

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND BYLAWS FOR INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

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1. Entry

- (a) Entry into the competition shall be made by member Associations only, with the exception of Under 23 entries which may be made by Regional bodies.
- (b) An association is responsible for the financial and By-Law requirements of any team they enter.
- (c) Badminton New Zealand has sole discretion to allow or disallow any entry of players and/or teams to the competition as it sees fit.

2. Categories

- (a) There are 9 categories of player types – Seniors, Masters, Veterans, Super-Veterans, Under 23, and Junior: Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13. Each category shall be split into divisions – depending on numbers of entries. Division 1 is the highest ranked in each category.
- (b) The number of teams in Senior Divisions 1 and 2, North Island Senior Division 3 and 4, North Island Masters Divisions 1 to 4, North Island Veterans Divisions 1 to 3 and North Island Super-Veterans Division 1, shall be permanently fixed and entry shall only be by promotion-relegation.
- (c) Category formats are:
 - i) Senior Division 1 – 6 teams, no association shall have more than 1 team in the Division.
 - ii) Senior Division 2 – 8 teams, no association shall have more than 2 teams in the Division.
 - iii) North Island Senior Divisions 3 and 4 – 9 teams per Division.
 - iv) South Island Senior will be set by the combined South Island Associations to achieve a more uniform number of ties, with Badminton New Zealand to be the final arbiter in the event of disputes between those Associations.
 - v) North Island Masters Divisions 1 to 4 – 9 teams per Division.
 - vi) North Island Veterans Division 1 to 3 – 9 teams per Division.
 - vii) North Island Super-Veterans Division 1 – 7 teams.
 - viii) South Island Masters and Veterans Divisions 1-3, the number of teams to be agreed with Badminton New Zealand each year.
 - ix) New Zealand Under 23 – 6 teams based on Regions as determined by Badminton New Zealand.
 - x) New Zealand Under 19, 17, 15, 13 – an Association may enter as many teams as they wish. The format is dependent upon the number of teams, number of days, number of courts. Badminton New Zealand to determine the format.
- (d) Each year Badminton New Zealand will call for entries for the forthcoming year as follows:
 - i) Affirmation of fixed teams as per Rule 1(b);
 - ii) New Zealand - Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13.
 - iii) North Island - Senior Division 5, Masters Division 5, Veterans Division 4, Super-Veterans.
 - iv) South Island - Senior Division 3, Masters, Veterans, Super Veterans
- (e) Entries shall close on the following dates each year:
 - i) North Island Senior Divisions 1-5, North Island Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans 30 September
 - ii) South Island Senior Division 3, Masters, Veterans and Super Veterans 31 March
 - iii) New Zealand Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 30 April
 - iv) New Zealand Under 23 8 weeks prior to the start of the competition

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- (f) The following team entry fees are payable to Badminton New Zealand one month after the closing date(s) as per Rule 2(e):
- i) Senior Division 1 - \$1,195 plus GST.
 - ii) Senior Division 2 - \$745 plus GST.
 - iii) Senior Division 3-5 - \$295 plus GST.
 - iv) North Island Masters, North Island Veterans - \$349 plus GST.
 - v) South Island Masters, South Island Veterans, Super-Veterans - \$249 plus GST.
 - vi) New Zealand Under 13 and Under 19 - \$620 plus GST.
 - vii) New Zealand Under 15 and Under 17 - \$750 plus GST.
 - viii) Late entries to these divisions will be accepted only if they can be accommodated in the draw and upon payment of the entry fee. Badminton New Zealand is under no obligation to accept late entries.

3. Zoning

- (a) Badminton New Zealand shall have the right to subdivide the Competition into zones.

4. Draw

- (a) Badminton New Zealand shall arrange the draw for each Category according to zones and shall set dates and venues for all ties. South Island Masters & Veterans draws shall be arranged by the Mainland Regional Committee and confirmed by Badminton New Zealand.
- (b) Badminton New Zealand shall, at the same time, set dates for all inter-zone Ties and New Zealand Finals.
- (c) All ties must be played by the date set and be played in the order of the published draw in the Badminton New Zealand Handbook. Any changes are to be agreed at least 6 weeks prior by Badminton New Zealand and all teams involved
- (d) Senior Division 1 teams shall be seeded based on the total points of the top ranked male and female singles player, two top ranked male and female doubles players and two top ranked male and female mixed doubles players. Top ranked meaning the highest ranked on the Badminton New Zealand senior player points ranking list from the names the association have submitted.
- (e) Senior Division 2, Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 teams shall be seeded based on an average of all team member's player points across all disciplines from the relevant current player points lists at the time of receiving the ranking lists. In the case of overseas players, the New Zealand selectors to determine arbitrary points based on the known strength of the players for the purpose of the calculation.
- (f) For Senior Division 1 and 2 only, an association may apply for New Zealand Selectors to determine arbitrary points of a player whose Badminton New Zealand senior player points do not adequately represent their known strength, due to their competing overseas.
- (g) The seeding of teams for (d, e) may be recalculated and the draw changed accordingly up until 72 hours prior to the commencement of the first tie upon submission of a revised ranking list from any team; if the revised ranking list changes the seeding and draw significantly – the Referee shall make the final decision.
- (h) For Senior Division 2, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13, where possible two teams from the same Association should not meet in stage 1 of the draw. Badminton New Zealand has the ability to amend the draw to achieve this providing no other team is disadvantaged.

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- (i) Any Association shall have the right of appeal to Badminton New Zealand. Such an appeal shall be made in writing within 14 days of notification of the draw and be supported by a statement of case.

5. Defaults

- (a) Any Association that withdraws a team(s) shall be liable for the full amount of default fee as set by Badminton New Zealand (this may be waived or reduced by the Board in exceptional circumstances), if the withdrawal occurs:
 - i) After the draw has been made official for North Island Seniors, Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans; or
 - ii) After the entry closing date for Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13 and South Island Seniors, Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans; or
 - iii) During the competition.
- (b) Teams that default or withdraw during the competition will additionally be liable for any justified actual expenses incurred by other teams in their division.
- (c) If an Association is not able to fill all its fixed teams for the current season, as per Rule 2 (b), then it must field the higher ranked teams first as per Rule 7(a). If an Association is to withdraw a team from Senior Division 1 or 2 after 1 May then it must be the lowest ranked of these teams. The withdrawn team will automatically be the team relegated at the end of the season.
- (d) Non-payment of Inter Association costs by 1 January of the current year will debar that Association from participation in the forthcoming year's Inter Association competitions.
- (e) An Association that has not complied with all of Badminton New Zealand requirements under the Rules of The New Zealand Badminton Federation (Inc.) may have all of their teams debarred from the current year's competition unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the Board.

