

International Island Games Association

The Sports and Sports By-Laws

PART 1 – GENERAL

This Section applies to all of the approved Sports as listed below.

Section 1 - The Sports

1.1 The Approved Sports are:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowls – one from Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls or Ten Pin Bowling
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Sailing - may also include Sailboarding
- Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball - may also include Beach Volleyball

1.2 For clarification Sailing and Sailboarding are not separate sports.

1.3 For clarification Volleyball and Beach Volleyball are not separate sports

1.4 'Bowls' shall include Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls and Ten Pin Bowling but only one discipline can be held at a Games.

Section 2 - The Responsibilities of the Host Island Organising Committee

2.1 The IIGA retains overall control of the Games.

2.2 The Organising Committee shall ensure all sports operate under the IIGA Constitution Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.

- 2.3** The Host Island Organising Committee (hereafter called 'the Organising Committee') shall provide medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment
- 2.4** The Organising Committee shall ensure that each sport in the Games is overseen by a Technical Committee.
- 2.5** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for appointing all Sports Technical Officials for the Games
- 2.6** The Organising Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Sports Director who shall be responsible for ensuring that each sport is properly administered.
- 2.7** The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced Coordinators for each sport; who will, in partnership with the Host Island's Sport Governing Body, be responsible for arranging the competitions and ensuring that all necessary venues and facilities meet with the requirements of the IIGA Guidelines and Sports By-laws. Any doubt that exists as to the suitability of any venue or facility must be reported immediately to the Executive Committee by the Organising Committee.
- 2.8** Each Sport Coordinator shall arrange a suitable date, time and venue for both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings.

Section 3 - Sports Team Managers Meetings

3.1 Arrangements

- 3.1.1 Each Sport Coordinator shall be responsible for:
- Notifying all of the competing Member Islands Team Managers, the Chairman and/or Secretary of the Technical Committee and the General Secretary of the IIGA of the date, time and venue of the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers meeting 2 weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
 - Ensuring that the date, time and venue of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting are confirmed during the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
- 3.1.2 The Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman of that Sport's Technical Committee.
- 3.1.3 The Secretary to that Sport's Technical Committee shall act as Secretary for the Meeting.

3.2 Attendance – those entitled to attend are:

- A maximum of 2 representatives of each of the competing Member Island Sports Teams
- The Technical Committee including any Co-opted Members for that sport.
- An Observer from the Sport's International Federation (if appropriate).

- The Senior Official responsible for conducting the event
- The Host Island Sport Coordinator.
- The future Host Island Sport Coordinator
- The IIGA Officers and Executive Committee Members.

3.3 Voting Rights

3.3.1 1 vote only per Member Island present

3.3.2 The Chairman shall have the casting vote if required.

3.4 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.4.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 3 The Chairman should: -
 - Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
 - confirm those voting Members present
 - confirm the Programme and Order of Events
 - clarify the Rules e.g. seeding
 - notify meeting of withdrawals etc.
 - explain the procedures to be followed
 - confirm arrangements for training and warm-up
 - medal presentations
 - explain the appeals process
 - take questions from the floor
- 4 Appoint of a Jury of Appeal
- 5 Any Other Business
- 6 Confirm the day, time and place of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

3.5 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.5.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
 - 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
 - 3 The Chairman should: -
 - Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
 - Confirm those voting Members present
 - 4 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting (if available)
 - 5 Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 6 Review all aspects of the current Games:
 - pre-Games information
 - entries
 - programme
 - officiating
 - results service
 - 7 Agree an outline Programme for the next Games
 - 8 Formulate recommendations, if any, for the next Organising Committee
 - 9 Review the sport specific IIGA By-laws and forward any proposed amendments to the Technical Committee.
 - 10 Elect a Technical Committee to serve until the conclusion of the next Games. Contact details for the Chairman and Secretary to be noted in the Minutes of the meeting.
 - 11 Any Other Business
- 3.5.2 The Sports Coordinator for the next Games should, if possible, be present at this meeting.
- 3.5.3 Within 2 months of the Closing Ceremony of the Games
- Minutes of both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Manager Meetings should be sent to the General Secretary of the IIGA, the Sports Coordinator of the next Host Island, to each Member Island that participated in the sport, and to any new Member Island
 - **The General Secretary of the IIGA must be informed of the names and contact details for both the Chairman and Secretary of the newly elected Sports Technical Committee**

Section 4 - The Sports Technical Committees

4.1 Meetings

The Technical Committee may meet at such times as is deemed necessary during the course of the Games.

