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**Regulations 2022**

## BADMINTON WALES TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 1. COMPETITION SEASON

The competition season shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### 2. BW CLASSIFICATION OF TOURNAMENTS

<b>TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b> Eligibility and level of player targeted	<b>CLASSIFICATION GRADE</b>
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: SENIOR NATIONALS JUNIOR NATIONALS VETS MASTERS	Senior National Championships are open to all players eligible to represent Wales. Junior and Masters National Championships are limited to players of a defined age range and open to all players who meet the eligibility and qualification criteria.	A
JUNIOR SERIES	Regional/area tournaments targeting junior players of all abilities.	A
SENIOR OPEN TOURNAMENTS	Regional/Area tournaments targeting senior club players and students.	B
NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUES	Introducing Junior Club Players to competitive games and match play.	B
SHUTTLETIME TOURNAMENTS	Introducing beginners and club players to competition and match practice. Regional Academy and High-Performance players are ineligible to enter.	B
SCHOOL SHUTTLETIME TOURNAMENTS	Introducing school players to competition and match practice.	B
TOP SCHOOLS TOURNAMENTS	Introducing school players to competition and match practice.	B

### **3. BW SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

3.1 Organisations wishing to run a tournament should seek sanction from Badminton Wales.

3.2 To apply for BW Sanction a Third Party Agreement Form [Tournament Sanction Form](#) must be completed and submitted three months in advance of the tournament. BW shall have the power to refuse any tournament sanction request.

3.3 Sanctioned Tournaments must adhere to BW regulations applicable to the classification Grade of the tournament and safeguarding requirements for junior tournaments [Child Protection Policy](#)

3.4 Sanctioned tournaments receive:

- Public Liability Insurance. Tournament officials will be covered by BW's public liability insurance which protects you if someone tries to sue you for causing injury or damage to third party property at your event. Public liability cover although not law is essential to protect your tournament and some venues will insist on it.
- Support from BW in line with the category of the tournament as defined in the Third Party Agreement Form

3.5 Badminton Wales has the right to award, withhold or suspend sanction at its absolute discretion.

### **4. SPONSORING OF TOURNAMENTS**

The following regulations concerning the sponsorship of tournaments by outside bodies apply:

4.1 Provided such sponsorship does not involve the breaking of any tournament regulation, causes no interference with the running of the tournament, does not involve stipulations concerning equipment or advertisements of other companies, there is no objection in principle.

4.2 BW are entitled to appoint sponsors to any tournament sanctioned by BW. The host organiser must not appoint any other sponsor without prior approval of BW.

4.3 In all cases of sponsorship of tournaments details thereof must be registered with BW.

## 5. PLAYER WELFARE

5.1 When deciding on the number of events players are permitted to enter in a tournament consideration must be given to the physical demands on players.

5.2 Play in any tournament shall not take place on days other than those specifically sanctioned.

5.3 No competitor shall be obliged to start a match before 9am and in the case of junior tournaments Under 13 and below after 8pm, Under 14 or 15 after 9pm, Under 16-19 after 10pm and all other tournaments after 11pm. In Junior Tournaments (excluding U19 age group tournaments) on Sundays players are not obliged to commence play after 7pm. Any competitor who is not prepared to play outside the times of play shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee. In cases where the competitors are staying at the venue of the tournament, these time limits may be waived at the discretion of the tournament organiser.

5.4 The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed two minutes.

5.5 Every player is entitled to a minimum rest period, the following is a guide:

SCORING SYSTEM BEING USED	SINGLES	DOUBLES
Best of 3 to 21 points	30 minutes	15 minutes
Best of 3 to 15 points	20 minutes	10 minutes
Best of 3 to 11 points	10 minutes	5 minutes
One game to 21 points	10 minutes	5 minutes

5.5 No player shall be expected to play more than three singles best of three matches after 5pm.

## 6. MISCONDUCT

Reports of continuous or series misconduct at BW sanctioned tournaments may be subject to a disciplinary hearing as set out in BW Disciplinary Policy.

