationals	Rs. 5,000
Veterans' Nationals	Rs. 2,500

- 2.2.3 Specifically mentioning the prize money offered.

- 2.3 The number of days sanctioned for main draw of the nationals shall not exceed 5 days.
- 2.4 The allotment of Nationals shall be finalised in the meeting of the General Body normally held in the month of February. The names of the hosts will be included in the calendar containing the names and dates of all BAI-sanctioned events and shall be circulated to all concerned. These allocated dates may only be changed or cancelled by giving an application to BAI in writing giving reasons therefor.
- 2.5 Failure to conduct the Nationals after allotment without acceptable reasons would render an Affiliated Unit to a penalty of Rs. 10,000/-.
- 2.6 While allotting the Nationals, preference shall be given to the Affiliated Units who have not yet organised the Nationals. However, the Senior Nationals shall be allotted to those Affiliated Units who have earlier conducted the Mini or the Junior Nationals.
- 2.7 The Committee shall allocate responsibility for hosting the National Championships on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Affiliated Unit.
- 2.8 The BAI shall be entitled to make grants to Affiliated Units who enter players in the National Championships on such terms and conditions as the BAI may decide.

3. **GENERAL ORGANISATION AND SPONSORSHIP:**

- 3.1 The Executive Committee of BAI shall nominate six representatives on the 11 members Tournament Committee of every National. The six representatives to be nominated by BAI shall include the Zonal Vice-president and Zonal Joint Secretary of BAI. The remaining five representatives shall be nominated by the Host Affiliated Unit. These representatives shall be given facilities as specified in Annexure C of the Competition Regulations for attending the Nationals and meetings thereof. In addition, the Referee shall be ex-officio member of this Tournament Committee.
- 3.2 The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for:
 - 3.2.1 Planning and arranging all details for the Nationals. The Tournament Committee shall ensure that the requisites for the Nationals as specified in the Appendix 1 to these Regulations are complied with by the Host Affiliated Unit.
 - 3.2.2 Arrange payment of the tournament fees as stipulated earlier.
 - 3.2.3 Holding at least one meeting of the Tournament Committee at least two months prior to the Nationals with the Hon. Secretary and the Zonal Jt. Secretary of BAI.
 - 3.2.4 Checking the entries for the Nationals as per these Regulations.
 - 3.2.5 Preparation of the seeding and the draw for the Nationals. The managers of the participating teams shall be entitled to attend the draw without having any right of say in the process of draw.
 - 3.2.6 Presenting an audited statement of accounts, tournament report, names of the participants to the Hon. Secretary, BAI within 90 days of the date of conclusion of the Nationals.
- 3.3 The Nationals shall be conducted in accordance with the Competition Regulations adopted by BAI, unless and to the extent otherwise stipulated in these regulations.
- 3.4 The Referee and Deputy Referee of each National Championship shall be appointed by the Court Officials' Committee (COC) of BAI with appropriate national representation. BAI COC shall nominate six umpires in a minimum 12-member panel of Umpires. The remaining umpires shall be nominated by the Host Affiliated Unit from the umpires under their jurisdiction. If the Host Affiliated Unit does not have adequate number of qualified Umpires, the shortfall shall be met by the BAI COC. Of the Umpires nominated by BAI COC two shall be of Grade I and above and four shall be of Grade II. Subject to the minimum number, it is a must to have at least 2.5 umpires per court operated and any decimal to be rounded off to the next integer. These umpires shall be given facilities as specified in Annexure B of the Competition Regulations.