6. Eligibility of Players

- (a) A player must be in good standing with Badminton New Zealand and the Association they are representing.
- (b) A New Zealand player is defined as a person who holds any of the following:
 - i) A New Zealand Passport
 - ii) New Zealand Citizenship
 - iii) New Zealand Residency
 - iv) A player holding a New Zealand BWF number
- (c) In the case of Residency a player must have resided continuously in New Zealand for a minimum of one year. This status must be held at the time when the ranking list is submitted. Associations must provide proof of this status, if requested by Badminton New Zealand.

Clarification - the one year period may have occurred at any time – i.e. it does not necessarily apply to current status.
- (d) All other players who do not meet the requirements of 6(b) and 6(c) are classified as overseas players. The number of overseas players permitted is as follows:
 - i) Senior Division 1 and 2 – no overseas players.
 - ii) Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 – up to 3 players from Oceania Member Countries excluding Australia, as approved by Badminton Oceania.
 - iii) All other teams - a maximum of 2 overseas players.
- (e) Associations may apply to Badminton New Zealand for overseas students to be included in a Junior team upon proof of the student's enrolment and continuous residency in New Zealand for a minimum of 12 weeks prior to the due date of the team ranking list.

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Badminton New Zealand may grant or decline entry eligibility of a player at their discretion.

(f) In a given season a player may play for different Associations in each of the following categories of competition:

- i) Juniors (Under 19, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13)
- ii) Under 23
- iii) Seniors
- iv) North Island Masters
- v) South Island Masters
- vi) North Island Veterans
- vii) South Island Veterans
- viii) North Island Super Veterans
- ix) South Island Super-Veterans

Clarification – *A junior player cannot represent different associations at different age groups within the junior category.*

(g) A player playing in Senior Division 1 or Division 2 must not have played in a lower Division in that season for that Association, unless the written permission of Badminton New Zealand has been granted due to special circumstances.

(h) Senior Division 1 and 2 teams may include one player that plays Senior Division 3-5 for an Association that does not have a team in Senior Division 1 or 2.

(i) In the categories of Senior Division 3-5, Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans, an Association that is suddenly unable to field a full team for a particular weekend of ties, due to special circumstances (eg. injury or travel difficulties), must obtain the written permission of Badminton New Zealand to include “emergency reserves” from alternative associations. Failure to do this will result in the games involving such player(s) being defaulted.

(j) A player must not play in more than one team in the same division for that season unless the written permission of Badminton New Zealand has been granted.

(k) For Juniors only, on-loan players are players from another Association where-by their Association has not entered a team in the competition or where the player was available for selection but was not selected for their Association team. An Association must apply to Badminton New Zealand for permission to use an on-loan player no later than one week (7 days) prior to the due date of the team ranking list. Badminton New Zealand must approve all on-loan players. In exceptional circumstances on-loan players may be approved outside of this time-frame (ie. as injury or illness replacement).

Clarification – The purpose of “on-loan” players is to enable an Association to field a team and should not be at the expense of using local players. When granting approval or otherwise Badminton New Zealand will ensure that this by-law is not exploited for the purpose of Association’s forming “super-teams”.

(l) On-loan players are permitted in Junior teams as follows:

- i) Under 17 & Under 15 teams may have a maximum of three (3) on-loan players.
- ii) Under 23, Under 19 & Under 13 teams may have a maximum of one (1) on-loan player.

(m) A player cannot be named and/or play in both a Senior Division 1 team and a Senior Division 2 team in the same year. However, where prior to the ties commencing a named player is forced to retire from a Senior Division 1 team, a player who was named in a Senior Division 2 team may be promoted to take that player’s place in the Senior

Division 1 team, provided that he or she ceases to be named in the Senior Division 2 team.

- (n) Age restricted categories are restricted as follows:
 - i) Under 23 – players who are 19 years or over and under 23 years of age for the calendar year of the competition.
 - ii) Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 – players who shall remain under the stated age group for the calendar year that the event is held.
 - iii) Masters - players who are at least thirty-five (35) years of age in the year of competition (i.e. may play if turning 35 years of age during the year of competition).
 - iv) Veterans – players who are at least fifty (50) years of age in the year of competition (i.e. may play if turning 50 years of age during the year of competition).
 - v) Super-Veterans – players who are at least sixty (60) years of age in the year of competition (i.e. may play if turning 60 years of age during the year of competition).
- (o) Age restricted players may, provided they meet the age requirements of each age group, play in any of the age groups. They may also compete in Senior Categories under the same conditions as the non-age group players.
- (p) Players who have previously competed in Senior Division 1 and Division 2 are required to complete a player transfer form signed by both the existing and new association if they are to compete for another association. This form is required to be submitted to Badminton New Zealand 8 weeks prior to the start of the Senior Competition in which they are competing. If a player transfer is disputed, Badminton New Zealand will mediate and determine the final decision on player eligibility.
- (q) Teams that use a player not qualified under Rule 6 will have all that player's matches disqualified in Ties played that season. Matches played in lower position order than those played by the disqualified player will also be disqualified.

7. Grading

- (a) Multiple teams from the same Association in the same competition (e.g. Seniors [Div. 1-5], Masters [Div. 1-5], Veterans [Div. 1-3], Super-Veterans [Div. 1-2],) are to have the strongest team in the higher ranked Division, with the next strongest team in the following Division, etc. If, however, there are 2 teams from an Association in the same Division of a category of competition those two teams may be of equal ranking.
- (b) A player who plays more than the set number of ties in a higher division must not play again in a lower division in that season. The number of ties is:
 - i) Seniors Division 1 and 2 and other categories that have all the zone ties scheduled on consecutive days: Two (2) ties.
 - ii) All other categories: One weekend series of ties.
Clarification - A player is no longer permitted to play up in a higher Division for their first weekend and return down to their team without prior permission, if a team list has not been received as per 7(c).
- (c) Team Lists are due for submission for Senior Division 3-5, North Island Masters, North Island Veterans and North Island Super-Veterans, 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled tie for any of these competitions. Players cannot play down a Division in subsequent weekends unless written permission has been granted prior to the relevant weekend.
- (d) Teams in the New Zealand Senior Division 3 Final cannot use players that have not played previously for that team in the current season without gaining prior permission from Badminton New Zealand.

