



WAIKATO BADMINTON

WAIKATO BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (Inc). INTERCLUB COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2021

1 ENTRIES

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

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

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 or by the competition start date, an entry fee for each team entered as determined by the WBA Board/Staff.

3 INTERCLUB COMPETITION

The WBA 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 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/Staff 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 below. Teams may include ONE (1) A Grade player excluding A+ players as per the WBA Grading 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.
- f) The Women's Interclub Grade shall be for female players B Grade and below. Note, this competition is being trialled in 2021 and will only proceed subject to WBA also receiving a minimum number of 4 team entries in each B and C Grade Interclub competitions involving females, and WBA receiving 4 entries to the Women's Interclub competition.

4 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS:

NB: From time to time, due to player availability, the Events Manager 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 Cup 3 men and 3 women

Russ Proctor Cup 4 players (men only)

Women's Interclub 4 players (women 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, to be prior approved by the Events Manager.

e) Players cannot play, or be named in two teams in the same competition round 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 or Women's Interclub competition may also play in the Presidents Cup 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 Events Manager. Any substitutes not on the reserves list that wish to play must lodge in writing a request to the Events Manager no later than 12pm the Friday before the tie they would like to play in.

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 for the competition to be lodged with at least two weeks' notice prior to the competition and prepare the draw for each grade prior to 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 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, including team captains' contact details, by the Interclub delegates meeting one week prior to competition starting, as failure to do so may result in that team not being allowed to play in that competition 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 its Grading Policy (available on the WBA website).

f) WBA reserves the right to cancel a competition in which insufficient entries are received, or if time does not permit a full competition to be played.

7 ORDER OF MATCHES

NB: taking account of section 4 above.

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

In 2021, WBA is trialling the following format:

1 men's singles, 1 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:

In 2021, WBA is trialling the following format:

2 singles and 6 doubles.

Women's Interclub:

In 2021, WBA is trialling the following format:

6 doubles.

8 PLAYING OF TIES

a) All A, B, C, and D Grade ties (Round 1) along with Dallinger Cup and Presidents Cup ties (Round 2) are to be played on Tuesday evenings at the Eastlink Badminton Stadium and Cambridge Badminton Stadium if necessary. Russ Proctor and Women's Interclub ties are to be played on any night and venue 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. WBA recommends that players are ready to play the first match within 10-15 minutes of the scheduled start of the tie (first 15 minutes being the time provided for team introductions and warm-ups).

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 merit 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 at least be given to the Events Manager.

k) WBA to provide 1 tube of shuttles per tie in the A, B, C, D Grade (Round 1) competition. WBA to provide 1.5 tube of shuttles per tie in the Dallinger Cup and Presidents Cup (Round 2) competition. WBA to provide Russ Proctor teams and Women's Interclub teams with shuttles prior to 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 Badminton World Federation.

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 equal number of matches then

2 The greatest number of games won minus games lost. If there is an equal number of games then

3 The greatest number of points won minus points lost. If this is an equal number of points then the result shall be a draw.

The captain of the HOME team shall forward a completed WBA result sheet / attachment to the Events Manager 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

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 equal number of Interclub points, the top team shall be the team having won:

1 The greatest number of ties. If there is an equal number of ties then

2 The "head to head" tie(s). If there is an equal number of head to head ties then

3 The greatest number of matches. If there is an equal number of matches then

4 The greatest number of games won minus games lost. If there is an equal number of games then

5 The greatest number of points won minus points lost. If this is an equal number of points then

6 A coin shall be tossed.

10 REPLAYING OF TIES:

When a tie has been abandoned in circumstances beyond the control of players the Events 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:

If/When the Events Manager has appointed a Convenor/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 WBA President who shall consult with the WBA Board.

14 OVERALL REGULATIONS

These regulations may be changed at the discretion of the Events Manager or WBA CEO

Appendix 1. 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 Policy and WBA Grading Lists can be found on the Waikato Badminton Website - <http://www.waikatobadminton.co.nz/events/wba-interclub>**

- 2. The WBA Grading Lists for male and female players shall determine the grade each player may be entered with the following added guidelines:**
 - All D+ players can play in the D Grade competition
 - 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
 - Where a Club has insufficient A Grade players to enter a A Grade team, 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+ player OR ONE (1) A Grade player. 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+ player OR ONE (1) B Grade player. B+ players may not play in the C Grade competition.
 - Where a Club has insufficient C Grade players to enter a C Grade team, ONE (1) C Grade player may be included in a D Grade team as long as the team features a maximum of ONE (1) D+ player OR ONE (1) C Grade player. C+ players may not play in the D Grade competition.