- 3.5 The Referee shall be responsible for:
- 3.5.1 Overall conduct of the Nationals of which the matches form part.
 - 3.5.2 Ensuring that the playing conditions are satisfactory and the procedures, directives of BAI COC in respect of the conduct of the tournaments are adhered to.
 - 3.5.3 Ensuring that one brand of shuttles only is adopted for exclusive use during the tournament, the name of the brand is advertised on the Entry Form and that sufficient quantity of shuttles is available for the tournament.
 - 3.5.4 Ensuring that there is no rationing of shuttles per match, and all shuttles used is a charge against the Tournament and not a charge against players concerned.
 - 3.5.5 Approving all umpires, service judges and for changing any of them at his absolute discretion and if necessary to require Managers of teams not directly involved in the match, to provide as many neutral linesmen as may be required.
 - 3.5.6 Making any decision required as a result of any cessation or suspension of play on the subject of its resumption.
 - 3.5.7 Upholding the Laws of Badminton and the Competition Regulations of BAI in every respect.
 - 3.5.8 Disqualifying any player that fails to carry out the required programme and there shall be no appeal against the decision of the Referee.
 - 3.5.9 Submitting the results and full scores of play to the organising tournament secretary to be forwarded to BAI.
- 3.6 The Executive Committee of BAI shall select one brand of shuttlecocks to be used exclusively.
- 3.7 Any Nationals can be sponsored by organisation(s) on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Tournament Committee. Partial sponsorship shall not entitle the sponsor for inclusion of his name in the title of the Nationals.
- 3.8 BAI shall be the sole agency in respect of Badminton in the territory of India who shall control the commercial and television rights in respect of Nationals. BAI shall have right to share these rights with any other agency.
4. **FILING OF ENTRIES:**
- 4.1 Entries for the nationals can be submitted only by Affiliated Units on their official letterhead in the format 4 prescribed in Competition Regulations.
 - 4.2 The entries shall be sent in duplicate not later than the closing date notified in the Official Circular. The closing date shall be at least 15 days prior to the commencement of the Nationals. The original shall be sent to the Tournament Secretary at the address specified for that purpose. The second copy shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary, BAI.
 - 4.3 The Executive Committee shall have the power to reject an entry:
 - 4.3.1 containing a condition unresolved at the time of the draw;
 - 4.3.2 considered against the interest of the competition or the game; or
 - 4.3.3 made by an Affiliated Unit, which is in arrears of one year or more in payment of subscriptions or which has any other indebtedness to BAI.

4.4 Number of entries:

Each Affiliated Unit shall be entitled to a quota of entries as mentioned below. The Affiliated Units have to claim the quota by specifying the entries and additional entries while sending their entries.

4.4.1 In case of Senior and Junior Nationals, the Affiliated Units shall be entitled to following quota of entries in men / junior boys and women / junior girls categories:

Condition	No. of entries		
	Singles	Doubles	Mixed doubles
Winner and Runner-up of the Zonal Inter-State Championships in the same category	Four	Two	One
Other Affiliated Units	Two	One	One
Winning Affiliated Unit of the Inter-institutional Championship	Four	Two	One
Winner of Inter-zonal Inter-state Championships - additional entries in that category only	One	One	N. A.
Host Affiliated Unit additional entries in each category	Two	One	One

4.4.2 In case of Mini and Veteran Nationals, the Affiliated Units shall be entitled to following quota of entries in veteran men / sub-junior boys / midget boys and veteran women / sub-junior girls / midget girls categories:

Condition	No. of entries		
	Singles	Doubles	Mixed doubles*
All Affiliated Units in each category	Two	One	One
Host Affiliated Unit additional entries in each category	Two	One	One

*Applicable only in veteran nationals.

4.4.3 In all Nationals, in addition to above quota, the players / pairs satisfying the following conditions shall be entitled to entries in their individual capacity, provided they are eligible to participate in that event and in case of doubles, same combination is playing the event. No substitution shall be permitted in respect of these entries in accordance with Regulation 11 of Competition Regulations.

Condition	Will get direct entry in
Winners of the current year's Midget events in Mini Nationals	Mini Nationals of the following year in Sub-Junior age group in the same event. E.g. Midget Boys' Singles Winner will get direct entry in following year's Sub-Junior Boys' Singles
Winners of the current year's Sub-Junior events in Mini Nationals	Junior Nationals of the current year, if held after Mini Nationals, else in the following year's Junior Nationals, in Junior age group in the same event.
Winners of the current year's Junior events in Junior Nationals	Senior Nationals of the current year, if held after Junior Nationals, else in the following year's Senior Nationals, in Seniors in the same event.
Winners of the current year's Veterans' events in Veterans Nationals	Veteran's Nationals of the following year in Veteran age group in the same event.
Top four players in each singles event, as per the latest rankings declared prior to close of the entries for the nationals, if not selected in the entries of the Affiliated Units which they represent	In the same event, in the appropriate nationals, in which they are so high ranked.
Top four players in each doubles event, as per the latest rankings declared prior to close of the entries for the nationals, if not selected in the entries of the Affiliated Units which they represent, provided they are partnering with a player who is from such four top players.	In the same event, in the appropriate nationals, in which they are so high ranked.