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- (e) Senior players can only play in one team lower than the previous time they represented that association unless written permission is granted by Badminton New Zealand prior to playing.
- (f) Teams that use a player not qualified under Rule 7 will have all that player's matches disqualified in ties played that season. Matches played in lower position order than those played by the disqualified player will also be disqualified.

8. Composition of Teams

- (a) The team membership must be the same if the ties played are on the same day or consecutive days. Each team shall consist of the following number of players:
 - i) A Veterans, Super-Veterans and Under 23 team shall consist of a minimum of 3 men and 3 women up to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women.
 - ii) An Under 19 and Under 13 team shall consist of a minimum of 2 men and 2 women up to a maximum of 4 men and 4 women.
 - iii) A Senior Division 1 team shall consist of a minimum of 3 men and 3 women up to a maximum of 6 men and 6 women.
 - iv) All other teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 men and 4 women and a maximum of 6 men and 6 women.
- (b) Teams that use a player not qualified under Rule 8a will have all that player's matches disqualified in Ties played that season. Matches played in lower position order than those played by the disqualified player will also be disqualified.
- (c) Senior Division 1 and 2 teams are to register their intended teams with Badminton New Zealand 2 weeks prior to the start of Senior Division 3-5, on the forms provided by Badminton New Zealand.

Interpretation - Players, who are named in the provisional lists at the beginning of the season, may be replaced (due to injury or unavailability). An independent verification is required e.g. Doctor's certificate or business letter. If the provisional lists do not name all 6 men and 6 women, then any 'gaps' will not be allowed to be filled by a lower division player.

- (d) Team ranking lists:
 - i) For Senior Division 2, New Zealand Under 23, 19, 17, 15, 13 a team ranking list on the form provided, detailing all the team members' names must be submitted in order of merit for singles plus all the doubles combinations intended to be used in order of merit to Badminton New Zealand, at least 21 days prior to the start of the first tie. The team lists in the U23 and Junior events to include the player's date of birth (Teams failing to submit this ranking list by this date will incur a penalty of \$150+GST unless prior approval by Badminton New Zealand has been granted).
Interpretation - Order of Merit should follow the Badminton New Zealand Player Points order of merit, if not then deviations are to be justified at the time of submitting the Team Ranking List.
 - ii) Badminton New Zealand will circulate the ranking lists submitted in 8(d)(i) to all teams in the relevant competition. Associations may protest the ranking order of other teams; which must be supported by a statement of case. Any alterations considered necessary by Badminton New Zealand (as a result of any protest received, or for any other reason) or following a decision of the Selectors, shall be notified to Associations at least five (5) days prior to the first Tie. The New Zealand Selectors (or any other person delegated this role by Badminton New Zealand) decision will be final.

- iii) Where a player is unable to take his or her place in a team prior to the commencement of the first Tie because of injury, illness, the operation of Rule 6(m) or for any other reason, the Association has the right to name a replacement player and as soon as practicable the Association must submit a revised ranking list in Order of Merit. As per rule 4 (g) the seeding and draw may be recalculated and revised after submission of the revised ranking list at the discretion of the Referee
- (e) All teams competing in Junior Inter Association ties; Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 are to have a non-playing adult Manager. This person must be in attendance at the respective tournament and be appointed by and responsible to the Association to which that team belongs.

9. *Playing of Ties*

- (a) Tie format for each competition is as follows:
 - i) A Tie for Senior Division 1 shall play 1 men's singles, 1 women's singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 2 mixed doubles – a total of 6 matches. Each player may only play a maximum of two matches in a tie. Should a tie finish 3-3 on matches, then a Golden Game will be played to determine the tie winner. The Golden Game will be completed as per the following:
 - (1) At the conclusion of the 6th match, should a tie be drawn 3-3, a Golden Game will be implemented. The team which is losing on count-back (determined firstly by games, then points) shall choose one of the 5 events to eliminate (being men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles). Teams shall then alternate in eliminating an event until a single event remains. This shall be the Golden Game.
 - (2) Teams will then select any individual/pair from their team to compete in the Game and begin the Game immediately, forgoing any rest requirements.
 - (3) The Golden Game shall be played as one game to 21, with extension, as per current regulations, with the Golden Game winner winning the tie.
 - ii) A Tie for Senior Division 2-5 shall play 2 men's singles, 2 women's singles, 2 men's doubles, 2 women's doubles and 3 mixed doubles - a total of 11 matches. Each player may only play a maximum of one match in each discipline.
 - iii) A Tie for Under 17 and Under 15 shall play 4 men's singles, 4 women's singles, 2 men's doubles, 2 women's doubles and 4 mixed doubles – a total of 16 matches. Each player may only play a maximum of one match in each discipline.
 - iv) A Tie for Masters shall play 4 men's doubles, 4 women's doubles and 4 mixed doubles – a total of 12 matches. The doubles matches can be played by any combinations of players provided that:
 - (1) each pairing only plays 1 match per tie.
 - (2) each player can only play a maximum of 2 men's/women's doubles matches and 1 mixed doubles match per tie.
 - v) A Tie for Veterans and Super-Veterans shall play 3 men's doubles, 3 women's doubles and 3 mixed doubles – a total of 9 matches. The 3 men's and 3 women's doubles matches can be played by any combinations of up to 5 players provided that:
 - (1) each pairing only plays 1 match per tie
 - (2) each player can only play a maximum of 2 men's/women's doubles matches and 1 mixed doubles match per tie.