4.2 Appointment

Each Sports Technical Committee:

- Will be elected at the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting and serve until the conclusion of the next Games.
- Shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Sports Team Members, preferably from different Member Islands.
- Shall have either a permanent Chairman or Secretary to ensure continuity.
- Include a representative from both of the future Host Islands (if applicable).

4.3 Roles & Responsibilities

4.3.1 Each Technical Committee shall:

- Oversee the Technical arrangements for their sport during the Games.
- Ensure that all sports shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.
- Each Technical Committee may co-opt non-voting persons to act as advisers.

4.3.2 In the period between the Games the Technical Committees will act in an advisory capacity for the Executive Committee, the next Host Island Organising Committee and Sport Coordinator.

4.3.3 Any proposed amendment to the Sports By-laws must be forwarded by the Technical Committee to the General Secretary of the IIGA no later than 6 months before the Games at which the changes will come into effect for approval by the IIGA Executive Committee.

Section 5 – Jury of Appeal

5.1 The Jury of Appeal for all sports will:

- Be appointed at the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
- Consist of a panel of 5 Members, preferably from different competing Member Islands, plus a non-voting Secretary.
- Have no more than 40% of the Members from 1 Member Island.

- Require a minimum of 3 Members, plus the Secretary, to hear an appeal.
- A Member of the Jury of Appeal cannot participate in an appeal which concerns a competitor from the same Member Island.
- Permit the official International Federation Delegate/Observer of the sport or event to attend if present at the Games but not have a vote.

Section 6 Protests and Complaints

6.1 Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court. The Court will not deal with any protests or complaints made against a referee or other official regarding placing, fouling or other facts of the competition save for exceptional circumstances.

PART 2 – SPORTS SPECIFIC BY-LAWS

Section 6 - The Sports By-laws

Badminton By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

- 1.1** The Badminton competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations shall also operate in accordance with the Laws of Badminton and the Regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- 1.2** The Organising Committee must apply to the BWF for sanction for the Tournament being part of a multi-sport event.

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Individual Competition

2.1.1.1 Singles

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| Men | a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island |
| Women | a maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island |

2.1.1.2 Doubles

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| Men | a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island |
| Women | a maximum of 2 pairs per Member Island |

2.1.1.3 Mixed Doubles a maximum of 4 pairs per Member Island

2.1.2 Team Competition a maximum of 1 Team per Member Island

2.1.3 A Team to consist of a maximum of 5 men and 5 women competitors per Member Island.

2.1.4 Each Member Island competing in the Badminton events shall also be required to complete a separate consolidated entry form showing all players nominated for the Team Event in rank order, as well as listing its entries in each of the Individual Events (as per 2.1.1.1, 2.1.1.2 and 2.1.1.3). Member Islands will also provide information on this form to support any possible Team and Individual event seeding. This form shall be submitted to the Badminton Technical Committee in order to facilitate the determination of the seeding for making the draw.

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years, competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee and Umpires all of whom shall be suitably qualified. There shall be a sufficient number of umpires to cover the requirements of the competition, ideally

~~8 umpires for 4 courts~~

10 umpires for 5 courts

12 umpires for 6 courts or more

Should an Organising Committee have problems in providing the specified number of umpires, advice should be sought from the Technical Committee, but ultimately it will be an Organising Committee decision.

2.4 Events

Subject to the Host Island having the facilities available and appropriate entries the following events shall take place:-

2.4.1. Individual

Men's Singles Men's Doubles

Women's Singles Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles

The Organising Committee may choose to hold a Plate Competition for ANY of the events above. There will be no official Medals for the Plate Competition.