- 4.5 Each Affiliated Unit shall be entitled to send additional players / pairs for participating in the qualifying rounds conducted for the Nationals along with the following entry fees:

Singles events of all categories	Rs. 250 per player
Doubles events of all categories	Rs. 500 per pair

The entry fees shall be collected and retained by the Host Affiliated Unit.

- 4.6 The qualifying rounds shall be conducted by the Host Affiliated Unit in accordance with the Competition Regulations.

5. FACILITIES TO PARTICIPANTS:

- 5.1 The Host Affiliated Unit shall be responsible for providing loading and boarding facilities to the participating players, officials from each Affiliated Unit to the extent given below:

Mini Nationals	Free facility to 10 members including managers and coaches
Junior, Seniors Nationals	Free facility to 7 members including managers and coaches
Veteran Nationals	Free facility to 4 members including managers and coaches
Extra players	Rs. 150/- per day
Players qualified in the main draw	Rs. 150/- per day

- 5.2 The Host Affiliated Unit shall provide for the loading and boarding facilities for the tournament days plus two days extra. The teams participating in the inter-state team championship shall be given additional two days of facilities.

- 5.3 The teams shall be required to pay for their lodging and boarding at the rates specified by the Host Affiliated Unit if:

- 5.3.1 The men and women team travel together at the venue, even though only one of the teams has qualified for the inter-state championships; or
 5.3.2 the team reporting at the venue earlier than the required date – one day prior to their scheduled match.

These rates shall be informed in advance to all Affiliated Units in the official circular.

- 5.4 Every Affiliated Unit team taking part in the Nationals shall be responsible for all expenses incurred for their travel and other incidental expenses.

6. PLAYING OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATED UNITS:

- 6.1 Affiliated Units shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them fulfil their obligations.
 6.2 In default, such Affiliated Unit shall be liable to such penalties, which the Executive Committee of BAI may decide.

7. TEAM MANAGER:

- 7.1 Each Affiliated Unit concerned shall appoint a Manager of its team and shall notify his name along with the entries.
 7.2 If not notified along with the entries, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the Referee, as soon as appointed,
 7.3 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Affiliated Unit and team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
 7.4 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Organising Secretary.

GUIDELINES FOR NATIONALS

1. **Stadium:**
 - 1.1 Covered Badminton stadium with minimum three courts having a minimum height of 27' but preferably 30' free from any obstruction. The walls, 'A' boards and other interior surrounds (including seating) shall be of dark colour. Light colours – white or yellow, for example – must not be used. The hall must be free of draughts or other air movement. Preferably double-door entry / exit points must be provided. The stadium should have standby power generating facility.
 - 1.2 The court surface shall be preferably of court mats laid on the wooden floor, but with a minimum requirement of wooden courts.
 - 1.3 Correct Lighting for play as well as for TV live broadcasting. There should not be direct glare from lighting into the eyes of the players on the court. There must not be external source of light through windows or otherwise.
 - 1.4 Court equipments to include one set per court of:
 - 1.4.1 Net posts (1 set),
 - 1.4.2 Net
 - 1.4.3 Net and net post-measuring stick
 - 1.4.4 Umpire's chair
 - 1.4.5 Service judge's chair
 - 1.4.6 Line judges chairs (10 nos.)
 - 1.4.7 Score pad
 - 1.4.8 Scoreboard operator's chair (2 nos.)
 - 1.4.9 Scoreboard
 - 1.4.10 Chairs for the players to sit during the interval (4 nos.)
 - 1.4.11 Boxes for keeping the player's Kits (4 nos.)
 - 1.4.12 Box for keeping used shuttles
 - 1.4.13 5 minutes interval indicator
 - 1.4.14 Drinking water dispenser, glasses
 - 1.4.15 Mopping brooms and towels. Vacuum cleaner also recommended.
 - 1.4.16 One court attendant
 - 1.4.17 Public Address System for the Referee and umpires.
 - 1.4.18 Shuttles (preferably with 3 alternate speeds)
 - 1.5 Press and media:
 - 1.5.1 Separately identified areas for TV cameras and press photographers.
 - 1.5.2 Commentary Box arrangement for Radio and television
 - 1.6 A clock on wall of each court or atleast on large wall clock in Hall by which Match timings are scheduled and conducted.
 - 1.7 Referee assistance set up:
 - 1.7.1 Computers with inkjet / laser printer
 - 1.7.2 Internet and e-mail connection
 - 1.7.3 Briefing room
 - 1.7.4 Secure lockers / cupboard
 - 1.8 Separately identified seating arrangements / work stations / reserved area for
 - 1.8.1 Players, managers and coaches
 - 1.8.2 Referees, Umpires, Linesmen, technical delegates and Volunteers.
 - 1.8.3 Media and Press.
 - 1.8.4 Tournament Committee / BAI Executive Committee members.
 - 1.8.5 Match co-ordinators and assistants
 - 1.8.6 Medical Officials

