



# WAIKATO BADMINTON

## WAIKATO BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (Inc). INTERCLUB COMPETITION 2019

### 1 ENTRIES

Entry to the different rounds of the Interclub competition are open to:

- (a) Clubs affiliated to the Waikato Badminton Association
- (b) Any club/team with the consent of the WBA Board

WBA will announce the dates for Interclub, entries, payments etc. at least one calendar month before the competition is due to start.

### 2 ENTRY FEES

Every club/team entering the competition shall pay in advance an entry fee for each team entered as determined by the WBA Board.

### 3 INTERCLUB COMPETITION

The Events Manager presides at the Interclub Delegates' Meeting, administers the competition and reports to the CEO, who may instruct changes to be made, through the Events Manager.

- a) Any club may, subject to these Rules, enter one or more teams in any grade.
- b) The WBA Events Manager may regrade any team or player: the club may appeal against this and notify the Events Manager of their intention in which case a subcommittee of the WBA Board will convene within 7 days to consider this.

**Grading guidelines are outlined in appendix 1.**

- c) The Dallinger Cup Grade shall be for players B Grade and above. Teams may include ONE (1) A Grade player excluding A+ players as per the WBA Ranking List.
- d) The Presidents Grade shall be for players C Grade and below.
- e) The Russ Proctor Cup Grade shall be for male players B-grade and below.

### 4 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS:

NB: From time to time, due to player availability, the Convenor may approve teams of different composition e.g. 1 man, 3 women.

#### Round 1:

- A Grade 2 men and 2 women
- B Grade 2 men and 2 women
- C Grade 2 men and 2 women
- D Grade 2 men and 2 women

## **Round 2:**

Dallinger Cup 3 men and 3 women

Presidents Grade 3 men and 3 women

Russ Proctor Cup 4 players (men only)

## **5 THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- a) Only current full WBA members (affiliated to a club) are eligible to play in any team entered by that club.
- b) No one shall play for more than one club without the consent of the Events Manager. Affiliated players may play for the club of their choice.
- c) No player who has played two ties in any grade shall then in the same competition play in a lower grade.
- d) When a club has more than one team in a grade, a named player can substitute for another team for no more than two ties for that team in the current competition.
- e) Players cannot play, or be named in two teams in the same competition without approval from the Events Manager prior to a tie, e.g. two B-grade teams or two Dallinger teams. Players in the Russ Proctor competition may also play in the B-grade competition or the Dallinger cup but not both. (That is they may not play in three teams).
- f) Substitutes are nominated reserve players or players of a similar or lower level to the player that they are replacing to be prior approved by the interclub convener(s).
- g) Players playing a semi-final or final must previously have played two ties for that team.

## **6 THE DRAW**

- a) The Events Manager shall call for entries and fees for the competition to be lodged with at least two weeks' notice prior to the competition and on the receipt of entries and fees shall prepare the draw for each grade, which will be announced at an interclub delegates' meeting one week prior to competition starting.
- b) The draw shall provide for:
  - 1 The division of any grade into such sections as the WBA determines.
  - 2 The dates between which each tie is to be played.
  - 3 The home team for each tie shall be the first team named.
- c) Each club shall, when lodging an entry shall include the contact details of the person responsible for arranging ties.
- d) Each club shall provide the Events Manager with a complete and final list of team members and reserves with the first tie results, including team captains' contact details, by or at the delegates meeting before the competition starts, failure to do so may result in that team not being allowed to play in that round.
- e) The Events Manager has the right to re-grade any team(s) and / or players who are believed to be entered into an incorrect grade based on historical results achieved in the interclub competition and / or other WBA events.

## **7 ORDER OF MATCHES**

NB: taking account of section 4 above.

### **Round 1: A, B, C and D Grades:**

2 men's singles, 2 women's singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles, 2 mixed doubles.

### **Dallinger and Presidents:**

3 men's doubles, 3 women's doubles and 3 mixed doubles.

### **Russ Proctor:**

4 singles and 6 doubles.