2.4.2 Team

The Team Event shall consist of 5 matches, comprising 1 Mixed Doubles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Doubles and 1 Men's Doubles.

2.5 Training

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 Where possible courts should be available for a minimum of 2 days prior to competition commencing for practice/training.

2.6 Draws

2.6.1 The Technical Committee (unless the BWF decides it wishes to do so) shall draw up the seedings for both the Team Event and the Individual Events.

2.6.2 The draw for the Team Event and the Individual Events shall be made by the Organising Committee in accordance with BWF Regulations and should be undertaken with guidance from the Technical Committee.

- 2.6.3 The seeding for the Team Event to use the following criteria:
- The final results from the previous Games (held two years before) should be used as the starting point for deciding the seeding and for placement into the lower placing banded group.
 - Once all seedings and bands are complete, teams from each band will be drawn at random into the appropriate groups (see badminton guidelines).
 - Players current form should be taken into account when assessing seeding and team managers should provide additional supporting information as per rule 2.1.4.
 - BWF rankings to be considered if available
 - Final decision at the discretion of the Technical Committee.
- 2.6.4 The seeding for the Individual Events to use the following criteria:
- Known results from the Previous Games (held two years before)
 - BWF rankings
 - Supporting information from team managers as per rule 2.1.4
 - All other entries to be drawn at random

2.7 Venues

The minimum number of courts is 5, but 6 courts are preferable, in 1 hall or 2 halls close together. The recommended distance between courts and end of the halls is 2.08m with 3.80m behind each end of the courts. The hall shall be a minimum of 9 metres high. Halls that do not meet minimum dimensions must be referred to and approved by the Technical Committee.

2.8 Equipment

Top grade feathered shuttlecocks are to be used throughout competition.

2.9 Clothing

The Regulations of the BWF concerning coloured clothing and advertising on clothing at multi-sports events shall apply, provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

2.11.1 Individual Medals for the individual tournament will be awarded as follows:

Men's Singles	1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
Women's Singles	1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)
Men's Doubles	2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi - finalists)

Women's Doubles 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi- finalists)

Mixed Doubles 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze (losing semi-finalists)

Losing semi-finalists, in the Individual Tournament only, will receive bronze medals, providing they have not been defaulted under the Code of Conduct.

2.11.2 Team Medals will be awarded to all Members of the medal winning Teams.

A maximum of 10 Gold, 10 Silver and 10 Bronze medals will be required.

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee See PART 1 – GENERAL Section 4 – The Sports Technical Committees

3.1 Appointment – See Section 4.2 - page 5

3.2 Meetings – See Section 4.1 - page 5

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings - See PART 1 – GENERAL Section 3 – Sports Team Mangers Meetings

4.1 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting – See Section 3.4 - page 3

4.2 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting – See Section 3.5 - pages 3 & 4

4.3 Jury of Appeal – See Section 5 - pages 5 & 6

Section 5 - Individual Competition

5.1 The Individual Events will be open only to those players entered in the Team Event, and in the case of any Island not entering the Team Event, to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women from such an Island subject to clause 5.3 hereof.

5.2 All events shall be played on a knockout basis with seeding.

5.3 A Member Island may enter a maximum of 4 players in the Men's Singles, a maximum of 4 players in the Women's Singles, a maximum of 2 pairs in the Men's Doubles, a maximum of 2 pairs in the Women's Doubles and a maximum of 4 pairs in the Mixed Doubles. Only players representing the same Member Island may play together in the Doubles events.

5.4 Substitutes will be permitted in Team Event and Individual Tournament , after the entries have closed and prior to the start of the Games, in the event of a withdrawal

through injury (in all events). The replacement will be inserted into his/her relevant ranking in the team event. In the individual events, the withdrawn player may be replaced in the singles event, in the doubles events the pairings for that Island can be altered as long as it is not seen to become stronger than the original pairing to gain a tactical advantage. In the case that these changes affects a seeded pair the referee will need to consider the extent of imbalance caused to the draw. Redraws should be avoided as per BWF regulations unless a major imbalance is caused. All changes must be made with the consent of the Referee, subject to BWF Regulations.