- 1.8.7 Umpires' control, shuttlecock control
 - 1.9 Separate toilet and changing room facilities having separate entrance for men and women players with mirrors, clothes pegs, buckets, mugs pegs, chairs, toiletries, safe drinking water.
 - 1.10 Separate Toilets for men and women public.
 - 1.11 Medical set up:
 - 1.11.1 Separate First Aid Room, physiotherapy room, medical consultation room with medical attendant and necessary equipments and medicines
 - 1.11.2 Doping room.
 - 1.12 Warm up area next to the main stadium where players can carry out work out. In ideal situation warm up / practice courts are provided.
 - 1.13 Separate well equipped pressroom with interview area with adequate number of tables and chairs. The media personnel to be provided with complimentary refreshments. Other equipments to include:
 - 1.13.1 Typewriters
 - 1.13.2 Computers with inkjet / laser printer facility (At least two)
 - 1.13.3 Fax machine
 - 1.13.4 E-mail and internet facility
 - 1.13.5 Photocopy machine
 - 1.13.6 Telephone connections with STD facility (at least two)
 - 1.13.7 Adequate quantity of papers, carbons, and other stationary
 - 1.14 Canteen should have a supply of fresh snacks, i.e. Sandwiches, wafers, chocolates, patties, samosas, monkey nuts, fast food packets, tea, coffee, mineral water, cold-drinks, should also stock a few toilet rolls, sanitary towels, power, writing paper, envelopes, ballpens, needles, reels.
 - 1.15 Parking for cars, cycles, and scooters.
 - 1.16 Temporary public Telephone calls box and Post Office with postal facility of stamps, postage, and telegrams for participants.
 - 1.17 Large notice board in Hall, if possible two boards (one at main entrance and another inside the Hall) for Daily Fixtures, Programme, announcements, Results, etc.
 - 1.18 Proper arrangement for March Past and for Rehearsals for March Past, with previous intimation to Captains / Managers of the Teams. The organisers should organise rehearsals for the March past together with the Captains and Managers of the Teams.
 - 1.19 Well-planned Inaugural / Closing Functions. No cultural programmes shall be organised at these functions.
- 2. Stadium Tournament Office:**
- 2.1 Office room with table, chairs small Notice Board, also a small cupboard with locking arrangement to keep files, certificates, etc.
 - 2.2 Typewriter, computer with printer, duplicating / photocopying machine or arrangement for stencilling and duplicating.
 - 2.3 Proper arrangement to store Trophies and Shuttles.
 - 2.4 Stationery i. e. paper, stencils, carbon, files, pins erasing fluid, stapler, punch machine, ruler, pen and ink, etc.
 - 2.5 Drinking water with glasses / paper cups.
 - 2.6 Waste paper baskets.

2.7 Telephone with STD facility.

2.8 Separate meeting, briefing or conference room.

Host Association to provide suitable refreshments to media and press, Tournament Committee Members / BAI Executive members, Referees and Umpires.

3. Transport:

3.1 Suitable arrangement for transport for receiving and dropping after the Nationals for the players, officials from the airport, rail or bus stations to the place of accommodation.

3.2 Suitable arrangement for transport from place of accommodation to and from Stadium for Office bearers and members of BAI Executive Committee, players, officials, referees and umpires, media personnel.

4. Players camp:

4.1 Suitable accommodation (not in a dormitory), not necessarily in Hotels, for players and officials.

4.2 Not more than four persons in a room.

4.3 Living room should have essential furniture such as beds, a writing table, a dressing table with a large mirror, and 2 or 3 chairs, one of which should preferably be an easy chair, clothes pegs, and drinking water arrangement.