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- vi) A Tie for Under 23 shall play 3 men's singles, 3 women's singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 3 mixed doubles – a total of 11 matches. Each player may only play a maximum of one match in each discipline.
- vii) A Tie for Under 19 and Under 13 shall play 2 men's singles, 2 women's singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 2 mixed doubles – a total of 8 matches. Each player may only play a maximum of one match in each discipline
- (b) The current BWF scoring system to be used for all matches. Badminton New Zealand may choose to use alternative formats in exceptional circumstances; all teams involved will be given at least 14 days prior notice.
- (c) Before the start of play:
 - i) In all Senior Divisions 3-5, Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans ties, Team Captains or Managers must submit a ranking list to the Referee, at least 30 minutes before the start of play. For all other categories, the Referee or Event Organiser to set the time, and advise the teams at least 48 hours prior, as to the required time for submission of the team list. Each list must show all players in order of merit for singles (except Masters, Veterans and Super-Veterans) plus all the doubles combinations to be used in order of merit and this must be the merit order for the playing of the Tie(s) including Ties played on consecutive days. No alterations shall be made to this ranking list thereafter, except to substitute under Rule 9(e)(iv), or where an objection under Rule 9(c)(ii) and/or (iii) is able to be resolved.
 - ii) If a team objects to the declared order of merit of any other team the Captain or Manager must make such objection known to both the opposing Captain or Manager and the Referee before the start of play. If an agreed order of merit cannot be arrived at the Tie(s) shall be played in the declared order of merit. The objecting Association shall then, if it wishes, lodge a written objection with Badminton New Zealand within seven (7) days of the completion of the Tie(s).
 - iii) If a paid member of the Badminton New Zealand events staff is present then the matter shall be referred to that Badminton New Zealand representative and their decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
 - iv) In Senior Divisions 1 and 2, Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 – the appointed Referee shall set the conditions of play at the Managers Meeting. It is mandatory in these events, for a representative from each team to attend the Managers Meeting. Non-attendance may result in a \$150 plus GST penalty from Badminton New Zealand.
- (d) Before the start of a tie:
 - i) The Referee is to check the order of the players/combinations on the Team List with that of the Ranking List and ensure that any errors are corrected.
 - ii) When both Team lists have been handed in and checked by the Referee, then the opposing captains or managers can view the opposition team's list.
 - iii) A Team must have all the named players available to take the court and be capable of playing the match with honest endeavour.
 - iv) Immediately prior to the start of a Tie, all players not courtside are to be identified to the opposing Captain/Manager and Referee.
 - v) Where a Team List is required to be submitted some time prior to the immediate start of a Tie and, subsequently, a player is unable to take their place on the court then a new Team List must be submitted as soon as practical.

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- vi) If a team list is submitted ahead of the due time and the team lists of the teams have not been released; a team may submit an updated team list with the permission of the Referee.
 - vii) If a player becomes unavailable to play due to illness, injury or some other unforeseen circumstance and has to be replaced before the tie has commenced, a new team list is to be submitted which must only reflect the changes necessary due to the unavailable player. This must be done with the prior approval of the Referee.
- (e) During a tie:
- i) If it is discovered that matches are playing 'out of order' they shall be stopped immediately and replayed in the 'corrected order'. Any finished matches shall also be replayed in the 'corrected order'.
 - ii) If, after the last match in the Tie has been completed, it is discovered that matches have been played 'out of order', the results stand as they are with no replays. No defaults can be claimed or awarded.
 - iii) If a player is incapacitated and is unable to continue, the match in progress shall be forfeited. If team consists of only the minimum number of players all remaining matches in which the incapacitated player is unable to play shall be forfeited.
 - iv) If a team consists of more than the minimum number of players (refer Rule 8(a)) then a substitute must play for the incapacitated player, in that player's position, in the remaining matches of that Tie provided that the substitute complies with Rule 9(a). Teams with more than the minimum number of players on the team's ranking list regardless of whether Reserves are listed or not on the Tie Sheet, must put a player on the court otherwise Rule 9(f)(i) applies.
The other players for that match play as written down. The ranking list order is ignored for this match.
A second substitute can play in the incapacitated player's place for a second match – it does not have to be the same substitute who plays in both matches.
 - v) If a player is incapacitated then that team's Captain or Manager must confer with the opposing Captain or Manager regarding both the incapacitated and substitute players. If there is no agreement the Referee shall be the sole judge and his/her decision is final.
 - vi) The incapacitated side shall retain their points scored while the other side shall take the extra points needed to win the match.
 - vii) If the incapacitated player is unable to start the next match when that is due to be played, then they are not permitted to play any further matches in that tie. They can, however, play in a later tie that day, although they may be asked to produce a medical certificate, if the Referee is concerned about the injury.
- (f) All ties:
- i) Any match(es) defaulted in a Tie other than for injury or illness will also be automatically defaulted by that team for all remaining ties for that season, unless overruled by Badminton New Zealand.
 - ii) If a team has Rule 9(f)(i) invoked then subsequent Team Lists must include defaulted match(es) as if the match(es) are still to be played.
Clarification - If the top doubles position has been defaulted, then the top doubles pair must still be named in the top doubles position, they cannot play as the 2nd pair.

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- iii) When a team has less than the minimum number of players available to take the court at the start of a Tie then the highest position order matches in each event must be filled first with the descending order positions following next.
- iv) Any transgression of Rules 9(d), (e), (f) shall have the affected match(es) disqualified and any match(es) played in a lower position order than the disqualified match(es) shall also be disqualified.
- v) The winner of a Tie shall be the team winning the greater number of matches. If matches won are even, then the winner shall be the team winning the greater number of games, then points, in that order. If all these are even, then the result shall be a draw.
- (g) Round Robin Ranking:
 - i) Those parts of the competition played on a Round Robin basis will have the placings decided by the greatest number of ties won. Should more than one team be equal on the number of ties won, then that equality shall be decided by:
 - (1) If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - (2) If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking order will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - (3) If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - (4) If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - (5) If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - (6) If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are also equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
 - (7) If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - (8) If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost and are equal in the difference between total matches won and total matches lost 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.
 - (9) If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
 - (10) If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
 - (11) Teams that have a drawn tie in a Round Robin shall not toss to break that equality.
- (h) A match conceded due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

- (i) If a team is unable to complete all their ties in a pool, all the results of that team shall be deleted from the pool ranking i.e. They will be automatically relegated.
- (j) Defaults - refer Clause 5.
- (k) All matches in Senior Divisions 1 and 2, Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 shall be umpired.
- (l) Wherever possible all other matches are to be umpired.

