

VICTOR Oceania Men's and Women's Team Championships 2020
Regulations
Governed by the BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Regulations

1 **DEFINITION**

- 1.1 The Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships shall be played in even years and Member Associations of Badminton Oceania shall be entitled to take part.
- 1.2 The event is the Oceania Qualification Stage for the World Men's and Women's Team championships, competing for the Thomas and Uber Cup. The number of qualifying teams is decided in accordance with BWF's regulations for the Thomas and Uber Cup.
- 1.3 The first ranked team shall be entitled to call itself winners of the Oceania Men's or Women's Team Championships, as appropriate.
- 1.4 All nominated players of the winning teams, being present, shall be presented with gold medals, all nominated players of the second ranked teams, being present, shall be presented with silver medals and all nominated players of the third placed team being present, shall be presented with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.
- 1.5 A team shall constitute of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 players
- 1.6 Two nominated officials of each team receiving a medal will also receive a medal
- 1.6 The Oceania Men's Team Champions and Oceania Women's Team Champions shall be awarded a trophy which will be retained by Badminton Oceania
- 1.7 Players must be eligible to represent a Member Association as per the BWF GCR 6 – International Representation

2 **RIGHTS**

Badminton Oceania owns all rights and commercial activities, including but not limited to, internet, television, radio, sound, moving pictures, players' images and logos, in connection with the event. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, Badminton Oceania may grant licenses and concession in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association and/or commercial organisations.

3 **RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE**

- 3.1 Badminton Oceania shall appoint a host of the Championships as early as possible and work in partnership to agree organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions
- 3.2 Every Member Association taking part in the Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, visas, accommodation and other expenses.
- 3.3 An entry fee may be charged for each team; as determined by BOC
- 3.4 If a Member Association withdraws a team (or both teams) from the Championships, after the entry deadline, but before the draw, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Associations shall be liable of paying its entry fee and be penalised by an administrative fine of USD1,000 per team.

- 3.5 If a Member Association withdraws a team (or both teams) from the Championships, after the draw is conducted, for any reason whatsoever, such a Member Association shall be liable for paying the entry fee and a fine of up to USD3,000 per team.
- 3.6 If a team arrives late or departs early, for any reason whatsoever, and such conflicts with the team's ability to play or complete their scheduled matches, the team's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of USD1,000.
- 3.7 If a medal winning team is not present at the medal ceremony, for any reason whatsoever, the team's Member Association shall be penalised by an administrative fine of USD1,500.

4 GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 4.1 The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Thomas and Uber Cups shall take precedence
- 4.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by Badminton Oceania.
- 4.3 Umpires shall be appointed by Badminton Oceania and the Host Organiser

6 FILING OF ENTRIES

- 6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the Championships, Badminton Oceania shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete.
- 6.2 Entries may be submitted only by Member Associations and shall be made online not later than the closing date notified in the invitation.
- 6.3 The Badminton Oceania Executive Board shall have the power to reject the entry of any Member Association:
- 6.3.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;
 - 6.3.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Championships or the game; or
 - 6.3.3 in cases specified in Badminton Oceania Constitution Rules (eg. 9.2 and 10.2)

7 METHOD OF COMPETITION

Badminton Oceania shall organise the continental stage to determine the qualifiers for the finals from Oceania. Badminton Oceania will determine the overall format which best suits the expected team entry numbers and will hold the event on the dates set aside in the BWF International Calendar.

8 QUALIFICATION & SEEDING:

- 8.1 The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as at 3 December 2019
- 8.2 Total ranking points of the three highest ranked singles players and two doubles pairs from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.
- 8.3 By this determination all the participating teams will be ranked in their order of strength
- 8.4 The draws will be made on Tuesday 10 December 2019

9 TEAM MANAGER

- 9.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a manager of its team and notify BOC of the appointment within the stipulated time

- 9.2 From the time of arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the Member Association and its team at the competition
- 9.3 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee or Committee of Management

10 NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 10.1 Each competing Member Association is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent its Association.
- 10.2 Each competing Member Association shall nominate to BOC not fewer than four players and not more than ten players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie. Player Name nomination, must be completed on-line by Friday 24 January 2020
- 10.3 Ranking Order:
- 10.3.1 All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings as at 21 January 2020 in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength.
- 10.3.2 Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings as at 21 January 2020 in doubles as follows:
- 4 nominated players - the 6 possible pairings
 - 5 nominated players - the 10 possible pairings
 - 6 nominated players - the 15 possible pairings
 - 7, 8, 9 or 10 players - the 21 possible or most probable pairings
- Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength. To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in General Competition Regulations 11.6 where applicable.
- The Referee has discretion to amend the ranking order for players or pairings without a world ranking.
- 10.3.3 Badminton Oceania will generate the team ranking lists based on the above and circulate to the respective team by 27 January 2020 for adjustment of players/pairs with no world ranking points
- 10.4 Nomination of team for a tie
- 10.4.1 On-line team nomination will be used with nominations closing 2 hours prior to the commencement of the tie
- 10.4.2 The players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated and be in the order as ranked.

11 CONSTITUTION OF TIES AND TEAMS

- 11.1 Each tie shall be decided by the results of
First Singles; Second Singles; Third Singles; First Doubles; and Second Doubles.
- 11.2 Group play
- 11.2.1 In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.
- 11.2.2 In non group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided (3 matches won)
- 11.3 In singles, each team shall play its three players according to the order as determined by Regulation 10.3.

- 11.4 In doubles, each team shall play its two pairs according to the order as determined by Regulation 10.3.
- 11.5 No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match

12 **ORDER OF PLAY**

The following orders of play are permissible:

- i. First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles
 - ii. First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third singles
 - iii. First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles
 - iv. First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles
 - v. First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles
 - vi. First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles
 - vii. First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles - second doubles
 - viii. First singles - second doubles - second singles - third singles - first doubles
- 12.2 Determining order of play
- 12.2.1 The order of play will be determined by the Referee which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles.
- 12.2.2 If all eight orders of play, result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play (v) will be used.
- 12.3 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 60 minutes between them.

13 **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 13.1 After the nomination of the Team List (due 24 January 2020), the Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance.
- 13.2 No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted
- 13.3 For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 14.1.4 applies

14 **DISQUALIFICATION**

- 14.1 The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the competition within stipulated time or such other period as may have previously been agreed with the Referee.
- 14.2 The Referee has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its required programme, or whose team manager fails to attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee.
- 14.3 The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Competition any team which had failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the Rules and Regulations for the BWF

15 **CLOTHING REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 Clothing must comply with the existing BWF regulations
- 15.2 Colour of Players' clothing:
- 15.2.1 In team matches players must wear team uniform. That is each player must wear the same colour and design of shirts and shorts (or other equivalent articles of clothing).

- 15.2.2 It is recommended that the opposing teams in each tie wear a different colour to each other.
 - 15.2.3 The team ranked lower on the seeding list will be requested to wear clothing of a significant different colour if possible.
- 15.3 Players names
- 15.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.
- 15.4 Country names
- 15.4.1 The name of the players' country on the back of the shirt is mandatory and must be a height of 5cm.
- 15.5 Advertising on Players' clothing
- 15.5.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with current BWF regulations.