4.4 Well-lit toilets and bathing room within convenient distance of living room. The toilet should have a water tap, bucket and mug, a clothes peg or nails for keeping clothes, towel, a small window ledge or wooden wall stand for soap, toothpaste, etc.

4.5 Proper Electricity provided in rooms, bathrooms, and toilets.

4.6 Provision for hot and cold water, and some laundry arrangement for washing clothes.

4.7 Dinning Hall within convenient distance from the Accommodation.

4.8 First Aid room with Doctor / Paramedic Attendant.

4.9 Temporary postal, telephone with STD facilities.

4.10 Common Room with Radio, TV, newspapers, easy chairs, chairs, small tables.

4.11 Campfire site for cultural programmes, if players wish to put up any item and for CAMP FIRE of participants only. CAMPFIRE will be organised by the Host Organisation on any suitable night or a day before final day after the matches. BAI will contribute cash award of Rs. 500/- for the Best campfire item and minimum equal contribution should be given by the Host organisation

5. Invitations:

5.1 Invitations will be issued involving no cost to organisers to: -

5.1.1 Ex-Presidents of BAI.

5.1.2 Directors and Chief engineers of AIR and Doordarshan.

5.1.3 Important News paper Editors.

5.1.4 BAI Executive members (to whom free boarding and Lodging shall be offered during the Nationals).

5.1.5 Representatives of Sponsors.

5.2 Suitable seating arrangements for all the guests. The Host Organisation should offer courtesy tea / coffee snacks to the honoured guests.

6. Certificates:

- 6.1 Merit certificates on payment shall be obtained prior to commencement of the Nationals, from the Hon. Secretary / Treasurer, BAI. The format of the Merit certificate is as given in the Appendix 2.
- 6.2 Participation certificates shall be printed by the Host organisation and a sample may be obtained from Hon. Secretary, BAI or as given in Appendix 3. The participation certificate shall be signed at least by Hon. Secretary of BAI, Tournament Secretary or Secretary of the Host Affiliated Unit and the Referee.

7. Advised menu for players' camp (variety of menu should be ensured) :

7.1 Bed tea:

Porridge of oats / flakes / sooji with milk.

7.2 Breakfast:

7.2.1 Bread or Toast or Chappatis with butter and egg preparations, Tea / Coffee and any fruit.

7.2.2 Vegetarians will be supplied with a vegetable cutlet, south Indian preparation or similar item in place of the egg.

7.3 Lunch:

7.3.1 One Non-vegetarian side dish varied on different days of any of the following: -

Mutton or Chicken or Fish or Egg. Rice, Chappatis, Dali, Papads, one vegetable preparation and a salad.

7.4 Afternoon Tea:

7.4.1 Tea with biscuits or a samosa or similar preparations or fruit.

7.5 Dinner:

7.5.1 Same as Lunch except that for deserts a sweet dish will be provided in place of Fruit.

7.5.2 Vegetarians will be given an extra vegetable side dish in place of the Meat dish given for Non Veg. Menu.

7.6 The Menu will be written out / stencilled / Typed and put up on the camp Notice Board daily in morning or previous evening and a copy signed by one of the two BAI Tournament Committee members living in the Camp and then sent to BAI office in the Stadium for information of the Tournament Committee.

7.7 All parties during the Nationals should only be held at the Stadium or the Players Camp, to avoid dislocation of the matches. Such parties, outside the above venues which involves players and officials, should be held a day prior to the Nationals or else on the last day of the championships.

8. Other requirements:

8.1 The copies of fixtures and results are given to Press / AIR / TV Personnel, as well as to all Managers / Captains of Teams, to members of Tournament Committee and any BAI Executive members attending the Tournament.

8.2 The souvenir Book printed for the Nationals should include a list of BAI Executive, and a copy given /sent to each Executive members, Affiliated organisation and Sport Boards of BAI.

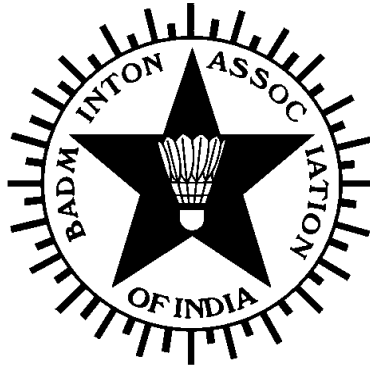
8.3 A stencilled information directory giving Stadium /players /camp/ officials address, telephone nos. and some relevant important information of the Town for players from outside. This should be given to all officials and Team Managers / Captains on arrival.