10. Order of Play

- (a) The preferred order of play is:
 - i) First, Singles in ascending order (fourth to first) of merit alternating men and women;
 - ii) Second, Doubles in ascending order (second then first) of merit alternating men and women;
 - iii) Third, Mixed Doubles in ascending order of merit.
- (b) Any singles players still unavailable for play five (5) minutes after the conclusion of the last singles match shall have that match(es) defaulted (and Rule 9(f) (i) applies). The same sequence shall be used for the doubles and also for the mixed doubles.
- (c) If the 2 teams and the Referee agree on an order of play, different from that set out in Rule 10(a), then that shall be the order of play for that tie.
- (d) If there is disagreement as to the order of play in any tie, the order of play shall be that as set out in Rule 10(a).
- (e) All Under 17 and Under 15 ties are to play in the following order, with no exception:
 - i) First, Doubles in ascending order of merit (second then first) alternating boys and girls;
 - ii) Second, Singles in ascending order of merit (fourth to first) alternating boys and girls;
 - iii) Third, Mixed Doubles in ascending order of merit (fourth to first).
- (f) All Under 23 ties are to play in the following order – where possible:
 - i) First, Doubles (men’s and women’s);
 - ii) Second, Singles in ascending order of merit (third to first) alternating men’s and women’s;
 - iii) Third, Mixed Doubles in ascending order of merit (third to first).
- (g) All Under 19 and Under 13 ties are to play in the following order – where possible:
 - i) First, Doubles (men’s and women’s);
 - ii) Second, Singles in ASCENDING order of merit (second then first) alternating men’s and women’s;
 - iii) Third, Mixed Doubles in ASCENDING order of merit (second then first).
- (h) The following are permissible orders of play for Senior Division 1:
 - i) Mixed Doubles 2 - Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1
 - ii) Mixed Doubles 1 – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2
 - iii) Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2 – Mixed Doubles 1
 - iv) Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1 – Mixed Doubles 2
 - v) Mixed Doubles 2– Men’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1
 - vi) Mixed Doubles 1– Men’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2

- vii) Mixed Doubles 2 – Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1
 - viii) Mixed Doubles 1 – Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2
 - ix) Mixed Doubles 2 – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1
 - x) Mixed Doubles 1 – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2
 - xi) Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 2 – Mixed Doubles 1
 - xii) Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles 1 – Mixed Doubles 2
 - xiii) Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Mixed Doubles 2 – Mixed Doubles 1
 - xiv) Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Mixed Doubles 1 – Mixed Doubles 2
- (i) Orders of play for Senior Division 1 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles. If all orders of play, result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play (h)(iv) will be used.
Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

11. Results

- (a) Badminton New Zealand shall supply all associations with a template of the Inter-Association Tie Sheets and Referee Report Form. It is the responsibility of the host association to ensure that sufficient copies of each form are available to the competing teams.
- (b) The host association will, within three (3) days of the completion of the Tie(s) forward one (1) copy of the detailed results and a copy of the Referee’s Report to Badminton New Zealand. Failure to do this may render the host team liable to the forfeiture of the points for their Tie(s).

12. Laws of Badminton

- (a) The Laws of the Game applying to all ties shall be those laid down by the Badminton World Federation as published on the Badminton New Zealand website.
- (b) The standard of dress worn on the court during a match shall be as per the Badminton New Zealand Clothing Code as published on the Badminton New Zealand website.
- (c) The Referee has overall charge of the playing of Ties at that venue and has the authority to enforce the Laws of Badminton, The Clothing Code and the By Laws for Inter Association Competition. Where no Referee has been appointed, a person who is familiar with the Inter-association by-laws to be nominated the responsibility of carrying out the duties of the Referee. This nominated person must not be included in the team ranking list of any team playing in the ties at that venue for that weekend.

13. Trophies

- (a) The Senior Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Wisden Cup.
- (b) The Senior Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Slazenger Cup.
- (c) The New Zealand Senior Division 3 winner shall become the holder of the RSL Cup, while the North and South Island winners shall become the holders of the Hawke and Pearce Cups respectively.

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- (d) The North Island Senior Division 4 winner shall become the holder of the W F Smith Cup. The South Island Seniors Division 4 winner shall become the holder of the David Cessford Cup.
- (e) The North Island Senior Division 5 winner shall become the holder of the G E Feist Cup.
- (f) The North Island Masters Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the K Niven Trophy.
- (g) The North Island Masters Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Mrs V Stanford Cup.
- (h) The South Island Masters Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Pryde Cup.
- (i) The South Island Masters Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Canterbury Cup.
- (j) The South Island Masters Division 3 winner shall become the holder of the Whittaker Cup.
- (k) The North Island Veterans Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Massey Cup.
- (l) The South Island Veterans Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Shirley Phillips Trophy.
- (m) The South Island Veterans Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Bill Baker Memorial Trophy.
- (n) The New Zealand Under 23 winner shall become the holder of the Richard Purser Shield.
- (o) The New Zealand Under 19 winner shall become the holder of the Vincent Cup.
- (p) The New Zealand Under 17 winner shall become the holder of the Neil Gardiner Cup.
- (q) The New Zealand Under 15 winner shall become the holder of the Marten Young Trophy.
- (r) The New Zealand Under 13 winner shall become the holder of the Graham Feist Trophy.
- (s) Where medals are awarded to a winning division team, these shall be awarded only to those players who actually played a Tie in the competition. Where medals are awarded at any Under 23, 19, 17, 15, 13 Inter Association event, any player named on a team ranking list and who attended the event shall be awarded a medal.

14. Shuttles

- (a) Badminton New Zealand will approve a brand of shuttle for Senior Division 1 and 2, Under 23, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13. This shuttle must be used by all teams.
- (b) For all other Categories refer to the Guide to Shuttle Usage for Inter Association Competition.

15. Financial Arrangements

- (a) Badminton New Zealand will offer associations the option to either purchase shuttles from Badminton New Zealand or self-supply the required shuttle type for Senior Division 2, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13.
- (b) The teams involved in the New Zealand final of Senior Division 3 shall have travel and hall hire equalised, as per the Badminton New Zealand schedule for costs, and, in addition, Badminton New Zealand shall contribute up to \$1,500 incl. GST on a \$1:\$2 subsidy basis, for these costs.
- (c) The teams involved in the New Zealand Senior Division 3 promotion tie, as per 17(b), shall be eligible for a subsidy from Badminton New Zealand of up to \$1,000 incl. GST on a \$1:\$2 basis, provided that the team is not participating in the Senior Division 3 final and receiving equalisation and subsidy as per 15(c).

- (d) Host Associations may charge hall hire costs for play offs where indicated in the published draw (Seniors are capped at \$60+GST per team per tie. Masters, Veterans, Super Veterans are capped at \$50+GST per team per tie).

Clarification - If all teams in a Division participate in the playoff weekend, then hall costs will not be permitted to be charged.

- (e) For South Island Senior, Masters and Veterans hall hire costs shall be no more than \$60+GST per team per tie.