- 5.5** Injury replacements, once the Games and the Badminton event has started are permitted. This allows a player to withdraw from one discipline and still continue to compete in other disciplines. Any registered player not already competing in that event may replace the injured player directly as long as:
- (i) in the singles individual event the island had entered the maximum number of players.
 - ii) for the doubles events it is not seen to become stronger than the original pairing to gain a tactical advantage.
- All changes require the consent of the Referee and are subject to BWF regulations.

- 5.6** No individual match should commence after 2300 hours.

Section 6 - Team Competition

- 6.1** Each Member Island may enter a maximum of 1 Team in the Team Event. A Team must consist of a minimum of 2 men and 2 women and a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. Teams shall be divided into groups according to the number of entries so that each group consists of a minimum of 3 Teams. When there are 2 or more groups, 4 seeded Teams shall be placed or drawn accordingly.
- 6.2** In each group, each Team will oppose each of the other Teams in a tie. Matches shall be played in the order on the Team sheet i.e. XD, WS, MS, WD, MD. This may be altered at the request of both Team Managers and with the agreement of the Referee. A player is entitled to an interval of 30 minutes between matches. No tie should commence after 2100 hours.
- 6.3** No player shall be permitted to take part in more than 2 matches in any 1 tie, but different players and pairings may be selected for different ties. Team Managers shall submit to the Referee the composition of their teams at least 30 minutes before that tie is due to start and no alteration thereto shall be permitted except as stated in 6.4. However, this may be waived at the discretion of the Referee.
- 6.4** The substitution of 1 player for another previously selected shall be permissible in a forthcoming match with the approval of the Referee and only in the case of illness or

injury to the player concerned which occurred after the nominations have been made and provided that the restriction to 2 matches for any player is adhered to. Subject to the aforementioned restriction, substitutions shall also be permitted in any match, or matches, remaining in a tie after 1 team has attained a winning margin.

- 6.5** A match conceded because of injury or illness shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point. All matches in a tie shall be contested unless prevented by injury or illness. The Referee shall disqualify any Team that fails to carry out its obligations. In the knockout stages, a tie shall be concluded when a winning margin has been attained, subject to the agreement of both Team Managers or at the discretion of the Referee not to play the remaining matches in the tie.
- 6.6** The position within a group will be decided by the number of ties won and if these are equal the total number of matches won shall decide the final order in a group. If further adjudication is necessary, it will be the difference between the total number of games lost or won. If this does not decide, the order shall be determined by the result of the tie between the 2 Teams concerned. In the event of more than 2 teams being equal and after taking into consideration the total number of games lost or won, then the difference between the number of points lost and won will determine the final order of the group.
- 6.7** When there is only 1 group, the awarding of medals shall be governed by the final order.
- 1st. in group wins Gold
2nd. in group wins Silver
3rd. in group wins Bronze
- When there are 2 groups, both group winners and runners-up shall compete on a knockout basis, each group winner opposing the runner-up of the other group in the 1st round. The final tie shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals and the losing semi-finalists will play off for the Bronze Medal.
- 6.8** When there are 4 groups, the 4 group winners shall compete on a knockout basis. The final (between the winners of each semi-final) shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals and the losing semi-finalists will play-off for the Bronze Medal.
- 6.9** In the case of any number of groups other than provided in the Regulations 6.7 and 6.8, the format and method of proceeding to the knockout stage for the determination of the medal winners shall be as agreed by the Organising Committee for the Badminton events together with the Technical Committee.
- 6.10** When there are 2 or more groups, those Teams not going forward to the knockout stages shall be divided into groups so that they play at least 2 further ties. Ranking will be given to all Islands in the best way possible and the format to be used will be issued at the time of the draw.