8.4 Mementoes shall be given to all players, officials, referees, umpires, Tournament Committee members, and BAI Executive Committee members.

8.5 Winners of previous year's trophies must send the trophies to the Host Organisation with information of the same to BAI office.

PROFORMA OF MERIT CERTIFICATE

Certificate



National Badminton Championship of India

BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

takes pleasure in certifying that

was the WINNER of

The _____ Challenge Cup for

The _____ Event

conducted by

The _____

at

Recorded on the _____ day of _____

Two thousand and _____.

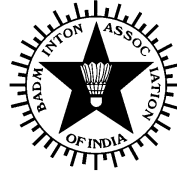
Hon. Secretary
Badminton Association of India

Hon. Referee

President
Badminton Association of India

PROFORMA OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

Participation Certificate



This is to certify that

Mr. / Ms. _____

from _____

has participated as _____ in the

National Badminton Championship

held at _____ during _____.

Hon. Secretary
Badminton Association of India

Hon. Referee

Hon. Secretary
Host Affiliated Unit

Notes:

1. The Logos of the Host Badminton Association and the Sponsor can be put on the Participation Certificate besides the logo of BAI.
2. The President of the Host Badminton Association and Tournament Secretary, if different from the Hon. Secretary of the Host Affiliated Unit can also sign the Participation Certificate in addition to the mandatory authorities given in the proforma.

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DEFINITION:

- 1.1 The Inter-state Team Championship shall be played for the following challenge cups
 - 1.1.1 The Men's Inter-state Team Championships shall be played for Ibrahim Rahimtoola Cup
 - 1.1.2 The Women's Inter-state Team Championships shall be played for Gulab Rai Chadha Cup
 - 1.1.3 The Junior Boys' Inter-state Team Championships shall be played for Dr. Dev Raj Narang Cup
 - 1.1.4 The Junior Girls' Inter-state Team Championships shall be played for Mohammed Shafi Qureshi Cup
- 1.2 Every Affiliated Unit except Associate Members shall be entitled to take part subject to the conditions of Regulation 4.

2. GENERAL ORGANISATION:

- 2.1 The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the following Regulations and with the Laws of badminton and all appropriate Competition Regulations as adopted by BAI and with such other provisions as Executive Committee (or a Committee duly appointed by Executive Committee) may stipulate.
- 2.2 The Inter-state Competition shall be managed by BAI through a Committee of Management appointed for that purpose. The Committee of Management shall have power to co-opt persons and also to delegate any of the duties to a Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 All commercial rights and television, audio and film rights at all venues of the Competition shall belong exclusively to BAI. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Affiliated Unit, BAI may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Affiliated Unit.

3. FORM OF COMPETITION:

- 3.1 All Competitions shall be held together every year.
- 3.2 The Competitions shall be divided into two layers – Zonal and Inter-Zonal.
- 3.3 The participating teams are divided into Six Zones, which are as under:

North Zone	North East Zone	South Zone
Chandigarh Delhi Harayana Himachal Pradesh Jammu & Kashmir Punjab Rajasthan	Arunachal Pradesh Assam Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Sikkim Tripura	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Kerala Pondicherry Tamilnadu

East Zone	West Zone	Central Zone
Bihar Jharkhand Orrisa Uttar Pradesh Uttaranchal West Bengal	Chhattisgarh Goa Gujarat Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra	Air India Sports Control Board Association of Indian Universities Petroleum Sport Promotion Board Railway Sports Promotion Board

3.3 The draw for the Zonal Championship shall be made by the Committee of Management not later than 31st August. Particulars of the draw shall be notified forthwith to the Secretaries of competing Affiliated Units with an intimation of the proposed dates during which the Competition shall be held and the venue of the Competition.

3.4 The Zonal Championships shall be completed not later than 30th September within the number of days allotted as under:

Number of teams in a zone not more than five	Two days
In all other cases	Three days

3.5 The winners of the Zonal Competition shall qualify for the Inter-zonal Championship to be played two days prior to the Nationals at the same venue as under:

Inter-zonal competition for teams of	To be played two days prior to
Men and Women	Senior Nationals
Junior Boys and Junior Girls	Junior Nationals

3.6 In addition to the Zonal winners, following teams shall qualify directly for the Inter-zonal Team Championship

3.6.1 the Winning team of the previous year's Inter-zonal Team Championship

3.6.2 Winning team of the Inter-institutional Team Championship.

3.7 Any team withdrawing from the Competition or defaulting after the draw has been made shall:

3.7.1 give a written explanation to the Hon. Secretary within one month; and

3.7.2 render them liable to such action as shall be decided by the Executive Committee of BAI.