16. Inter Zone Finals

- (a) Divisions of more than one zone will play inter zone finals. The top two teams of each zone will play in the cup section for the division title. The bottom two teams of each zone will play in the relegation section and the last placed team will be relegated. In circumstances where Promotion/Relegation results in more or less than 9 teams in Senior Divisions 3 and 4 it will be necessary to relegate or promote more than one team.
- (b) Cup Section
 - i) The winner of each zone shall play the runner-up of the other zone in the semi-final. The winners of the semi-final shall then play for the Division title. The losers of the semi-final shall play for third place.
 - ii) If the 2 finalists are even after a count back of games and points they shall be declared joint winners of the respective trophy.
 - iii) Defaults - If a team defaults the draw shall stand and the losing semi-finalist will be placed third.
 - iv) The appropriate trophy shall be available at the Cup Section Tie.
- (c) Relegation Section
 - i) The last two teams from one zone shall play the last two teams of the other zone. The result from zone play shall be deemed to be the result of the unplayed third Tie when calculating final placings.
 - ii) Final placings will be calculated as per Rule 9(g).
- (d) If a team defaults it shall be placed last in the Division and relegated.

17. Promotion and Relegation

- (a) The team that finishes last in Senior Division 1 will play-off against the highest placed Division 2 team which is eligible for promotion. This tie shall be played in the Division 1 format and be played during the Senior Division 1 and 2 event. The team which wins this tie will compete in Division 1 the following year and the team which loses this tie shall compete in Division 2 the following year. If the Division 1 team is relegated and that association already has two teams in Division 2, the third ranked team shall be automatically relegated from Division 2 instead of the team identified in Rule 17 (b).
- (b) The team that finishes last in Senior Division 2 will be relegated to Division 3 for the following year, with the highest ranked team which is eligible for promotion from the North and South Island Division 3 competition to compete for promotion. This tie shall occur during the Division 3 final weekend. Should both of the eligible teams be winners of their respective Division, then no additional ties shall be played. Should neither of the eligible teams be winners of their respective Division, then the promotion tie shall occur simultaneously with the Division 3 final. Should one eligible team be winners of their respective Division, then they shall determine which tie is completed first.
- (c) The team that wins either North Island Senior Divisions 4 and 5; North Island Masters Division 2, 3, 4, 5; North Island Veterans Division 2, 3, 4, Super-Veterans Division 2,

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South Island Masters Division 2 and 3 and South Island Veterans division 2 and 3 shall be promoted to the next division for the following season subject to 2(c).

- (d) The team that comes last in either North Island Senior Divisions 3, 4; North Island Masters Division 1, 2, 3, 4; North Island Veterans Division 1, 2, 3, Super-Veterans Division 1, South Island Masters Division 1 and 2 and South Island Veterans Division 1 and 2; shall be automatically relegated to the next division for the following season subject to 17(a).
- (e) In certain circumstances it may be necessary to promote and/or relegate two teams between divisions.
- (f) If two teams are equal after appropriate count back provisions have been applied, then a coin shall be tossed to determine promotion/relegation.
- (g) Badminton New Zealand holds the right to make overriding decisions on promotion and relegation based on a case by case basis.

18. Protests

- (a) The term Protest as used in these bylaws refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to a player, team or Associations adherence to the Badminton New Zealand Bylaws is made and subsequently resolved.
- (b) There will be no field-of-play protests. The decision of the Referee on all interpretations of the Laws of Badminton shall be final.
- (c) All protests must be made by an Association representative, in writing and emailed to the Badminton New Zealand CEO within 7 days of the alleged offence or cause for complaint.
- (d) A deposit of \$250.00 to the Badminton New Zealand bank account must accompany all protests and must be made before the protest is reviewed.
- (e) The deposit shall be returnable if the protest is successful and results in subsequent action by Badminton New Zealand. If the protest is not successful, the deposit shall be forfeited to the funds of Badminton New Zealand.
- (f) The Badminton New Zealand Inter Association Committee shall determine all protests and disputes in relation to the Badminton New Zealand Bylaws.
- (g) The Badminton New Zealand Inter Association Committee shall determine whether protests are successful or not successful.
- (h) The Board of Badminton New Zealand will select and determine the Badminton New Zealand Inter Association Committee by the 1st March for the season commencing that year.

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Interpretations and Clarifications

The number system used is as per the Bylaws for Inter-Association Competition.

2 (c) Division 1 and 2 teams in 2020.

Division 1 teams in 2020 will include:

1. North Harbour
2. Waitakere
3. Auckland
4. Waikato
5. Canterbury
6. Wellington North

Division 2 teams in 2020 will include:

1. North Harbour 2
2. Auckland 2
3. North Harbour 3
4. Waikato 2
5. Waitakere 2
6. Southland
7. Otago
8. TBC (either Nelson or Wellington)

6 (g) Division 1 and 2 players must not have played in a lower division

Players who are named in the provisional lists at the beginning of the season, may be replaced (due to injury or unavailability). An independent verification is required e.g. Doctor's certificate or business letter.

If the provisional lists do not name all 6 men and 6 women, then any 'gaps' will not be allowed to be filled by a lower division player.

9 (e) (iii) Incapacitated player

If a player is injured during a match and cannot continue, then that match is stopped and the score is written up showing full points to the other side.

If the incapacitated player is unable to start the next match when that is due to be played, then they are not permitted to play any further matches in that tie.

They can, however, play in a later tie that day, although they may be asked to produce a medical certificate, if the Referee is concerned about the injury.

9 (e) (iv) Substitution for Injury

On the Tie sheet, the incapacitated player is crossed out and the substitute's name is written in. The other players for that match play as written down. The ranking list order is ignored for this match.

A second substitute can play in the incapacitated player's place for a second match – it does not have to be the same substitute who plays in both matches.

GUIDE TO SHUTTLE USAGE FOR INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

Feather shuttles will be used for the playing of all Inter Association Ties.

At the start of a Tie each Team should put a tube of shuttles into the shuttle pool. If necessary, extra shuttles should be added to the pool equally. At the conclusion of the Tie the shuttles should be sorted and the use equalised (shuttle per shuttle).

It is unlikely that every team will have the same brand of shuttle. Disputes over which brand to use may arise. When the two teams in a Tie cannot agree which of the two approved brands of shuttle are to be used the following procedure must be used:

- The toss of a coin shall decide the brand of shuttle to be used for the first match.
- The second match shall use the other brand and thereafter on an equal basis.

During Play

A player may only change the shuttle during a match provided that the opponent agrees and the Umpire has given consent.

The main reason for a replacement is a change in the speed of the shuttle being used.

The testing procedure to be used to determine the correct speed is:

- Use a full underhand stroke which makes contact with the shuttle over the back boundary line. The shuttle shall be hit at an upward angle and in a direction parallel to the side lines.
- A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530mm and not more than 990mm short of the other back boundary line.

