



## Team Events | Regulations



**Oceania Mixed Team Championships**  
**Open Mixed Team Championships – Robson Shield**  
**Junior Mixed Team Championships – Roy Ward Shield**

**1. DEFINITION**

- 1.1 The Oceania Mixed Team Championships Shall be played in odd number years. All Member Associations of the Badminton Oceania Confederation (BOC) shall be entitled to take part
- 1.2 The Open Mixed Team tournament is the Oceania Qualification Stage for the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals and as such these regulations are governed by the BWF Sudirman Cup regulations. The number of qualifying teams is decided in accordance with BWF's regulations for the Sudirman Cup.
- 1.3 The Championships shall be played every second year, (odd number years) and shall be played in conjunction with the Oceania Championships (individual events) unless BOC determines it is in the best interest of the Member Associations and players to play these tournaments separately.
- 1.4 The week in which the Open Mixed Team Championships are played is determined by the BWF. BOC to determine when the Junior Mixed Team Championships take place
- 1.5 BOC to apply to the BWF for sanction of the Championships at least 9 months prior to the commencement of the Championships
- 1.6 Each Member Association may only enter one team into each competition, ie. the Junior Championships and the Open Championships
- 1.7 A team shall constitute of a minimum of two male and two female, and a maximum of six male and six female players
- 1.8 The winner of each tournament shall be regarded as the Oceania Champions and shall be presented with the perpetual trophies and medals
- 1.9 The winners of the Open Mixed Team Championships shall be awarded the Robson Shield. The winners of the Junior Mixed Team Championships shall be awarded the Roy Ward Shield.

**2. RIGHTS**

BOC 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 Host Organiser, BOC may grant licenses and concession in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the Host Organiser and/or commercial organisations.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FINANCE**

- 3.1 Each Member Association is responsible for all travel, accommodation, uniforms, entry fees and operations of their teams/players
- 3.2 BOC will advise an official tournament accommodation provider and is obligated to provide airport transfers, transport to and from this venue to the practice and competition venue at no charge to the teams. Member Associations not staying in the official accommodation are responsible for organising and meeting the cost of their own transport, including airport transfers. For avoidance of doubt, if

players are not staying at the tournament accommodation, they cannot be provided transport from the airport to the tournament venue

- 3.3 An entry fee will be set for each team entered payable to BOC. To be advised in the tournament invitation
- 3.4 Teams withdrawing within 6 weeks of the competition will be charged a withdrawal fee of USD\$750
- 3.5 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 Member Association shall receive a fine of USD1,000
- 3.6 Teams will be provided with a fair and reasonable number of practise courts, at no charge, based on the number of players in their team and the total number of players/teams in the Championships, as from two (2) days prior to the start of the competition. Any courts required prior to this may incur a charge by the organiser
- 3.7 Teams will be provided with one dozen of the competition shuttles at their first practise session

#### **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 Sudirman Cup shall take precedence
- 4.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by BOC.
- 4.3 Umpires shall be appointed by BOC and the Host Organiser. It is recommended that there is a minimum of three umpires from an MA other than the host and a minimum of two Continental or higher-level umpires
- 4.4 The minimum age for line judges is 16 years old. A minimum of two line judges per match to be provided by the host for pool play with a minimum of four line judges per match for the semi-finals and finals

#### **5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

- 5.1 Players shall be eligible to represent a Member Association in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 6 – International Representation
- 5.2 Participation in the Oceania Teams Championships shall be restricted to players in good standing with their national organisation
- 5.3 All junior players must be under the age of 19 years on December 31 of the year in which the tournament is held.
- 5.4 A copy of birth certificate/ citizenship certificate/passport to be supplied if requested

#### **6. FILING OF ENTRIES**

- 6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the Championships, BOC 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. Entries close on the Tuesday immediately preceding 72 days prior to the start of the tournament
- 6.3 The BOC 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 does not meet the requirement of being in "good standing" as defined in the BOC Constitution