## **7. TELEVISION**

No tournament organiser shall enter into any contract covering the televising of its tournament without obtaining special permission of BW.

## **8. PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING**

Where photography/videography is permitted at an event:

8.1 Anyone appointed as an official event photographer/videographer at BW sanctioned events must DBS checked. They must report to an event official, provide their professional identification for the details to be recorded and receive accreditation which must be worn at all times.

8.2 Anyone wishing to photograph/video at an event where juniors are playing must be registered by an event official and complete the [Photography/Video Recording Registration Form](#).

8.3 Anyone wishing to film at an event where juniors are playing must be registered by an event official. Filming should only take place to the side or back of the court and permission should be sought from the coach/parents of all players involved. Matches shall not be filmed if any coach/parent objects to filming of their player.

8.4 If parents have any particular concern for a young person being photographed or filmed they should notify an event official. Further guidance and best practice should be sought in the BW Child Protection Policy (see Regulation 3.3).

## **9. DRUG TESTING**

- All Players entering a Badminton Wales event may be submitted to UKAD for their potential records and joining of their testing pool.
- All players will agree to abide by all Anti-Doping regulations and rules and detailed by UKAD (<https://www.ukad.org.uk/>).
- Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and other relevant Persons (including Badminton Wales employees involved in any aspect of Doping Control) include provisions confirming that they (1) agree to be bound by the Badminton Wales's/UKAD's anti-

doping rules, and (2) will cooperate with Code-compliant anti-doping investigations and proceedings.

- Athletes wishing to remove themselves from the Performance Pathway, must inform the Designated Anti Doping lead, in writing, of their intention to do so. This can be submitted to UKAD as evidence of withdrawal from Pathway. Failure to do so can lead to the athlete remaining as an identified Performance Athlete.
- Athletes must take Strict Liability for all behaviours. This means each athlete is strictly liable for the substances found in his or her bodily specimen, and that an anti-doping rule violation occurs whenever a prohibited substance (or its metabolites or markers) is found in bodily specimens, whether or not the athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault.
- Access to current 2022 The Prohibited List can be found [HERE](#). It is important to note that this list can change and so athletes must take responsibility for keeping up to date. “Lack of awareness” of a change, is no defence against any Anti Doping rule violation.
- Each person subject to the [Operational Rules of Badminton Wales/Regulations of Badminton Wales] agrees to be bound by and observe all other codes of conduct, regulations, rules and policies published by Badminton Wales from time to time including, but not limited to the UK Anti-Doping Rules/Anti-Doping Rules of the Badminton Wales];
- The individual/recipient] shall be deemed to have made him/herself familiar with, and hereby agrees to be bound by [the UK Anti-Doping Rules/Anti-Doping Rules of the Badminton Wales] and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping and any other appropriate body in the application and enforcement of those Rules.
- The individual agrees to cooperate fully with any World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body.
- A Minor may not participate in Badminton Wales’ Pathway unless a parent or guardian of that Minor has consented to Testing of that Minor. For the purposes of these Rules, the consent of a parent or guardian to Testing a Minor, shall be deemed from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in the Pathway Confirmation in writing of such consent may be required to be provided at any time.

- The [UK Anti-Doping Rules / Badminton Wales' anti-doping rules] apply to all participants of the sport, including Minors, and they make all participants subject to drug Testing. For the purposes of those rules, consent of a parent or guardian to the Testing of a Minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in badminton. Therefore, any Minors participating in the sport may be subject to drug testing.

## **10. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Before the commencement of play on each day of a tournament the playing and spectator areas should be inspected and a [Risk Assessment](#) completed.

Consideration should be given by tournament organisers as to how minor and major injuries would be dealt with should they occur during a tournament.