Managers must keep alert to any likely disputes in this regard. The Umpire has the final decision but many juniors will not have had the experience to handle the situation to the letter of the law.

Wilful Damage

Wilful damage of a shuttle during play is a flagrant offence under the Laws of Badminton and the offending player can be disqualified by the Referee. If a player is disqualified then that corresponding match in all subsequent Ties played by that Team will be automatically disqualified also as per Inter Association Competition By-Laws Rule 9(f).

CLOTHING APPROVED FOR USE IN BADMINTON COMPETITION IN NEW ZEALAND

In order to present an attractive image and enhance the presentation and promotion of badminton, all clothing worn by players at events organised or sanctioned by Badminton New Zealand shall be required to conform to the standards set out below.

It is recommended that all badminton associations and clubs adopt this clothing code to ensure a uniform standard in the sport throughout New Zealand.

Note: any International events held in New Zealand are subject to BWF clothing regulations. The regulations for each event should be checked as there are differences from the regulations below.

1. Definition

- (a) For the purposes of these regulations, articles of clothing shall be defined as:
“Anything worn or carried by the player(s) during play, except the racket and including, but not limited to, pullovers, jackets, shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses, socks, shoes, towels, wristbands, bandages, medical supports and headbands”.

2. Acceptable Types of Clothing

- (a) All of the major items of clothing listed above must be of a type and style intended for use in racket sports. Clothing designed and intended for use primarily in other activities, e.g. running, cycling, triathlons, surfing, football, etc. is not acceptable.
- (b) In all events the wearing of tracksuits is permitted only until play starts.
- (c) Where required for cultural, religious or medical reasons, garments with long sleeves and/or trousers which otherwise comply with this code, are permitted.

3. Colour

- (a) Each article of clothing may be of any colour or combination of colours.

4. Designs on Players' Clothing

- (a) Each article of clothing may only bear a design as provided in Regulation 4.
- (b) Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content. 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.
- (c) The shirt may carry on the front the emblem of a badminton club, association, country or other badminton body.
- (d) A design is allowed when it forms part of an advert permitted by Regulation 7 and falls wholly within the permitted dimensions.
- (e) In New Zealand National Competition only, the clothing of the Badminton New Zealand apparel sponsor will be considered acceptable playing wear.

5. Lettering on Players' Clothing

- (a) Each article of clothing may only have visible lettering as provided in Regulations 5(b) to 5(c).
- (b) The name of the player or player's Club or Association may appear on the back of the shirt, in accordance with Regulations 5(c) to 5(f) or 7.
- (c) Lettering shall be in capital letters in the Roman alphabet.
- (d) If there is a pattern on the back of the shirt, the lettering shall be on a contrasting panel.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Lettering should be horizontal, or as close as practically possible, and placed near the top of the shirt.

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6. Advertising on Players' Clothing

- (a) Articles of clothing may only have advertising as provided in Regulations 6(b) to 6(d).
- (b) The shirt may carry advertising as follows:
 - i) Adverts may appear on the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest. Each advert, including National Flags or Association logos must be 20 square centimetres or less, and there must be no more than three in total and only one per location; and
 - ii) Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and 5cm on the back. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.
 - iii) If, in the Referee's sole judgement, there is a clash between the content of the advertising in 6(b)(ii) 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 6(b)(i).
- (c) Other Clothing
 - i) Each sock and each shoe may carry two adverts provided they are 20 square centimetres or less.
 - ii) Each other article of clothing may carry one advert of 20 square centimetres or less.
 - iii) Clothing worn under players shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses, shall be known as 'underclothing' and not categorised as 'articles of clothing', and if visible must not display advertising.
- (d) The adverts in 6(b) and 6(c) may be the clothing manufacturer's emblem or that of any sponsor.
 - i) Each advertisement shall only be of one organisation or product.
 - ii) Players may not display any tattoos, paints, transfers or similar (which are not on clothing) which are illegal, defamatory or commercial in content.

7. Association/Team Uniforms

- (a) All teams competing in Badminton New Zealand Inter Association competitions must wear an Association/Team uniform. All uniforms must comply with regulations 1-6.
- (b) All members of the team must wear the Association/Team uniform for all matches in a tie. Failure to comply with this regulation will incur a financial penalty as per 7(c) and 7(d).
- (c) If there is no team uniform, there will be a \$250 plus GST penalty imposed on the Association the team is representing. A team may only be penalised once per day but may be penalised on consecutive days, to a maximum of \$500 plus GST.
- (d) If four or more members of a team do not wear a uniform then it will be considered that there is no team uniform and regulation 7(c) will be upheld.
- (e) An individual player who does not wear team uniform will be subject to a penalty of \$50 plus GST. A player may only be penalised once per day, but may be penalised on consecutive days to a maximum of \$250 plus GST. The Association which the player is representing at the time of the penalty will incur the penalty and is responsible for the payment of it.
- (f) All penalties will be issued based on the Referee's report and supporting photographic evidence.
- (g) It is recommended that Associations/Teams who are purchasing new uniforms should have the design checked and approved by the Technical Officials Committee of New Zealand prior to the final production of the uniform to ensure that they meet all

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regulations. Dispensation may be given on the regulations for minor changes to Association uniforms only – this is at the TOCNew Zealand or Badminton New Zealand

8. Referee

- (a) In applying these regulations, the decision of the Referee at each event shall be final. In the absence of the Referee, the responsible official shall have the power of the Referee.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Offence	Incidence of Penalty	Amount
Inter-Association Rules		
Late entry into New Zealand U23, U19, U17, U15 & U13 competitions – refer 2 (f)(iv)	For every incidence	\$250 + GST
Withdrawal of team in I-Assn competition (5a)	For every incidence	\$500 + GST
Non-representation at team Managers Meeting – refer 9 (c)(iv)	For every incidence	\$150 + GST
Failure to comply with the team Clothing Code	Team Penalty – per day	\$250+GST
Failure to comply with the team Clothing Code	For every incidence (Maximum 3 players per team)	\$50+GST
General		
A Yellow card in any Badminton New Zealand sanctioned tournament in a calendar year	For third yellow card Every subsequent yellow card	\$150 + GST \$200 + GST
A Red card in any Badminton New Zealand sanctioned tournament	For red card	\$200 + GST
Failure to comply with the Clothing Code	For every incidence	\$150+GST

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND EVENT CLASSIFICATION

An Open event means any player who is registered to and in good standing with a country which is affiliated to the BWF can enter.

A Closed event means that the players must meet the classification of “New Zealand Player” as defined by 6(b) and 6(c) of the Inter-association by-laws.

