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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Badminton Technical Rules and Regulations “is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Badminton competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Badminton events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all ISF events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and Badminton World Federation (BWF) technical rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission of Badminton. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Badminton events are open to individuals. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The competition is categorised as: boy categories, and girl categories, and mixed categories.
- The composition of each delegation, age category and number of individual that each ISF Badminton event is accepting will be defined for each event accordingly.
- The competition is held in five (5) days for any event type.

AGE CATEGORY

- For the **U15 category**, students aged 13, 14 and 15 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.
- For the **U18 category**, students aged 16, 17, and 18 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.



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2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation
- Deputy Head of delegation (where applicable)
- Additional adults
- Athletes
- Team officials
 - Coaches
 - Other team officials
- Field of play officials

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- HOD shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ISF Technical Commission and the ISF Delegate.
- They may not combine their role of HoD with that of a coach or any other official role.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter one (1) HoD.

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- Number of Deputy HoD depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.
- Number of additional adults depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country which they represent.

TEAM OFFICIALS

Coaches

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- The maximum number of coaches is determined by the number of athletes.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach for each team, per gender.



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Other Team officials

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.
- Each delegation shall enter up to one (1) other team official each per team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- Each delegation shall enter one (1) or two (2) field of play officials (umpires).
- The Field of play officials cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Field of play officials (umpires) shall be in possession international or national qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Badminton technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for field of play officials during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of field of play officials (umpires) will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- Boys and Girls
 - Singles
 - Doubles
- Mixed doubles

ENTRIES PER EVENT

- Two entries from each delegation are permitted in each event.
- One player cannot participate in more than two events.

4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

All matches will be played in accordance with the ISF and WBF technical rules.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

The system of play shall depend on the final number of entries in the tournament. It starts with groups (in each group all players play all other players) followed by a knockout stage. Players will be placed in preliminary groups of at least 3 players. Depending on number of entries the elimination stage could start from 1/8 final or quarterfinal.

The groupings are as follows:



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- 7 players¹ (or less) 1 group (all play all)
- 8 players 2 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 9 players 1 group of 5 players and 1 group of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 10 players 2 groups of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 11 players 1 group of 6 players and 1 group of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 12 players 2 groups of 6 players (all play all + play offs)
- 13 players 3 groups of 3 players and 1 group of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 14 players 2 groups of 3 players and 2 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 15 players 1 group of 3 players and 3 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 16 players 4 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 17 players 3 groups of 4 players and 1 group of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 18 players 2 groups of 4 players and 2 groups of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 19 players 3 groups of 5 players and 1 group of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 20 players 4 groups of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 21 players 3 groups of 5 players and 1 group of 6 players (all play all + play offs)
- 22 players 2 groups of 5 players and 2 groups of 6 players (all play all + play offs)
- 23 players 1 group of 5 players and 3 groups of 6 players (all play all + play offs)
- 24 players 8 groups of 3 players (all play all + play offs)
- 25 players 7 groups of 3 players and 1 group of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 26 players 6 groups of 3 players and 2 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 27 players 5 groups of 3 players and 3 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 28 players 4 groups of 3 players and 4 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 29 players 3 groups of 3 players and 5 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 30 players 2 groups of 3 players and 6 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 31 players 1 groups of 3 players and 7 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 32 players 8 groups of 4 players (all play all + play offs)
- 33 players 7 groups of 4players and 1 group of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 34 players 6 groups of 4players and 2 groups of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 35 players 5 groups of 4players and 3 groups of 5 players (all play all + play offs)
- 36 players 12 groups of 3players (all play all + play offs)

The President of the Technical Commission holds at the disposal of the organizers the grid systems for play off places.

SPECIFIC RULES

See BWF regulations; BWF Statutes, Section 5.2.3

RANKING SYSTEM AFTER GROUP PHASE

Ranking order in the groups:

If two players/pairs have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with

¹ Players mean a player in singles or a pair in doubles



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greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches and have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.

If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.

Knock-out stage:

The draw for the knock-out stage shall be conducted at a Team Managers' Meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the group stage.

The knock-out stage shall be a knock-out draw with winning players/pairs progressing to the next round until a winner is found.

Knock-out stage draw procedure:

Depending on a number of participants and, as a consequence, a number of groups, only winners of groups or winners and players/pairs finishing second in the groups will get the kick-out stage.

The winner of a group with the best results will be placed as first seed in the knock-out draw.

The winner of a group with the second results will be placed as second seed in the knock-out draw.

Other knock-out stage participants will be drawn into the knock-out draw on random basis.

5. DRAW

- The ISF is responsible for establishing, criteria's and fixing timing of the draw.
- The ISF Technical Commission is responsible of the draw.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Jury Appeal. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English. The payment of amount 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Jury Appeal. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.



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