



WAIKATO BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (Inc). INTERCLUB COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1 ENTRIES

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

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

2 ENTRY FEES

Every club/team entering the competition shall pay in by the second round of competition, an entry fee for each team entered as determined by the WBA Board/Staff.

3 INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

The WBA Events Manager administers the competition and reports to the CEO, who may instruct changes to be made, through the WBA 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 WBA 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 B Grade division shall be for players B Grade and below. Teams may include ONE (1) A Grade player as per the WBA Grading List.
- d) The Dallinger Cup Grade shall be for players B Grade and below. Teams may include ONE (1) A Grade player as per the WBA Grading List.
- e) The C Grade division shall be for players C Grade and below.
- f) The Presidents Grade shall be for players C Grade and below.

(All competitions shall proceed subject to WBA receiving a minimum number of 4 team entries)

4 COMPOSITIONS OF TEAMS:

Round 1:

B Grade 2 men and 2 women

C Grade 2 men and 2 women

Round 2:



Dallinger Cup 4 men and 2 women

Presidents Cup 4 men and 2 women

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. Affiliated players may play for the club of their choice.
- c) Players may only represent a team which they are a full affiliated club member.
- d) No player who has played two ties in any grade shall then in the same competition play in a lower grade.
- e) Players cannot play or be named in two teams in the same competition round.
- f) Players playing a semi-final or final (or similar playoff situation) must previously have played two ties for that team.
- g) If prior approval is not sought, then matches with the said player can be walked over.

6 THE DRAW

- a) The WBA 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 one week prior to the competition.
- b) The draw shall provide for:
 - a. The division of any grade into sections as WBA determines.
 - b. The dates between which each tie is to be played.
 - c. The home team for each tie shall be the first team named.
- c) Each club shall, when lodging an entry include the contact details of the person responsible for arranging ties.
- d) Each club shall provide the WBA Events Manager with Club team captains' contact details, who shall be the main point of contact and responsible for their teams throughout the competition.
- e) The WBA 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 B Grade:

1 men's singles, 1 women's singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles, 3 mixed doubles. Each player on the team must play three matches.

Round 1 C Grade:

1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles, 4 mixed doubles. Each player must play with each teammate.

Dallinger B Grade Cup:

1 men's singles, 1 women's singles, 4 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 3 mixed doubles.

Presidents C Grade Cup:

4 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 4 mixed doubles.

8 PLAYING OF TIES

- a) Both B and C Grade ties (Round 1) along with Dallinger Cup and Presidents Cup ties (Round 2) are to be played at the venue of the home team of each tie. Eastlink Stadium may be used as a home venue.
- 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) If a team defaults from a tie, they will be disqualified from the rest of the tournament. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the WBA Event Manager can exempt teams from disqualification and a tie be rescheduled.
- d) Unless otherwise agreed, individual players shall be defaulted from:
 - a. singles, if they do not arrive before the last playable singles match is finished and
 - b. doubles and mixed doubles if they do not arrive before the last doubles match is finished.
 - c. 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. In all instances the order of merit shall follow the following sequence:
- h) In order of grade as listed on the latest WBA Grading List published on the WBA website.
- i) If two (or more) players are of the same grade:
 - a. Senior players shall be in a higher order than Junior players who are then considered to be in a higher order than Master/Vets/Super Vets players.
 - b. Current Representative-level players (within the last 12 months) shall be in a higher order than other players.
 - c. If a player has no WBA grade the team shall list them at their best discretion.
 - d. Any queries shall be brought up with the WBA Events Manager before the tie commences.
- j) 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.
- k) If a reserve has played or players have played out of order an explanation must at least be given to the WBA Events Manager.
- l) WBA to provide 1 tube of shuttles per tie in the B and C Grade (Round 1) competition. WBA to provide 1.5 tube of shuttles per tie in the Dallinger Cup and Presidents Cup (Round 2) competition.
- m) Subject to these Rules, the Laws of the Game shall be those adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
- n) The rally point system – best of 3 games to 21 with setting shall be used.
- o) The winner of a tie shall be the team winning:
 - a. The greatest number of matches. If there is an equal number of matches, then:

- b. The greatest number of games won minus games lost. If there is an equal number of games, then:
 - c. The greatest number of points won minus points lost. If this is an equal number of points, then the result shall be a draw.
- p) The captain of the HOME team shall forward a completed WBA result sheet / attachment to the WBA Events Manager no later than the end of the week (Sunday) 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:
- c) For winning the tie: 3 points; For drawing the tie: 1 point
- d) 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:
 - a. The “head-to-head” tie(s). If there is an equal number of head-to-head ties, then:
 - b. The greatest number of ties. If there is an equal number of ties, then:
 - c. The greatest number of matches. If there is an equal number of matches, then:
 - d. The greatest number of games won minus games lost. If there is an equal number of games, then:
 - e. The greatest number of points won minus points lost. If this is an equal number of points, then:
 - f. A coin shall be tossed.

10 REPLAYING OF TIES:

When a tie has been abandoned in circumstances beyond the control of players the WBA 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 WBA Events Manager dependent on number of entries but will typically 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 PENALTIES:

If there has been a breach of these Rules, the WBA 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.

13 OVERALL REGULATIONS

These regulations may be changed at the discretion of the WBA 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 WBA 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.**