3.8 Zonal Joint Secretaries of the zone concerned shall be BAI observers for the Zonal Championships. They shall be given the facilities as stipulated in the Annexure 3 of the Competition Regulations.

3.9 The Committee of Management shall make the shuttles available for the Competition.

4. **ARRANGEMENT FOR VENUES:**

4.1 Each Affiliated Unit in the zone shall organise the Zonal Championship by rotation, preferably in Alphabetical order.

4.2 Any Affiliated Unit failing to conduct the ties on its turn, as per the schedule decided by the Committee of Management shall be liable to be scratched from the Inter-state Team Championship and its players will not be allowed to participate in any of the Nationals for that year.

4.3 The Host Affiliated Unit shall make arrangements for the boarding and lodging at a suitable place not necessarily a hotel accommodation for the visiting teams including one official, for the number of the days of the competition plus 2 days extra.

4.4 Each Affiliated Unit shall select its own players and shall make all necessary arrangements for the journey to and from the place of venue.

4.5 If any Affiliated Unit fails to send a team for the scheduled tie, the Affiliated Unit so defaulting, shall be liable to pay a sum of Rs. 2,000/- to the Host Affiliated Unit.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE AND PANEL OF UMPIRES:**

5.1 BAI Court Officials Committee shall appoint a Referee for each venue of the Zonal Championships from the Panel of Referees who does not belong to the concerned zone. The Referee of the Nationals concerned at which the Inter-zonal Championship is organised shall be the Referee for the Inter-Zonal Championships.

- 5.2 The additional responsibilities of the Referee of this Competition are:
- 5.2.1 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams carry out the Regulations for play at the venue;
- 5.2.2 to make the final decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager; and
- 5.2.3 to confer with the Team Managers and make it known that he is permitted to suspend or abandon play if the spirit of competition is not as it should be.
- 5.3 The Referee shall have power to disqualify any team that fails to report its arrival or fails to carry out its required programme.
- 5.4 Each competing Affiliated Unit team shall nominate and bring with it, one qualified umpire from the Affiliated Unit concerned as part of its contingent for officiating in the Zonal Inter-state Competition. The travel cost of such nominated Umpire shall be born by his parent Affiliated Unit. The nominated umpires shall be from the approved list of umpires of BAI COC. Umpires nominated for the concerned nationals at which the Inter-zonal Championship is organised shall be the Umpires for the Inter-Zonal Championships.
- 5.5 The Referee and umpires shall be provided with facilities as provided in Annexure 2 to the Competition Regulations except no travelling expenses will be paid to the umpires, working at the Zonal Inter-state Championship by the Host Affiliated Unit.

6. NOMINATION OF TEAMS:

- 6.1 Each competing organisation shall, at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the commencement of the Inter-state Tie, nominate to the Committee of Management, the names of the players included in the team of a particular competition, without necessarily specifying who shall play in singles and doubles.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MANAGER:

- 7.1 The name of the Manager of the team shall be informed to the Committee of Management along with the names of the team members as stipulated in Regulation 5.1.
- 7.2 From the time of his arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of his Affiliated Unit and his team in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 7.3 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee. Failure to do so may render a team liable to disqualification, at the Referee's discretion.

8. CONDUCT OF TIES:

- 8.1 Each manager shall hand over to the Referee at least four hours before the start of any tie or if the tie is scheduled to be played in the morning session, in the previous day evening, whichever is earlier, the composition of the team in the following order fixed for the conduct of a tie:

Rahimtoola Cup	Chadha Cup, Narang Cup & Shafi Qureshi Cup
First singles; Second singles; First Doubles; Third Singles; Second doubles.	First singles; First Doubles; Second singles.

- 8.2 These players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated.
- 8.3 No substitution shall be permitted by the Referee once the draw for a tie has been made.
- 8.4 No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match.