ISLAND GAMES

BADMINTON TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



Island Games - Badminton GUIDELINES 2026.

The organisation of the Badminton Event is governed by the bye-laws. However there are some organisational aspects that are not covered by the bye-laws and further guidelines are useful. These may vary from Games to Games because of e.g. number of entries, number of courts etc:

PREVIOUS GAMES (more recent ones)

2009 Aaland -	11 teams -	3 Groups – 5 courts
2011 I.O.W -	12 teams -	4 Groups – 4 courts
2013 Bermuda -	9 teams -	2 Groups – 4 courts
2015 Jersey -	13 teams -	4 Groups – 5 Courts
2017 Gotland -	14 teams -	4 Groups – 6 courts.
2019 Gibraltar -	16 teams -	4 Groups – 6 courts
2023 Guernsey -	17 teams -	4 Groups – 6 courts
2025 Orkney -	16 teams -	4 Groups – 6 courts

1. SANCTION OF TOURNAMENT

1.2 The Organising Committee must apply to the BWF for sanction for the Tournament being part of a multi-sport event.

This is usually done between October and December of the preceding year e.g. 2026 for 2027. There is a BWF Sanction form to complete and sent to the BWF EVENTS MANAGER email: bwf@bwf.sport

2. TIMELINE FOR ENTRIES

Team Event - Entries

As per Section 21 of Operational Guidelines: 8 month before the event (approx. 1st December of year before) each **Member Island** has to submit the entry by Team and pay the fee. Therefore by this time the Organising Committee will know which Islands are participating in the Badminton Team event.

Therefore when the Technical Committee Secretary sends out the Badminton Entry Form to be completed by each Island (this is sent around the end of March to be submitted by the end of April), the secretary only needs to send it to the Islands on the registered list (that is those Islands who submitted their entry by Team Sports in December as stated above).

Once the Secretary receives the Badminton Forms in April, we will be able to verify the number of teams and the Badminton Organising Committee (i.e. of Host Island)) can proceed with the Team Event Draw and Format.

Individual Event – Entries

The Operational guidelines state that

6 MONTHS – ENTRY BY NUMBER (Non-Team Sports) MI's to enter all their competitor numbers into the Games Entry System. The System will be closed after the deadline and further entries will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and the Games Entry Fee will be doubled. This is a firm commitment to entering the events and paying the Games Entry Fee.

2 MONTHS – ENTRY BY NAME. MI's to enter the names of their competitors and officials in the Games Entry System. The System will be closed after the deadline and late entries will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. If a competitor becomes ill or sustains an injury after the 2 month deadline and before the Opening Ceremony a substitution is allowed at the discretion of the OC. A Medical Certificate is required.

Therefore 2 months before the Games (usually around the beginning of May), the Organising Committee will receive the Official Entries from the EXIS programme. These will need to be tallied with the Badminton Entry Forms. There could be an Island who has not submitted a Team but submits individual players for the Individual Events.

Once we have all the individual entries at the beginning of May, the Technical Committee can start working on the seeding and then do the Individual Event Draw about 2 weeks before the Games.

3. SEEDING – TEAM EVENT

2.6.3 The seeding for the Team Event to use the following criteria:

- a. The final results from the previous Games (held two years before) should be used as the starting point for deciding the seeding and for placement into the lower placing banded group.
- b. Once all seedings and bands are complete, teams from each band will be drawn at random into the appropriate groups (see badminton guidelines).
- c. Players current form should be taken into account when assessing seeding and team managers should provide additional supporting information as per rule 2.1.4.
- d. BWF rankings to be considered if available
- e. Final decision at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

Team Managers will provide supporting information in the entry forms (new form designed for the 2027 Games).

Technical Committee will decide on top 4 seeds in order and then the rest of the seeds in bands e.g band 5 to 8, band 9 to 12 etc. (depending on number of Groups)

If there are 2 groups (e.g an entry of 8 teams), Seed 1 is PLACED in Group A and seed 2 is PLACED in Group B. Seeds 3 and 4 are DRAWN into Groups A and B. The remaining bands are also Drawn into Groups A and B.

