

Badminton Oceania Regulations

Grade 3 Tournaments

(International Challenge, International Series and Future Series)

Junior International Tournaments

Grade 3 tournaments, Junior International Tournaments played in the Oceania region to be governed by the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR's), and the following regulations

1. Tournament Sanction and Financial Arrangements

- 1.1 The Member Association (MA) of the Host Organiser (HO) is to apply for sanction on-line through Tournament Software. It is accepted that by applying for sanction the MA has confidence in the Host Organiser (HO) to organise and deliver the tournament to the standards as required by the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Oceania Confederation (BOC) and the MA.
- 1.2 The application to be lodged at least 9 months prior to the start of the tournament.
- 1.3 The MA who applies for the sanction is responsible for any financial penalties imposed by the BWF for non-compliance of the GCR's. It is highly recommended if the MA is not the HO, there is an agreement in place between the MA and HO to identify roles and responsibilities.
- 1.4 The HO is responsible for all operational financial aspects of the tournament including payment of prizemoney directly to the players at the tournament

2. Tournament Schedule

- 2.1 The tournament to be played over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 days (including qualifying). If playing over 4 days it is preferable there are 5 competition courts
- 2.2 All qualifying rounds to be conducted in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 12. All qualifying matches in all events must be completed before play begins in the main draws
- 2.3 There should be a maximum of two rounds per event per day in the main draw of any event; in principle multiple rounds of an event to be played in the earlier days of the tournament; with the exception of quarterfinals and semifinals as per 2.5. The Referee to make the final decision on the schedule of play
- 2.4 The Tournament Director and Referee to determine, the best spread of matches once final entries are known
- 2.5 Once a round in an event is started it must be completed on the same day
- 2.6 The quarterfinals and semifinals may be played in two separate sessions on the same day; there should be a minimum of 2 hours break between the finish of the quarterfinals matches and the start of the semifinals matches. The recommendation is 10am and 5pm as start times
- 2.7 The finals to be played on a separate day; except in exceptional circumstances which must first be approved by BOC prior to sanction being applied for
- 2.8 A player is entitled to a minimum of 60 minutes break between matches (GCR 11.3) unless it is a Junior Tournament in which case a minimum of 30 minutes applies

3. Entries

- 3.1 The following draw sizes are to be made available

Events	Entries		
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	Qualifying Draw Maximum Entries
Men's Singles	56	8	16
Women's Singles	28	4	8
Men's Doubles	28	4	8

Women's Doubles	28	4	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8

- 3.2 All entries, M & Q, seeding and draws shall be managed by BOC as per the BWF General Competition Regulations
- 3.3 Entries must be made by the Member Association of which the player / pair is a member, using the BWF on-line entry system

4. Prospectus

- 4.1 The prospectus shall be published no later than 97 days prior to the start of the tournament

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1. It is **recommended** that entry fees be charged to all entrants. International entries in USD, local entries in local currency

6. Draw

- 6.1 The draw shall be done in accordance with BWF CGR 11.
- 6.2 The M & Q, seeding and draw shall be done by Badminton Oceania as per the GCR's

7. Withdrawals and Promotions in the Draw

- 7.1 Any withdrawals and promotions must be dealt with in accordance with BWF CGR 13.

8. Alterations to the Draw

- 8.1 Any withdrawals, promotions and alterations to the draws must be dealt with in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulation 13 at the Team Managers meeting. Only the Referee can make and approve changes to the draw

9. Penalties

- 9.1 Any withdrawal after the Monday immediately preceding the draw, or after the tournament has commenced, renders the MA concerned liable to a penalty of USD150 as invoiced by the BWF

10. Shuttles

- 10.1 The brand of shuttles to be used must be BWF approved.
- 10.2 The same quality and brand of shuttle must be used throughout the tournament.
- 10.3 Shuttles are to be provided by the tournament free of charge for practice
- 10.4 Two speeds of shuttle must be provided; ideally sufficient of each speed to play the entire tournament

11. Venue

- 11.1 All matches in the tournament must be played in the same venue.
- 11.2 The desirable height unobstructed of the playing area is 12m, the minimum height is 9m.

- 11.3 Lighting should be at least 500 lux. It must be non-blinding and an even distribution over the entire court.
- 11.4 There should be a minimum of 2.5m clear space surrounding all the outer lines of the court, the preferred distance between any two courts marked out side by side is 3m to allow for line judges and fixed height service units. Fixed height service units are mandatory
- 11.5 No part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. This to include advertising signs.
- 11.6 It is essential that all aspects of health & safety, and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with local Government regulations.
- 11.7 The competition venue should be available at least one full day prior to the start of the tournament for a full day of practice. A different venue may be used prior to this for practice
- 11.8 It is recommended under BWF General Competition Regulations that there are two warm-up courts provided in the competition venue where possible
- 11.9 It is recommended all matches in an International Challenge tournament are played on court mats on top of a wooden floor
- 11.10 All matches in an International Series or Future Series tournament can be played on either court mats, synthetic floors or a wooden floor; preferably solely marked for badminton.
- 11.11 Only one surface to be used for the entire tournament – ie. all matches are played on court mats or a wooden floor, there cannot be a combination of surfaces
- 11.12 The direction of the courts must remain the same for the duration of the tournament

12. Referees

- 12.1 Referees shall be appointed by the Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee

13. Umpires, Service and Line judges

- 13.1 All matches must have an Umpire and Service Judge who must be national/pacific level accredited as a minimum requirement
- 13.2 All matches in the preliminary rounds must have a minimum of 2-line judges
- 13.3 All quarterfinals and semifinals matches must have a minimum of 4-line judges
- 13.4 All finals matches must have a minimum of 6-line judges

14. Medical

- 14.1 A qualified medical person; (Doctor, physiotherapist or First Aider), capable of taking charge of on-court injuries must be present at the tournament venue at all times during play

15. Trophies and Prize money

- 15.1 The prize money to be advertised in US dollars; it can be issued in either USD or local currency at the tournament. This must be stated in the prospectus.
- 15.2 The total value of the prize pool and breakdown, as per the tables below, to be stated in the prospectus.

- 15.3 Prize money to be given directly to the players concerned and must be paid in cash either in local currency or USD. All prize money distributed must be signed for by the player at the time of receiving with a copy included with the tournament report
- 15.4 Any local tax regulations need to be stated on the prospectus
The prize money distribution shall be:

International Challenge – minimum US \$25,000 total prize money

	WINNER	RUNNERUP	SEMIFINALIST (2)	QUARTERFINALIST (4)
SINGLES	\$2,250 9%	\$1,125 4.5%	\$375 pp total 3%	\$218.75pp total 3.5%
DOUBLES – per pair	\$2,250 9%	\$1,125 4.5%	\$437.50 per pair Total 3.5%	\$187.50 per pair Total 3%

International Series –minimum US\$10,000 total prize money

	WINNER	RUNNERUP	SEMIFINALIST
SINGLES	\$1,100 11%	\$500.00 5%	\$200 pp Total 4%
DOUBLES – per pair	\$1,100 11%	\$1,100 5%	\$200 per pair Total 4%

Future Series

There is no set prize money for Future Series tournaments by the BWF; up to USD10,000; however, BOC requires a tournament of this level offers a minimum of USD5,000. If the prizemoney is between USD5,000 – USD10,000 the same distribution as for an International Series tournament may be used at the discretion of the HO

	WINNER	RUNNERUP
SINGLES	13%	7%
DOUBLES – per pair	13%	7%