## **8 PLAYING OF TIES**

a) All B & C Grade ties to be played on Tuesday evenings at the Eastlink Badminton Stadium and Cambridge Badminton Stadium if necessary. Russ Proctor ties to be played on any night as agreed by teams.

b) Teams can be defaulted if no players have arrived 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the tie, unless the delay is due to circumstances beyond the control of the whole team.

c) Unless otherwise agreed, individual players shall be defaulted from:

- Singles, if they do not arrive before the last playable singles match is finished and;
- doubles and mixed doubles if they do not arrive before the last doubles match is finished.

d) A player who defaults a match shall have all their following matches defaulted in that tie.

e) Before play the home captain shall notify the visiting captain of any local rules (e.g. venue restrictions due to height of ceiling)

f) Before play captains shall list their players and order of play. Once the team sheet has been completed and the tie has commenced no player shall be replaced.

g) Players and pairs are to be listed in order of strength for singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

i) Order of matches: singles (if played) must be played before doubles or mixed doubles unless the team captains from both teams have agreed to play the tie in a different order.

j) If a reserve has played or players have played out of order an explanation must be given.

k) WBA to provide all shuttles for the B & C Grades. Russ Proctor to receive 4 tubes at the start of the competition after which any additional shuttles are to be supplied by the teams.

l) Subject to these Rules, the Laws of the Game shall be those adopted by the BWF (Inc).

m) The rally point system – best of 3 games to 21 with setting shall be used.

n) The winner of a tie shall be the team winning:

1 The greatest number of matches, if there is an equality of matches then

2 The higher value of games won minus games lost, if there is still equality then

3 The higher value of points won minus points lost; if it is equal the result shall be a draw.

The captain of the HOME team shall forward a completed WBA result sheet/ attachment to the WBA Office no later than the Wednesday following the tie.

## **9 INTERCLUB POINTS**

a) Each team shall play every other team in the same grade (or section of a grade) at least once.

b) Interclub points shall be awarded to each team as follows:

For winning the tie: 3 points; For drawing the tie: 1 point; For each match won in the tie: 1 point

c) After completion of all ties in the draw, the first place shall be the team with the most interclub points and so on. Where there is an equality of interclub points the top team shall be the team having won:

- 1 The greatest number of ties, or if there is an equality of ties, then
- 2 The winner of the "head to head" tie(s), or if there is an equality of head to head ties, then
- 2 The greatest number of matches, if there is an equality of matches then
- 3 The greatest number of games for minus games against, if there is an equality of games, then
- 4 The greatest number of points for minus points against.

Where the result is still a draw, a coin shall be tossed.

#### **10 REPLAYING OF TIES:**

When a tie has been abandoned in circumstances beyond the control of players the Event Manager must be advised and it shall be replayed at the earliest convenient date.

#### **11 FINALS:**

Semi-finals (if applicable) and finals are to be determined by the Events Manager dependent on number of entries, but will normally be: between the 1st and 4th highest scoring teams and between the 2nd and 3rd highest scoring teams in each grade. The Final shall be played by the winning team of each semi-final.

#### **12 JUDICIAL:**

When the Events Manager has appointed a Referee for a tie, subject to these rules, his/her decision in regard to any dispute arising during the tie shall be final.

#### **13 PENALTIES:**

If there has been a breach of these Rules, the Events Manager, in consultation with the WBA CEO, or WBA Board may penalise the offending team. The team has 7 days in which to appeal that decision in writing to the president of WBA who shall consult with the WBA Board.

#### **Appendix 1. Player Grading Guidelines.**

These guidelines are to be followed by all teams and players. If in doubt about a player's grading, please seek advice from the Events Manager before the competition / round / tie starts.

#### **1. The WBA Grading lists for male and female players shall determine the grade each player may be entered with the following added guidelines:**

- Where no A Grade Interclub competition is played, ONE (1) A Grade player may be included in a B Grade team as long as the team features a maximum of ONE (1) B+ players
- A+ players may not play in the B Grade competition
- Where a Club has insufficient B Grade players to enter a B Grade team, ONE (1) B Grade player may be included in a C Grade team as long as the team features a maximum of ONE (1) C+ players
- All C+ players can play in the C Grade competition
- All B+ players can play in the B Grade competition
- All A+ players can play in the A Grade competition if held

#### **2. The WBA Grading Lists can be found on the Waikato Badminton Website**

- <http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz/events/wba-interclub/>