If there are 3 groups (e.g. an entry of 9 or 11 teams), Seed 1 is PLACED in Group A, Seed 2 is PLACED in Group B, Seeds 3 or 4 are DRAWN into Group C. The remaining seed is DRAWN into one of the 3 groups. The remaining bands are then drawn into the different groups accordingly.

If there are 4 Groups. Seed 1 is PLACED into Group A, Seed 2 is PLACED into Group B, Seeds 3 and 4 are DRAWN into Groups C or D (as in the semi-final draw the winner of Group A will meet winner of Group D, whilst winner of Group B will meet winner of Group C).

4. SEEDING – INDIVIDUAL EVENT

2.6.4 The seeding for the Individual Events to use the following criteria:

- a. Known results from the Previous Games (held two years before)
- b. BWF rankings
- c. Supporting information from team managers as per rule 2.1.4
- d. All other entries to be drawn at random

The number of seeding places will be determined for each Category depending on the number of entries.

The Technical Committee will allocate the seeding based on the criteria above and then pass them to the Organising committee.

5. DRAW – TEAM EVENT

The Team Draw is conducted by the Organising committee, preferably live-streamed or in the presence of a member of the Technical Committee.

Section 6 of the Badminton Bye-laws covers how the Team Draw is divided into groups etc with a minimum of 3 teams in a group.

The bye-laws also gives explanation when there is 1 group, 2 groups or 4 groups.

6.7 When there is only 1 group, the awarding of medals shall be governed by the final order.

- 1st. in group wins Gold
- 2nd. in group wins Silver
- 3rd. in group wins Bronze

When there are 2 groups, both group winners and runners-up shall compete on a knockout basis, each group winner opposing the runner-up of the other group in the 1st round. The final tie shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals and the losing semi-finalists will play off for the Bronze Medal.

6.8 When there are 4 groups, the 4 group winners shall compete on a knockout basis. The final (between the winners of each semi-final) shall decide the winners of the Gold and Silver medals and the losing semi-finalists will play-off for the Bronze Medal.

In the semi-final draw the winner of Group A will meet winner of Group D, whilst winner of Group B will meet winner of Group C.

If there are any other number of groups it is for the Organising Committee to determine a sensible approach to the Draw in collaboration with the Technical Committee. In the post Competition meeting July 2019 ALL badminton members agreed that we would not limit the number of badminton islands playing in the Team Event.

The Team Event Schedules from past Games can be used when the number of teams and courts match. Other possible combinations are listed below:

In a 17 team draw, it was done with 3 groups of 4, and 1 group of 5. The group of 5 had the weakest of the 4 seeded teams, plus the new 17th team. This group would have 4 group matches when the others only have 3. Also, the team finishing last in this group would be finished then, when the other teams go on to play an additional 2 matches (but they have already played 4 matches). The other teams in this group would actually have a sixth match but there is no way around this. Also in this scenario, final placement matches would have to be played at the same time as the gold medal match.

An 18 team draw could be done with 6 groups of 3 (so 2 group matches), with the 6 winning teams going into 2 groups of 3 (which will ultimately be your 1-6 teams), the 6 second placed teams going into 2 groups of 3 (7-12 place), and the bottom placed 6 going into 2 groups of 3 (13-18 place). These groups would play as before (so an additional 2 matches). At the end of these group matches you would have your final group placings. The team in top place of groups (of upper tier) would be your gold match, the second teams in those groups would play off for bronze and fourth, and the bottom two teams in those groups would play off for 5th & 6th place. The other groups would similarly play off to decide their ultimate final placings up to 18th. Each team would play 5 matches again.

As in the 17 team draw, we would have to play some matches at the same time as the final.

6. DRAW & SCHEDULE – INDIVIDUAL EVENT

The draw is done by the Organising Committee, usually the Tournament Referee. The Organising Committee is responsible for the software to be used e.g. tournament software, ranked in or any other suitable one.