Event	Status
New Zealand National Championships	Closed
New Zealand U23 National Championships	Closed
New Zealand U19, U17, U15 and U13 National Championships	Closed
North & South Island Championships	Open
North & South Island U19, U17, U15 and U13 Championships	Open
New Zealand Masters National Championships	Closed

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND SEEDING POLICY

The Badminton New Zealand seeding policy to apply to the following events:

- All National Championships (excluding Masters)
 - All North & South Island Championships
1. The seeding to for each event to be firstly determined by the latest Badminton New Zealand Player Points list for that division. Pairs will be ranked based on the combined total of points for both players in that discipline.
 2. The Badminton New Zealand selectors to have the ability to insert 1 player or pair, per 4 seeds, into the seeding order provided that player or in the case of doubles one or both players, have no player points on the main Badminton New Zealand Player Points list (the main list is the list which includes players who have played 2 or more events in a 12 month period).

Clarification – the selectors may not change the relative order of the seeds as determined by Player Points. The purpose of this policy is to allow for the seeding of players with no player points – i.e. playing out of their age group, an overseas player (in an Open event) etc.

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND SANCTIONED EVENTS

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A Badminton New Zealand sanctioned event means that the event is part of the national player points system (with the exception of New Zealand Masters Championships). All players playing in Badminton New Zealand sanctioned events must be a registered member of an Association affiliated to Badminton New Zealand. Badminton New Zealand may request confirmation of this.

Sanctioned Event Criteria:

- The event is included on the Badminton New Zealand Calendar of Events under the appropriate heading – i.e. Senior or Junior.
- The event conditions of entry and link to on-line entry to be published on the Badminton New Zealand website – to be published at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the event.
- A link to the event results (Tournament Software file) to be published on the Badminton New Zealand website.
- Tournament Planner software is to be used for making the draws and recording the results.
- Online entries using Tournament Planner software to be enabled. It is highly recommended that online entry is the only entry method.
- The Tournament Planner file to be sent to Badminton New Zealand at least 5 days prior to the start of the tournament. Badminton New Zealand will upload the Player Points and confirm the seedings.
- The Association the player represents in a sanctioned event must be aligned with the Association that player represents in the Inter-association competition for that division, i.e. Player X represents abc in the U19 age group so in the U19 events they must be listed as Association abc. This same player represents xyz in the senior division so in a senior tournament they must be listed as xyz association.
- All sanctioned events to include a Badminton New Zealand player levy which Badminton New Zealand will invoice the Association, for every player who enters:
 - Junior and Senior Events - \$12 inc. GST
 - AIMS Games - \$10 inc. GST
- The draws must be made as per the BWF competition regulations; in particular the following:
 - Number of seeds
 - Placement of byes
 - Association split – where possible two players from the same association are not to meet each other in the first round. The top two ranked players/pairs from the same Association to be in separate halves of the draw.
- The most recent Badminton New Zealand Player Points list for the division (i.e. Senior, U19 etc.) being played is used for seeding.
- The seeding for doubles pairs is the total number of points for both players. The higher the total number of points the higher ranked the pair.
- The completed TP file to be sent to Badminton New Zealand within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament.

Non-adherence to the above may result in the withdrawal of sanction for the tournament in hand and for future events, at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand.

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL RANKINGS

National Ranking – Overview

National Ranking points are awarded for all Badminton New Zealand sanctioned events in the following age groups: Senior (Open, includes U23), U19, U17, U15 and U13. In 2020, Badminton New Zealand will begin awarding ranking points for team events, including; Inter-Association (Senior and Junior), National Tertiary Championships, National Secondary School Championships and National Secondary School Junior Championships. Team points are awarded to players based on their performance within their team.

A player's top four results in an age group during the past 12 months are included in their overall points total for each discipline (singles, doubles, mixed doubles). The points from a player's top four results are divided by four – even if the player has played less than four events.

In doubles and mixed doubles, players earn points as individual's, i.e. pairs do not earn points.

First time players moving to a higher age group carry forward 67% of last year's results, with the exception of U19 to senior (no points are carried forward).

National Ranking – Individual Events

Individual ranking points are calculated by multiplying an event tier with a player's result points, and then multiplying by eight.

The Event Tier is assigned to each event by Badminton New Zealand, with low entry numbers reducing the event tier.

The players performance in the event determines their result points. The below table (see Table 1) may be used as a guide to points awarded per event tier.

Points are not awarded for plate of Division 2 events.

Event	Tier	Final Result (Result Points)								
		1 st (50)	2 nd (42.5)	3 – 4 (35)	5 – 8 (27.5)	9 – 16 (20)	17 – 32 (15)	33 – 64 (10)	65 – 128 (7.5)	129 – 256 (5)
NZ Intl	19	7600	6460	5320	4180	3040	2280	1520	1140	760
Oc Intls	18	7200	6120	5040	3960	2880	2160	1440	1080	720
NZ	16	6400	5440	4480	3520	2560	1920	1280	960	640
NI	14	5600	4760	3920	3080	2240	1680	1120	840	560
A	12	4800	4080	3360	2640	1920	1440	960	720	480
B1	9	3600	3060	2520	1980	1440	1080	720	540	360
B	7	2800	2380	1960	1540	1120	840	560	420	280
C	4	1600	1360	1120	880	640	480	320	240	160

Table 1. National Ranking points awarded per event tier.

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL RANKINGS

National Rankings – Team Events

Team Ranking Points are calculated as a total for an event, with points awarded per match dependent on a player's result (see Table 2).

The points that a player earns in all Senior Division 3-5 matches in a calendar year are combined for the Senior Division 3-5 points. These points will be added to the rankings following the conclusion of the final match of the year.

An example of how points are awarded is as follows; A player competes in Wisden Cup, winning 4 matches (1,500 each) and losing 1 match (500 each). They therefore earn 6,500 points.

Event	Win	Loss
Senior Inter-Association – Division 1	1500	500
Senior Inter-Association – Division 2 NZ Tertiary Championships	750	250
Senior Inter-Association – Division 3	250	125
Senior Inter-Association – Division 4	125	65
Senior Inter-Association – Division 5	65	35
Junior Inter-Association – Division 1 NZ Secondary Schools – Division 1 NZ Secondary School Junior – Division 1	600	200
Junior Inter-Association – Division 2-3 NZ Secondary Schools – Division 2 NZ Secondary School Junior – Division 2	250	125

Table 2. Points awarded per match