## **7 SEEDING and DRAW**

- 7.1 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team
  - 7.1.1 The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking or World Junior Ranking list as at the Tuesday immediately preceding 60 days prior to the start of the tournament
    - 7.1.1.1 Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair, one women's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team
  - 7.1.2 Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero
  - 7.1.3 World ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs ranking points shall not be included in the team ranking
  - 7.1.4 General competition regulation 11.6.1 shall be applied for the next ranked pair of the same nationality in replacement of a Mixed nationality pair in the world ranking
  - 7.1.5 On such determination, all the teams will be ranked in their order of strength
- 7.2 On the Monday immediately preceding 45 days prior to the start of the tournament BOC to advise the draw format for the tournament
- 7.3 Where there are seven (7) or fewer teams a round robin format shall be used, played over a maximum of three (3) days. Three rounds to be played on the first day of play, with two rounds on the followed two days. The draw shall be made to ensure the two (2) top ranked teams play each other in the final round.
- 7.4 Where there are eight (8) or more teams, the competition shall be played in Groups with semi-finals and a final – time permitting. The final format to be determined by Badminton Oceania based on final entries.
  - 7.4.1 The draw to be made with the top two ranked teams in separate groups; the third and fourth ranked teams to be in separate groups based on a random draw. All other places in each group to be determined by a random draw
  - 7.4.2 The competition to be played over a maximum of three days with teams playing a maximum of two ties per day where possible. In some instances, the draw format may require teams to play three ties per day; if this is the case, where possible teams to play the greater number of ties on day one of the competition
- 7.5 Each tie shall be decided by the results of the two singles and three doubles matches. All five matches of each tie shall be played in pool play in both Junior and Open competitions.
- 7.6 In Junior competition, all ties shall be fully completed during the knock-out rounds. In Open competition, in the knock-out rounds the tie shall be deemed complete when the first team has won three matches; the remaining matches may be played if both teams agree to do so



## **8 Group Ranking Order**

- 8.1 If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
- 8.2 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
- 8.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- 8.4 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.
- 8.5 If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- 8.6 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.
- 8.7 A conceded match shall count as if completed without conceding side scoring another point.
- 8.8 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

## **9 TEAM MANAGER**

- 9.1 Each Member Association must have designated Team Manager with the MA to, at least 60 days prior to the tournament, advise BOC of the name and contact details of the Team Manager
- 9.2 The Team Manager to be the main point of contact with BOC with regards to all matters regarding the tournament
- 9.3 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Team Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the member association and team concerned in connection with the conduct of the competition.
- 9.4 The Team Manager shall attend any meeting called by the Organisers or Referee. Failure to attend the Team Managers meeting may incur a penalty fee of USD250

## **10 NOMINATION OF TEAMS**

- 10.1 Each competing Member Association shall, nominate not fewer than two male and two female players and not more than 6 male and female players, no later than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament
- 10.2 A tie comprises the following matches:
  - 1 Men's Singles*
  - 1 Women's Singles*
  - 1 Men's Doubles*
  - 1 Women's Doubles*
  - 1 Mixed Doubles*

- 10.3 For each tie the Team manager shall submit to the Referee, at a time to be decided by the Referee, the composition of the team, where the players are from those previously nominated (10.1)
- 10.4 The teams for each tie shall consist of a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women and a minimum of two (2) men and two (2) women.
- 10.5 No player shall play in more than two matches in a tie
- 10.6 If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player shall play in the maximum amount of matches applicable according to these regulations. All other matches unable to be played shall be conceded.
- 10.7 If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same sex, or one of each sex, those players shall play in the maximum amount of matches applicable according to these regulations. All other matches unable to be played shall be conceded.
- 10.8 The Referee shall thereupon make available to the Manager/Captain of the participating teams the names of the opposing players and pairings.