The Draw is usually done quite close to the start of the Games so that any withdrawals due to injuries, VISA issues, etc do not impact the draw.

Factors to consider:

- Depending on number of SEEDS, they will be placed in different halves, quarters, etc.
- As far as reasonably possible players/pairs from the same Islands will be kept in different quarters of the draw.

Following continuous feedback the consensus is as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday is for singles and level doubles. Preferably alternating a round of singles with a round of level doubles. There is also a preference to play the singles semi-finals on Thursday morning (first match before the start of mixed doubles. Could be an early start e.g. 9am). The level doubles semi-finals would be played on Wednesday.

Thursday – mixed doubles event up to the semi-finals. Also as mentioned above the singles semi-finals would be played first matches in the morning.

7. TEAM SHEETS

Bye laws state that;

- 6.3** No player shall be permitted to take part in more than 2 matches in any 1 tie, but different players and pairings may be selected for different ties. **Team Managers shall submit to the Referee the composition of their teams at least 30 minutes** before that tie is due to start and no alteration thereto shall be permitted except as stated in 6.4. However, this may be waived at the discretion of the Referee.

However as the first match on the Sunday morning starts straight after the Badminton opening Ceremony, it would be good practice to submit the Team Sheet of those teams playing in the first set of matches, beforehand. This can be done by either;

1. Handing it in to the tournament referee in the pre-competition meeting that takes place on the Saturday.
Or
2. Emailing it to the tournament referee before the pre-competition meeting that takes place on the Saturday.

8. PLATE COMPETITION

The Plate competition does not appear in the Bye-laws at all. This was brought up in the post competition meeting in Gotland 2017 and first implemented in Gibraltar 2019.

1. The host Island has the Option of implementing it or not. It is very beneficial to all badminton players e.g. the weaker islands benefit from more matches, the weaker players of the strong islands also benefit. All 5th players benefit (in singles event).
2. The Host Island has the option of choosing Singles or Level Doubles or Mixed Doubles (so far all host Islands have gone for the singles event).
3. No official umpires are required (optional) (just scorers if possible, could use players to score).

Consensus for singles event entries:

9. All singles players who lose their first match have the option of entering the plate (not compulsory) However they have to OPT IN taking into account the other matches they have to play e.g. in level doubles and mixed. Some players who have reached quarters and semis in doubles have withdrawn from the Plate resulting in many walkovers. Team Managers to confirm immediately players intent to compete in the Plate event.
10. All fifth players for each Island have the option of playing in the plate as they cannot enter the main competition. (e.g. if an island only has 4 singles players they need to play in main competition before playing in the plate).

Doubles Events Plate

As yet there is no format to this. The pair that loses in the first round can enter the plate, but will there be a provision for the 5th player to enter or take the place of one of the players that has been eliminated from the main draw?

PS. The Plate competition winners and runners-up **do not** receive official Island Games medal but it is customary for the Host Organising Committee to provide some “unofficial” medals/trophies.

7. OFFICIALS

This is covered in the bye-laws.

Official Umpires are used for all official matches.

Service judges only use on request from a coach during a match. Service judges used for all finals.

Line judges have only been used for the finals. Usually the Umpires take the role of line judges for the finals only. If other line judges are used they must be suitably trained.

8. CLOTHING

Bye law states:

2.9 Clothing

The Regulations of the BWF concerning coloured clothing and advertising on clothing at multi-sports events shall apply, provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

The main aspects for Referee to consider are;

1. Colour and design of shirt (where doubles pairings need to wear the same).
2. Lettering – some islands just have the island name printed on the shirt, others may have player name and island name printed on them (both are acceptable).
3. Sponsors logos (this has to be reasonable in keeping to BWF guidelines)

9. STREAMING

Steaming of matches has become very popular. In some cases one or two courts had live stream whilst in Orkney all 6 courts had live stream. It is important to obtain good technicians for this who understand the bandwidths required and all the technicalities.

10. SOCIAL EVENT

The preference is to have the badminton social on Wednesday evening at a reasonably early time.

The event should be arranged away from the sports hall.