

**Badminton Wales  
Sport Wales National Centre  
Sophia Gardens  
Cardiff  
CF11 9SW**

# **MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS 2023**



## **BADMINTON WALES MASTERS NATIONAL**

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS 2023**

#### **1. Venue**

Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens Cardiff, CF11 9SW.

#### **2. Key Dates**

Entry Closes: 23:59 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Final withdrawal date without penalty: 23:59 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Draw and schedule published by: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Event: From 09:00 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **3. Events**

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

Age groups – over 35s, 40s, 45s, 50s, 55s, 60s and 65s. Players can play in a lower age group but not in a higher age group.

Players must have reached the required age for the categories entered by 31 December 2022.

If there are not enough entries in any of the age group players will be given the opportunity to play at a lower age group

The maximum number of events a player can enter is five (maximum of two singles).

#### **4. National Championships Eligibility**

A player shall be qualified to enter Welsh National Championships providing the player satisfies all of the following regulations:

- Is in good standing (see note) with Badminton Wales
- Has not represented any other member association for a period of 3 years immediately preceding the date of the tournament
- Has not competed in the National championships of another member association for 2 years preceding the tournament
- either
  - was born in Wales or one or both parents were born in Wales
  - or
  - has had their main residence in Wales for 2 (two) years immediately preceding the date of the tournament



Note To be “in good standing” includes being individually affiliated to Badminton Wales.

## 5. Entry

- Players may enter a maximum of 5 events (no restriction on age categories)
- Players may enter a maximum of 2 Singles events

Entry fee:

Singles £10  
Doubles £10  
Mixed £10

Each competitor must enter separately online.

If, at its discretion Badminton Wales should accept entries after the closing date there will be a surcharge of £10.00 per player.

Entries will **NOT** be accepted once the draw has been published.

Entry fee payment must be made at the time entry is made via **Bank Transfer**

Welsh Badminton Union Ltd.

Sort Code: 30-96-91

Account: 02529177

Please include the Player name as reference.

Refunds will not be provided unless event is cancelled.

## 6. Conditions of Play

The tournament shall be played in full accordance with the laws of Badminton and Competition Regulations adopted by the BWF as well as the regulations of Badminton Wales (BW) including the prohibition of doping for which tests may be carried out.

- Dependent on entries, early-stage matches may have a variation of scoring
  - E.g. one game to 21 points with extended play.
- Matches from Semi-Final stage will be played as the best of 3 games to 21 points with extended play.
- The period for knocking-up before any match shall not exceed three minutes
- An interval not exceeding 60 seconds shall be permitted when the leading score reaches 11 points in each game. An interval not exceeding two minutes is also permitted between games
- All competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered; failure to do so may result in the players disqualification.

## 7. Clothing and Advertising

All Clothing must be suitable badminton clothing and may be of any colour or combination of colours.

- i. Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising, commercial or promotional content.
- ii. The shirt may carry on the front the flag or national emblem of the country represented.

The shirt may carry the following advertising as in BWF Regulations 23.2.1 – 23.2.3:

- 23.2.1 A maximum of one advertisement may appear on each of the following locations: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest. The shoulder is defined as the visible part of the shoulder on the front of the shirt. There must be no more than five advertisements in total and National flags or emblems for the purpose of this regulation count as advertisements.  
Each advertisement, including National flags or emblems, must be 20 square centimetres or less.
- 23.2.2 In addition to the above, one BWF mark may be worn in the form of a non-commercial emblem, as defined by BWF from time to time (e.g. BWF logo, integrity campaign logo or similar). The mark must not exceed 20 square centimetres and must follow the definition of the mark outlined by BWF. The mark can appear on any of the following locations not already used for advertising or a national flag or emblem: left sleeve, right sleeve, left shoulder, right shoulder, left collar, right collar, right chest, left chest and centre chest.
- 23.2.3 Advertising contained in a band of uniform width not exceeding 10 centimetres on the front and not exceeding five centimetres on the backs. Such a band may be at any angle and may be on the front of the shirt, the back of the shirt, or both.

## 8. Draw

The draw will be seeded.

Seedings will be made based on current World and Welsh Graded Rankings. Previous National results and other tournament results may be taken into consideration when seeding players.

All events will be based on a knockout system from the Semi-Final stage. If entry level for an event is sufficient for only one group, the Winner may be decided by the results of the group games meaning there will be no final play off.

## 9. Group Stage Rules/Rankings

### **Ranking in events played under the pool system or in groups:**

Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.

- If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater positive difference ranked higher

- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater positive difference ranked higher
- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher
- If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots

If illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.

## 10. Withdrawal

A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

From the time of the draw all communications between the player and tournament organiser / Referee regarding withdrawal, late arrival, etc. must be with the player listed, and not via third parties.

I.	Withdrawal from the tournament before deadline	No Penalty	Refund entry fee
II.	Withdrawal from the tournament after withdrawal deadline	Penalty imposed	No refund on entry fees
III.	Failure to arrive for 1 <sup>st</sup> scheduled match of the tournament with sufficient notification given for late arrival.	Penalty	Tournament Organiser/Referees discretion to allow/accommodate late arrival
IV.	Failure to arrive for 1 <sup>st</sup> scheduled match of the tournament without notification.	Player will be withdrawn from all events entered in the tournament.  Penalty imposed	No refund on entry fees

## 11. Shuttles

Yonex AS-30 feather shuttles will be used.

## 12. Courts

Up to 8 courts will be used during the tournament.

### **13. Arrival**

Upon arrival please proceed to the Tournament Desk to register.

Players not prepared to play when called will be scratched and in consequence no player should leave the hall without first notifying the Referee.

In the event of any disputes the Referee's decision is final.

### **14. Coaching**

No coaching is permitted during the National Championships.

### **15. Trophies**

Individual medals shall be awarded to the Winners and Runner-Ups.

### **16. Drug Testing**

To be eligible to participate or assist any participant in any event or activity organised or authorised by or held under the rules of the association wherever held, you must comply with the current anti-doping policy of the association and shall be deemed to have agreed with and contested to these rules. You should be advised that participants may be subject to random testing for drugs at any time during the event by agents sanctioned by the association of the BWF. Failure to comply with a request for testing may result in you being subject to the same sanction as for a positive doping test.

### **17. Photography/Video**

In line with Badminton Wales' Photographic/Recorded Images Policy, any person wishing to engage in any photography or videoing should complete a Photography and Video Recording Registration Form and hand it in to the Tournament Organiser before any photography/video is undertaken. Any unauthorised photographer who will not agree to these conditions may be reported to the appropriate authority.

Photographs/videos will be taken at these events and Badminton Wales may use these photographs/videos for purposes including (but not restricted to) news items (both online and newspaper), marketing materials/outlets, education and training, player analysis, performance, development, selection and event promotion.

*The association reserves the right to add to, or alter, these regulations. Its decision in all matters shall be final. Any person deemed to be in breach of these regulations may be withdrawn from the event and/or asked to leave the hall.*