

TECHNICAL RULES FOR

# ISF WSC BADMINTON

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*"We are school sport"*



The competition will be run according to current ISF and BWF rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission for BADMINTON.

**1. Specific ISF regulations are:**

- a. The competition is open both to school teams and to selected teams
- b. There will be a competition organised in the following categories:
  - school teams, boys,
  - school teams, girls,
  - selected teams, boys,
  - selected teams, girls.
- c. Each country may enter only one team in each category.
- d. Each competitor may only compete in one team.

**2. All competitors** of the school team must have been enrolled the same school since the beginning of the school year.

**3. All competitors** of the selected team must have been enrolled at a school in the country concerned since the beginning of the school year.

**4. Students aged** 18, 17, 16 and 15 years on 31 December of the year of the World Schools Championship concerned can participate

**5. Each team** shall be composed of at least 4 students, but 5 at the most and 1 teacher/coach (Non Playing Captain).

**6. Each country** which enters 1 or 2 teams must provide 1 umpire; a country entering 3 or 4 teams must provide 2 umpires. All umpires shall be in possession of a national (highest level) or international qualification.

**7. The athletes** must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent. They must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- a. pupils of vocational schools who only attend that school as a complement to their vocational training,
- b. school teams and pupils enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education,
- c. part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports,
- d. teams formed as part of clubs, companies, universities or other institutions.

**8. Each participating team** must be nominated officially by the organisation responsible for school sport and which is member of ISF.

**9. Only athletes**, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

**10. Mixed teams are not allowed.**

## 11. System of the competition:

- a. The competition system starts with groups followed by a knockout stage. Teams will be placed in preliminary groups of at least 3 teams.
- b. The team competition is organized as a tournament. Each tie consist of two double matches and three single matches.
- c. Beside exceptional circumstances, teams arriving at accreditation with less than four players will be removed from the classification. Exceptional circumstances will be decided by the ISF Technical Commission for Badminton and by the ISF Delegate. In case of an injury during the tournament resulting in a shortage of team players the team will concede the second double match. A player injured during the doubles may not be replaced by the spare player for the singles during that tie. All matches shall be player with shuttlecocks that comply with BWF regulations.
- d. The system of play shall depend on the final number of entries in the tournament. The length of matches may be shortened in the event if a large number of teams is present.
- e. Each team shall consist of 4 or 5 players: 5 matches shall be played in each tie. School team members must be entered in the order of their official ranking confirmed at accreditation (from 1 to 4/5). Selected team members can be entered in a free ranking order.
- f. The school team coach is free to change his/her team for each new tie provided that he respects the order of entry. The order of play shall be the following:
  - Double n. 1: the highest ranked player + another player
  - Double n. 2: the other two players
  - Single n. 1
  - Single n. 2
  - Single n. 3
- g. The selected team coach is free to change his/her team for each new tie. The order of play shall be the following:
  - Double n. 1: free to choose\*
  - Double n. 2: free to choose\*
  - Single n. 1: free to choose
  - Single n. 2: free to choose
  - Single n. 3: free to choose
  - 4 different players will play in the doubles

## 12. Match Procedures

- a. Regulations
  - All matches will be played according to the current official ITF regulations. However matches may be shortened if the number of teams entered does not allow sufficient time
  - Where a match is not umpired or supervised the ITF Regulations for unsupervised matches will apply
- b. Match Procedure
  - For each **TIE** between two countries a team shall consist of a minimum of 4 players
  - The **TIE** will consist of 3 singles matches and 2 doubles matches.

- Each singles and doubles match will be played as the best of three sets. If the match reaches one set all, then the third set will be a 7 point tie break.
- Each set will be first to 4 games. If the match reaches 3 games all, then a 7 point tie break will be played.
- One Coach or Nominated Person may sit on court with the player(s). They must sign and follow the Captains on Court regulations.
- Teams will be expected to play more than one **TIE** in a day
- In the event of adverse weather conditions the event may be played at additional sites and the format may be adjusted.

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NB. Additional information will be included in bulletin 1, 2 and/or 3 of the relevant event