### **GRADE A TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. All Category A Tournaments must use Tournament Software and publish the results of the tournaments on the BW website within 7 days of the completion of the tournament.
2. Players shall be eligible to enter if they are either an affiliated member of BW or registered with BW if they are a member of another national association affiliated to the BWF.
3. The closing date for tournaments will be set by the Tournament Organiser and should be no later than one week before the start of a tournament.
4. Except at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser no entries shall be accepted unless they are made online.
5. No entry shall be included in the draw for a doubles event unless forms have been received from both members of the doubles pair.
6. All entries should be accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. Failure to do this may result in entries being rejected.
7. If at its discretion the Tournament Organiser should accept entries and/or fees after the closing date there may be a surcharge of £5 per player.

8. Any competitor who may be prevented from playing by illness, injury or any other unavoidable hindrance shall have their entry fees returned in full, provided that at least 48 hours notice of inability to compete in the event shall have been given to the Tournament Organiser, who shall have the right to enquire into the cause of the withdrawal and if deemed appropriate may withhold the refund. If less than 48 hours notice is given of a withdrawal it is at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser whether a refund shall be given.
9. Once an entry list has been published any withdrawal will be subject to the loss of entry fee.
10. The draw for all events should be published 48 hours before the first day of the tournament.
11. The Tournament Referee shall only permit an alteration to the draw if prior to their first scheduled match a player is prevented from competing through illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance and the substitute player/pair would have been unseeded or seeded in no higher a seeding position than the original player/pair. When substitutions have been permitted, from player already entered in the tournament, any such alterations will be notified by the Tournament Referee to any player or players immediately affected.
12. The draw will be seeded. Seedings will be based on current World and Welsh Rankings. Previous national results and other tournament results may be taken into consideration when seeding players.
13. After the draw has been published, prior to the start of a tournament withdrawing from an event the player must be withdrawn from all other events in which they are entered.
14. Where a player is unable to start or complete a game The Tournament Referee has the discretion to allow the player to continue play in other events
15. Tournament refunds should be dealt with within fourteen days following the last day of the tournament
16. A Tournament Organiser shall, at its discretion, be permitted to restrict the number of entries in any event. The restriction of entries in tournaments shall be done on criteria decided by the Tournament Organiser.



17. No player/pair shall enter or be entered in events of two competitions if the published dates of the events overlap unless otherwise agreed by the organisers of both tournaments.
18. Tournament Organisers must, via the Referees Report, inform BW within seven days of the completion of a tournament, details of all cards of misconduct and penalties imposed.
19. The Tournament Referee shall be appointed in advance by BW or the Tournament Organiser.
20. It shall be the duty of the Tournament Referee, among other duties to:
  - Be in overall charge of the tournament.
  - Direct the schedule of matches. Special attention must be paid to Regulation 5.2.
  - Stipulate the speed of shuttles to be used for every match, and in making their selection shall bear in mind the changes necessitated by altering atmospheric conditions. The speed of the shuttles selected shall be in accord with BWF Law 3.
  - Scratch any player or players who shall be absent or unwilling to play when notified to do so, and in such a case a substituted entry or pair may be introduced in accordance with Regulation 11, failing which the match shall be entered up as resulting in a walkover for the opponent. The Tournament Referee shall have sole discretion to waive this rule.
  - Settle any matters of dispute including but not restricted to the order of play, speed of shuttle, withdrawals and substitutions and clothing (Regulation 29)
  - Fulfil the duties under BWF Laws 16 & 17 concerning misconduct, disqualification of players and appeals on questions of the BWF Laws of Badminton.
  - Fulfil the duties under Regulations 23 - 25 below concerning Umpires, Service Judges, Line Judges and Complaints.
  - Determine the procedure for selecting players for dope testing in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations.