- 8.5 Each tie shall be decided by the results of three singles and two doubles matches for Rahimtoola Cup and while two singles and one doubles for Chadha Cup, Narang Cup and Shafi Qureshi Cup ties.
- 8.6 Play in each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.
- 8.7 The Referee shall have power to play the matches for Rahimtoola and Chadha Cup, Narag Cup and Shafi Quereshi Cup alternately to avoid possibility of interval of 30 minutes between two matches having common players.

9. DISQUALIFICATION:

- 9.1 The Referee may disqualify any team, which fails to report its arrival for the Competition at least 12 hours before the time of its first tie or such other period as may previously have been agreed with the Referee.
- 9.2 The Committee of Management shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Competition:
- 9.2.1 any team which has failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the Rules and Regulations of BAI; or
- 9.2.2 player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Doping Control Regulations (anti-doping statutes regulations 2.12. and 2.13).
- 9.3 The Committee of Management shall consider any disqualification and have power to recommend to the Executive Committee of BAI:
- 9.3.1 forfeiture of any payment due to an Affiliated Unit;
- 9.3.2 the imposition of a fine; and
- 9.3.3 exclusion from one or more future Competitions.

10. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS:

- 10.1 The Referee shall be responsible for submitting the results and full scores of play to the organising tournament secretary. The results shall also be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, BAI and the Ranking Committee within 15 days of the conclusion of the ties.
- 10.2 The results on day to day basis must be sent to BAI website co-ordinator on e-mail in the format that may be prescribed for that purpose immediately on conclusion of the play for the day.

11. CHALLENGE CUPS:

- 11.1 The challenge cups cannot be owned outright but will be held for one year by the winning team. The said team shall be entitled to inscribe its name on a small shield on the cup stand. All the players nominated for the Competition shall be entitled to a memento.
- 11.2 Merit certificates on payment shall be obtained prior to commencement of the Inter-Zonal Championship, from the Hon. Secretary / Treasurer, BAI. The format of the Merit certificate is as given in the Appendix 2 except that the words "Inter State Badminton Championships of India" shall replace "National Badminton Championship of India".
- 11.3 All the players nominated for the Competition including the Zonal Championship shall be awarded with Participation Certificates.

REGULATIONS FOR INTER-INSTITUTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1 Inter-institutional Championships shall be promoted every year.
- 1.2 The Inter-Institutional Championships shall be restricted to the players from all Associate Members of the Badminton Association of India only.
- 1.3 The individual championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Competition Regulations provided they are not superseded by similar provision in these Regulations and shall include the following events:
 - 1.3.1 Men's Singles
 - 1.3.2 Men's Doubles
 - 1.3.3 Women's Singles
 - 1.3.4 Women's Doubles
 - 1.3.5 Mixed Doubles
 - 1.3.6 Veteran Men's Singles
 - 1.3.7 Veteran Men's Doubles
 - 1.3.8 Veteran Women's singles
 - 1.3.9 Veteran Women's Doubles
 - 1.3.10 Veteran Mixed Doubles
- 1.4 The Team Championships shall be conducted for Men and Women sections. The Team Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable Competition Regulations and the Regulations for Inter-State Team Championships so far as they are applicable, provided they are not superseded by similar provision in these Regulations. There will be only one level of Team Championships.
- 1.5 The Host Associate Member shall make all arrangements for the actual conduct of the play while participating Associate Members shall bear all expenses towards travel, boarding and lodging of the players and team officials.

REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The International Championships organised in India either by BAI or its Affiliated Units shall be governed by the Competition Regulations of the International Badminton Federation and / or Asian Badminton Confederation.
2. Any organisation applying for sanction of an International Tournament shall pay, in advance along with such application, a non-refundable fee of Rs. 20,000/-, if the event has got title sponsor otherwise it shall be Rs.20,000/-
3. BAI shall nominate six representatives on the eleven member organising committee appointed for the purpose total responsibility of the conduct of the event. This committee shall nominate Organising Secretary who will carry out day to day activities, correspondence in respect of the organisation under the guidance of the Organising Committee.
4. BAI representatives shall be given facilities at par with the IBF representatives.
5. BAI Selection Committee will select players who only will qualify to compete in the event as BAI Entry.
6. The Competition Regulations shall be applicable to these events to the extent they are not contrary to the Competition Regulations of IBF or are not otherwise modified by these regulations. BAI may prescribe any additional regulations as may be desired by the Executive Committee of BAI.