



## REGULATIONS

*All managers, coaches and players competing in the tournament will be deemed to have read and accepted the conditions under which the tournament is to be conducted. Competitors play at their own risk.*

### 1. Overview

The Championships shall establish at a national event, the top New Zealand tertiary badminton team in each year.

The Championships are sanctioned by University & Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ).

The Championships shall provide an opportunity to every UTSNZ Member Institute to compete in a national event.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. All players must meet the UTSNZ Eligibility and Participation policy.
- b. All UTSNZ Member Institutes shall be eligible to compete.
- c. All UTSNZ Member Institutes are guaranteed a single team in the Championships. Additional teams will be considered and approved at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand and UTSNZ.
- d. Non-Member Institutes may apply for participation; however, the approval of entries is at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand and UTSNZ.
- e. A player may enter one team only.

### 3. General Organisation

- a. The venue and Host Association for the event shall be appointed by Badminton New Zealand.
- b. The maximum number of teams that may enter the Championships will be advised to Member Institutes when entries are called for. The maximum number of teams who can enter is dictated by the number of courts the host Association has available and the duration of the Championships.
- c. Entries will open no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the Championships.
- d. Entries will close five weeks prior to the start of the Championships.
- e. Entry fees will be due to be received prior to the start of the Championships.
- f. Refunds are approved at the discretion of UTSNZ. See UTSNZ Registration and Participation in UTSNZ Events Policy, clause F.
- g. If entries exceed the maximum number of teams the order of acceptance will be in the following order:
  - i. All UTSNZ Member Institutes will be guaranteed one entry.

- ii. Additional teams will be accepted at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand and UTSNZ.
- h. If there are still places available, late entries may be accepted up until the time that the draw is made and at the discretion of Badminton New Zealand and UTSNZ.
- i. Teams will be advised no later than 7 days after the close of entries if they have not been accepted into the competition.
- j. Teams must complete and return the Player Details form no later than two weeks prior to the start of the Championships. This form will outline all players who will participate in the Championships.
- k. Where a player is unable to take his or her place in the team prior to the commencement of the first tie, the team may name a replacement player. The replacement will occur with no financial penalty up to five days prior to the event. All replacements made in the five days prior to the event will incur a \$20 administration fee.
- l. All teams are required to appoint a Team Manager for the duration of the Championships. The event will commence with a compulsory Team Managers Meeting on the first morning of the Championships.
- m. Each team shall be responsible for organising and funding their own travel and accommodation.
- n. Winning teams will be presented with a UTSNZ medal to a maximum of 10 medals. The winning team will be awarded with the Robson University Shield which they will be responsible for until the next event.
- o. This event is 'Smoke, Drug and Alcohol free' at all times.

#### **4. Format**

- a. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two female and two male players and up to a maximum of four female and four male players. These players must be the same for the entire event.
- b. Each tie shall consist of five matches (one Men's Singles, one Women's Singles, one Men's Doubles, one Women's Doubles and one Mixed Doubles).

#### **5. Draw**

- a. Badminton New Zealand has sole responsibility for the creation of the draw.
- b. The format of the Championships will be determined by Badminton New Zealand in conjunction with the Referee with the following conditions:
  - i. If an Institute has two teams in the Championships, Badminton New Zealand has the ability to adjust the positions of the teams in the qualifying round so they do not meet each other in this stage of the event.
  - ii. Play will be on a round robin basis followed by post-section play to determine Championship rankings of all teams. The intention is that all teams have a similar number of ties and will play in all rounds.
- c. The draw and schedule will be published at least seven days prior to the start of the Championships.
- d. Teams will be seeded according to the most recently published Badminton New Zealand Senior Rankings at the time the player details are due. The ranking points from the one

highest Men's Singles, one highest Women's Singles, two highest Men's Doubles, two highest Women's Doubles, one highest male Mixed Doubles and one highest female Mixed Doubles players will be combined to inform seeding.

## **6. Ties**

- a. All matches will be the best of three games to 21 points as per the current BWF scoring system.
- b. A player may only receive advice from their coach during a match when the shuttle is not in play (i.e. when a rally is finished and during the permitted breaks). Coaches must be seated in the designated seats (behind the court, on their player's side) and must not stand court-side except during the permitted intervals.
- c. No player shall play more than two matches in any one tie.
- d. Any matches defaulted in a tie other than for injury or illness will also be automatically defaulted by that team for the rest of the tournament.
- e. If during the playing of a tie a player is incapacitated and is unable to continue, the match in progress shall be forfeited. If a team consists of only the minimum number of players then the remaining match in which the incapacitated player is unable to play shall be forfeited. If a team consists of more than the minimum number of players then one other member must substitute for the incapacitated player in that player's position, in the remaining match of the tie provided clause 6c is complied with.
- f. If a player is incapacitated, then that team's manager must confer with the Referee regarding both the incapacitated and substitute players. The Referee shall be the sole judge and his or her decision is final. If a match is forfeited, the incapacitated side shall retain their points scored while the other side shall take the extra points needed to win the match.
- g. Teams for each tie must be submitted to the Tournament Organiser no later than 60 minutes prior to the start of a tie. Failure to do so may result in that tie being discontinued as per the decision by the Referee.
- h. The order of play shall be: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- i. Feather shuttles will be supplied for all ties by Badminton New Zealand.
- j. The winner of a tie shall be the team winning the greater number of matches.
- k. The Laws of Badminton applying to all the ties shall be those laid down by the Badminton World Federation.
- l. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6.
  - i. The whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;
  - ii. The shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction'.
- m. The section placings shall be decided by the greatest number of ties won.
  - i. If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.



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- ii. If three teams have won the same number of ties, ranking order will be established by the total matches won, with the team having won more matches ranked higher.
- iii. If regulation m.i. leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- iv. If regulation m.i. leaves three or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.
- v. If regulation m.iv. leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- vi. If regulation m.iv. leaves three or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.
- vii. If regulation m.vi. leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- viii. If regulation m.vi. leaves three or more teams equal, the ranking order will be established by drawing lots.
- n. All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws before completing the group matches shall be entirely deleted.
- o. The approved clothing for use in badminton competition in New Zealand is “all major items of clothing must be of a type and style intended for the use in racket sports”. It is mandatory that participating Institutions wear a team uniform that complies with the clothing code. Please see the Badminton New Zealand website – [www.badminton.org.nz](http://www.badminton.org.nz) for the Laws of Badminton and the full clothing code. It is Mandatory that all players wear a team uniform for all matches. Team Uniform is defined as matching shirts and the same colour shorts/skirts.
- p. The Referee has overall charge of the playing of Ties and has the authority to enforce the Laws of Badminton, Badminton NZ Clothing Code or these National Tertiary Championships Regulations. Any objections or complaints must be lodged in writing to Badminton New Zealand within seven (7) days of the incident.
- q. All rules of UTSNZ must be adhered to at all times.
- r. By entering this event, the player hereby agrees and acknowledges that any person, shall have the right to: photograph and/or record on video all and any games or practice conducted during the course of the event, retain such photographs or video recordings for their own use of whatsoever nature, distribute such photographs or video recordings to any other party, display such photographs or video recordings during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever (including, but not limited to: promotional displays of the organisers and/or the sponsors of the event or any similar event, social network sites, the website(s) of the organisers and/or sponsors of the event and of Badminton New Zealand) PROVIDED THAT no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal immoral or unseemly use or purpose.