21. The Tournament Referee shall ensure BW receive a complete set of results of all the matches and a completed [Referees Report](#).
22. The Tournament Referee or a deputy appointed by the referee must be present at all times in any hall in which matches are being played.
23. When umpires, line judges and service judges are appointed to officiate at a tournament the Tournament Referee shall decide which matches shall be officiated by umpires, line judges and or service judges.
24. The Tournament Referee shall have the right to replace an umpire, line judge or service judge during the course of a tournament if he considers the official in question is not carrying out his duties in a satisfactory manner. The Tournament Referee shall submit a written report of the circumstances to BW within seven days of the final day of the tournament.
25. Any competitor shall be entitled to apply to the Tournament Referee for an official or officials, should they not already have been appointed, for any match in which he or she may be competing, and such request shall be permissible either before or during such match. It will be at the referee's discretion to accommodate the request as they deem appropriate from the officials available. Under no circumstances shall a competitor make any such appointment or make any stipulation as to the identity of such officials.
26. If an umpire should consider that the clothing or appearance of a player on court does not conform to the general requirements of the tournament. They should report the fact to the Tournament Referee.
27. Any complaint reported to the Tournament Referee shall be acted upon immediately as deemed appropriate.
28. Any other complaint made by the organisers of the tournament, Tournament Referee or player shall be submitted to BW within seven days of the completion of the tournament. BW shall then take such action as may be appropriate under these Regulations or its Disciplinary Policy.
29. The BWF Clothing Regulations 20-24 shall be adhered to [BWF Regulations](#)
30. The decision of the Tournament Referee is final.

## **GRADE B TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. The closing date for tournaments will be set by the Tournament Organiser.
2. Except at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser no entries shall be accepted unless they are made online (if applicable) or on the official entry form.
3. A copy of the entry form shall be sent to BW at least two months before the first day of play. [Sample Entry form.](#)
4. No entry shall be included in the draw for a doubles event unless forms have been received from both members of the doubles pair.
5. A Tournament Organiser shall, at its discretion, be permitted to restrict the number of entries in any event. The restriction of entries in tournaments shall be done on criteria decided by the Tournament Organiser.
6. The Tournament Referee shall be appointed in advance of the tournament.
7. It shall be the duty of the Tournament Referee, among other duties to:
  - Be in overall charge of the tournament.
  - Direct the schedule of matches.
  - Scratch any player or players who shall be absent or unwilling to play when notified to do so, and in such a case a substituted entry or pair may be introduced failing which the match shall be entered up as resulting in a walkover for the opponent. The Tournament Referee shall have sole discretion to waive this rule.
  - Settle any matters of dispute including but not restricted to the order of play, speed of shuttle, withdrawals and substitutions and clothing.
  - Fulfil the duties concerning Umpires, Service Judges, Line Judges and Complaints.
8. The Tournament Organiser should ensure BW receive a complete set of results of all the matches within 10 days of the final day of a tournament.
9. The Tournament Referee or a deputy appointed by the referee must be present at all times in any hall in which matches are being played.
10. Ideally there should be a minimum of two qualified umpires appointed to act as 'roaming' umpires.

11. When umpires, line judges and service judges are appointed to officiate at a tournament the Tournament Referee shall decide which matches shall be officiated by umpires, line judges and or service judges.
12. Any competitor shall be entitled to apply to the Tournament Referee for an official or officials, should they not already have been appointed, for any match in which he or she may be competing, and such request shall be permissible either before or during such match. It will be at the referee's discretion to accommodate the request as they deem appropriate from the officials available. Under no circumstances shall a competitor make any such appointment or make any stipulation as to the identity of such officials.
13. If an umpire should consider that the clothing or appearance of a player on court does not conform to the general requirements of the tournament. They should report the fact to the Tournament Referee.
14. Any complaint reported to the Tournament Referee shall be acted upon immediately as deemed appropriate.
15. Any other complaint made by the organisers of the tournament, Tournament Referee or player shall be submitted to BW within seven days of the completion of the tournament. BW shall then take such action as may be appropriate under these Regulations or its Disciplinary Policy.
16. All clothing must be suitable badminton clothing including suitable court shoes.
17. The decision of the Tournament Referee is final.

**Please note specific event regulations may vary and will supersede this document.**