

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Badminton Games shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of National Deaf Games.
- 1.2 The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and with the integration of certain modification on technical rules in compliance with the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This Games is open to Singaporeans, Permanent Residents and Foreigners who are working in Singapore. All the requirements shall follow the General Rules and Regulations.
- 2.2 Participant
 - i) A participant must be a deaf or hard of hearing.
 - ii) A participant is allowed to register a non-deaf participant who must be as follows:
 - a) a child of Deaf Adult
 - b) a parent of Deaf person
 - c) a sibling of Deaf person
 - d) a spouse of Deaf person
 - iii) A non-deaf participant is not eligible to participate in individual events but shall participate in team events: doubles or mixed doubles.

3 FORMAT OF THE GAMES

3.1 Categories

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Mixed Doubles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Boys Under 18
- Girls Under 18

3.2 Events

3.2.1 Doubles

- a) The gender shall be the same (e.g. two males or two females).
- b) The pair shall be either two Deaf persons or a Deaf person with non-deaf participant (refer to Rule No: 2.2 (iii))

3.2.2 Mixed Doubles

- a) The pair shall be one male and one female.
- b) The pair shall be either two Deaf persons or a Deaf person with non-deaf participant (refer to Rule No: 2.2 (iii))

3.3 Type of flooring

The type of floor is either a rubber mat or hardwood.

3.4 Entries

In the case of any event where fewer than 8 entries are received, the event may be cancelled.

3.5 Matches

3.5.1 Singles & Boys and Girls Under 18

- a) This events will be played on a knockout system. The winner of each round will advance into final match to decide the winner.
- b) If the number of entries received is less than eight, it will be played on a round robin system. The two winners of each group progress into elimination stages to decide the medal winners.

3.5.2 Mixed Doubles

- a) This event will be played on a round robin system. The top two finishers from each group will progress into elimination stages to decide the medal winners.
- b) If the number of entries received is higher, the game will be played on knockout format. The winner of each round will advance into final match to decide the winner.

3.5.3 The number of entries to be grouped shall be decided by the draw lot after the total number of entries are finalised.

3.5.4 All qualification matches shall be based 'best of 3 games' based on the 11 rally point system. However, if the number of entries received is higher, the case will most likely be a case whereby all qualification matches shall be 1 game of 30 points.

3.5.5 A win will be awarded 2 points. A lose will be awarded zero point.

3.5.6 The group ranking (ladder standing position) shall be determined by the number of matches/ties won. However in the event of a tie, the following shall apply (in sequence) to determine the winner:

- head to head winner
- a simple draw (toss of coin)
- match replay - one game of 21 points (only if time permits)

4 WALKOVER

- 4.1 The match will be declared a walkover if any shuttler/pair who fails to report to the umpire at the specified court after a 3-minute grace period (time start once umpire is on court) and all points will be awarded to the opponent.

5 RETIREMENT

- 5.1 Any shuttler/pair who decides to retire due injury will have retained their points at point of retirement and concede all remaining points of the match to their opponents.

For example, should a match be retired at 7-9 (5 being the score of the retiring entry), that would mean final score 7-21 (in a single 21-point game) or 7-21, 0-21 (in a best of 3 games if it is in the first game)

6 WITHDRAWAL

- 6.1 Any shuttler/pair who withdraws from competition at any point will be removed from the competition and all scores shall be deemed null and void.

7 DISQUALIFICATION

- 7.1 Shuttler will be disqualified in the event of unruly conduct or cheating.
- 7.2 Disqualification just prior to start of a tie will result in conceding walkover and walkover would mean conceding 0-21 points (in a single 21-point game) or 0-21, 0-21 (in a best of 3 games)
- 7.3 The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify shuttler/s at its discretion and take further disciplinary action that could be in the form of a term ban in National Deaf Games.

8 HEARING AIDS AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT

- 8.1 The use of any hearing aid(s) / amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.
- 8.2 The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter the badminton court during the warm-up and competition period.

9 EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

- 9.1 The Organiser shall decide the competition grade shuttlecocks to be used for this competition.
- 9.2 All shuttlers must be appropriately attired for the matches. Shuttlers shall wear non-marking shoes during the competition.
- 9.3 All double shuttlers from the same team are encouraged to be in uniformed attire.

10 PROTEST

- 10.1 Protests with regard to the rule of play must be made in writing together with the protest fee of **SGD50.00** and submit to the Organising Committee by the end of match together with the protest fee. In the event of the protest being dismissed, the fee will be forfeited.

11 TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Shuttlers/Teams are advised to register their attendance at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match time. Scheduled matches can be called in to play up to 10 minutes earlier if the preceding matches end well ahead of schedule.
- 11.2 For Team events, the team line up must be submitted no later than 30 minutes prior the scheduled match.
- 11.3 Before reporting for games, all shuttlers must bring along and produce his/her membership card of our affiliate members.

Shuttlers who are non-Singapore citizens residing in Singapore must bring along and produce a valid Employment Pass or Work Permit.

Failing which, he/she will not be allowed to compete in the match.

- 11.4 The Rules and Regulations as depicted above are current at the time of printing. The Organising Committee reserves the right to add, delete and/or vary the said Rules and Regulations at any time as it deems fit.

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