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BAI/ NEW SCORING SYSTEM/ 2026/075

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TO ALL AFFILIATED STATE ASSOCIATIONS / UNITS

Subject: Implementation of 3×15 Scoring System in Domestic Ranking Tournaments and National Championships (U-13, U-15 & U-17)

Dear All,

This is to inform all affiliated State Associations / Units that the Badminton World Federation (BWF) has approved the implementation of the new **3×15 scoring system** from the year 2027 onwards.

In view of the above and with the objective of preparing players, coaches, technical officials and stakeholders for the proposed transition, it has been decided that all upcoming Domestic Ranking Badminton Tournaments and National Badminton Championships in the categories of **Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17** shall be conducted using the **3×15 scoring system** with effect from **July 2026** onwards.

Key Changes Under the 3×15 Scoring System

- Matches shall remain best of three games.
- Each game shall be played to 15 points, replacing the previous 21-point target.
- Rally-point scoring shall remain unchanged, with a point awarded on every rally.
- At 14-all, a game shall be decided by a two-point lead.
- A maximum cap of 21 points shall apply; at 20-all, the next point wins the game.
- In the deciding third game, players shall change ends when a side first reaches eight points.
- A 60-second mid-game interval shall take place when the leading score reaches eight points.
- 120-second intervals between games shall remain unchanged.
- The side winning a game shall serve first in the next game.

All affiliated State Associations / Units are requested to take note of the same and ensure necessary arrangements and awareness amongst players, coaches, referees and technical officials for smooth implementation of the new scoring format.

All affiliated State Associations / Units may, at their discretion, adopt the same 3×15 scoring system for their respective State Ranking Tournaments and State Championships.

Other operational guidelines, if any, shall be communicated separately.

With highest regards.

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