

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT RULES

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These rules shall apply to all matches in the Badminton Tournament for the 20th Annual Sikh Games – Melbourne 2007.

2. DRAW

- 2.1 The Badminton Tournament shall be conducted in a round-robin series, with the top two players/teams in each group playing off in the Quarter Final followed by a Semi-Final and Grand Final.
- 2.2 These games shall be played indoors.
- 2.3 The program of matches shall provide for a series of matches within the round robin group in which all players/teams shall play each other at least once.
- 2.4 The Organising Committee shall produce a program of matches showing the date, time and venue of matches. This program shall be available to participants prior to the event commencing and can be viewed at the registration point.

3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- 3.1 The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified person/s to the position of Tournament Director.
- 3.2 The duties of the Tournament Director shall be:
- (a) to generally supervise the Tournament on behalf of the Organising Committee.
 - (b) to conduct the Tournament in accordance with the Rules.
 - (c) to appoint a official for each match of the Tournament
 - (d) to adjudicate upon:
 - (i) any matter raised by any player/team in respect of any aspects of the Tournament, and
 - (ii) any matter raised by the officiating umpires
 - (iii) any matter relating to the conduct of any participating player/team or its officials in respect of any match.
- 3.3 The Tournament Director may suspend for one or more matches of the Tournament any player, who has, by his/her behaviour, brought the game of Badminton into disrepute before, during or after any match of the Tournament.

- 3.4 The Tournament Director will be responsible for appointing supporting officials to assist in managing the overall Tournament.

4. UMPIRES

- 4.1. The Organising Committee and/or the Tournament Director shall have the authority to appoint suitably qualified umpires to officiate at all matches.
- 4.2. In any game, the Umpires shall have the authority to administer the rules of play, as set by the Official Rules of Badminton Victoria and by the Organising Committee. Decisions by umpires during the game shall be final and no appeals will be considered.
- 4.3. Any verbal or physical abuse of any Umpire by any player or team official may result in the immediate forfeiture of the game by the offending player/team and the result recorded.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The Team Registration Form is to be submitted to the Organising Committee **by the last date specified on the registration form** together with the registration fee. All information is to be completed, indicating **full names** of all players.
- 5.2 All details must be completed on the Registration Form. Failure to provide all requested information will deem a player ineligible.
- 5.3 The Organising Committee shall, before accepting the registration of any player, be entitled to seek information by whatever means deemed necessary and appropriate to confirm eligibility of the player, and reserves the right to make a final decision with regard to that eligibility.
- 5.4 It is the responsibility of the player to declare and prove eligibility in doubtful cases. This must be made prior to the start of the Tournament.
- 5.5 Although no age restrictions apply to this Tournament, it is preferred that players are above the age of 14 years as this is an "open age" tournament.

6. COMPETITION RULES

6.1 The Games

- 6.1.1 The matches in the Tournament shall be played in accordance with the Official Rules of Badminton as laid down by Badminton Victoria except where modified by the Organising Committee for this Tournament.
- 6.1.2 In the case where the Official Rules of Badminton appear to be in conflict with the Rules set out by the Organising Committee, the Rules set by the Organising Committee shall prevail.

6.2 Points & Ranking

- 6.2.1 The following points shall be awarded:

- (a) three (3) points for a win
- (b) no point for a loss

6.2.2 The total points accumulated at the end of the series of matches shall determine the placings, and hence the Quarter Final play-offs.

6.2.3 If at the conclusion of the series of matches two or more players/teams are equal on number of points, the number of total sets won by each player/team will be compared - with the lowest number of sets won taking the higher rank.

6.3 **Duration of Matches**

6.4.1 All games will have a 2-minute warm – up period before official commencement of the match.

6.4.2 All games (except the Quarter Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final) shall have a time limit of 40 minutes. At the end of 40 minutes the leading player/team will be declared the winner. Preliminary matches are best of 3 sets.

6.4.3 The Final's series will consist of 3 set matches without any time limit.

6.4.4 In the event of injury a 2-minute time out shall be implemented. If the player is not able to continue playing, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition player.

6.4.5 The duration of the matches may be altered depending on the number of player/team registrations received.

6.4 **On Court**

6.5.1 It shall be the responsibility of each player/team to be in position on court at the scheduled time. Failure to do so shall constitute a forfeiture of the game. If the game is forfeited, the opposing team will be awarded three (3) points.

6.5.2 If both opponents are in default as per Clause 6.5.1, the forfeited fixture shall stand as a loss.

6.5.3 In the event of any injury or open wound/bleeding, the match shall be halted while the injury is tended to. A player will have 5 minutes injury time allocated for treatment, in the event that the injury is not treatable in the allocated time, the match shall be forfeited. The umpire shall deem if the player is fit and able to continue the match.

6.5 **Failure to Play/Forfeiture**

6.6.1 If a player/team withdraws from the Tournament before the completion of the series of matches, all matches it had played till then shall be considered as a victory for the opposing player/team. All players/teams scheduled to play the defaulting player/team thereafter shall also be awarded three (3) points as a victory.

6.6.2 A team refusing to play a match on its program shall be considered as having forfeited that game unless it advises the Badminton Co-ordinator that he/she is withdrawing from the tournament. If the game is forfeited, the opposing team will be awarded three (3) points for a win.

6.6.3 A deduction of three (3) points will apply to any team having forfeited a game.

6.6 **Matches Stopped**

6.7.1 Should a match be stopped by an umpire on account of extraordinary conditions, play shall be resumed as soon as possible with the score standing at the time of the interruption, and shall be completed to the end of the regulation time.

6.7 **Disputes/Appeals**

6.8.1 The Appeals Committee shall have the authority to deal with and resolve all disputes, protests, complaints, claims, violations, etc during the course of the Tournament.

6.8.2 Only the player or team in question shall have the authority to raise any matters with regard to the Tournament.

7. **DRESS**

7.1 The Tournament shall be conducted indoors and all players **MUST** wear non-marking shoes. Failure to do so shall deem the player ineligible to take the court.

7.2 Appropriate sportswear is acceptable

8. **UNFORESEEN EVENTS**

8.1 Should circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Rules, they shall be dealt with by the Tournament Director and his/her decision shall be binding on all the parties concerned.