## **11 ORDER OF PLAY**

- 11.1 The following are permissible orders of play:
  - 11.1.1 Men's Doubles–Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
  - 11.1.2 Men's Singles–Women's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
  - 11.1.3 Mixed Doubles–Men's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Singles–Women's Doubles
  - 11.1.4 Mixed Doubles–Men's Singles–Women's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Doubles
  - 11.1.5 Mixed Doubles–Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Men's Doubles
  - 11.1.6 Women's Singles–Men's Singles–Women's Doubles–Men's Doubles–Mixed Doubles
- 11.2 Determining the order of play
  - 11.2.1 Orders of play 11.1.1 to 11.1.6 will be considered with the order of play which gives players playing in two matches maximum rest a priority; also taking into account that players should play singles before men's or women's doubles.
  - 11.2.2 If all six orders of play, 11.1.1 to 11.1.6 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play 11.1.2 will be used.
- 11.3 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

## **12. SUBSTITUTION**

- 12.1 Should any player become injured or indisposed, and thereby unable to play in the team nominated (10.1) at any time between submitting the nominations and the scheduled commencement of play, the team concerned shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Referee to submit a new team excluding the player involved. The Referee may request a Doctor's certificate before granting approval

- 12.2 Once the team for a tie has been nominated no substitutions are permitted
- 12.3 For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 14.1.4 applies

### **13. ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING**

- 13.1 The BWF Competition Regulations on advertising and clothing apply
- 13.2 A team must all wear the same colour of shirts and shorts
- 13.3 It is optional (although highly recommended) that players have their name on the back of their shirt. Lettering must be at a height of 6-10cm
- 13.4 It is mandatory that players have the Country name on the back of their shirt. The country name must be printed at a height of 5cm

### **14. SHUTTLECOCKS**

- 14.1 The make and speed of shuttlecocks shall be BWF approved.
- 14.2 Two speeds of shuttle must be available for the tournament. The Referee is the sole determinant of the speed of shuttle to be used
- 14.3 Teams are entitled to, free of charge, from the organisers, 1 dozen of the same shuttle to be used for the tournament for practise. Additional shuttles may be purchased from the organiser

### **15. TROPHIES and MEDALS**

- 15.1 The Oceania perpetual trophies shall be awarded to the winner of each competition
- 15.2 The perpetual trophies to be retained and engraved by BOC
- 15.3 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all named members in a team who are present at the tournament and presentation ceremony plus the Coach and Manager
- 15.4 It is mandatory that all teams receiving medals attend the presentations and wear team uniform. If a team fails to attend the presentations, they may be fined USD500 by BOC

### **16 ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS**

These regulations may be altered by recommendations from the BOC Secretary General and the BOC Events Advisor with ratification by the BOC Executive Board

<b>Time-Lines</b>	<b>Action</b>
4 months prior to start of tournament	Tournament invitation issued to all MAs
Tuesday immediately preceding 72 days prior to the start of the tournament	Entries Close
60 days prior to the start of the tournament	Tentative Schedule circulated
60 days prior to the start of the tournament	Team Managers to be notified to BOC
Tuesday immediately preceding 60 days prior to the start of the tournament	WR date for determining the seeding and groups
Monday immediately preceding 45 days prior to the start of the tournament	Draws for group play
14 days prior to the start of the tournament	Team player nominations due

## **Oceania Men's and Women's Team Championships**

### **Men's Team Championships – Nigel Skelt Trophy**

### **Women's' Team Championships – Geraldine Brown trophy**

#### **1 DEFINITION**

- 1.1 The Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships shall be played in even years and Member Associations of the Badminton Oceania Confederation (BOC) shall be entitled to take part.
- 1.2 The tournament 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
- 1.7 The Oceania Men's Team Champions shall be awarded the Nigel Skelt Trophy. The Oceania Women's Team Champions shall be awarded the Geraldine Brown Trophy. These trophies to be retained by BOC
- 1.8 Players must be eligible to represent a Member Association as per the BWF GCR 6 – International Representation

#### **2 RIGHTS**

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#### **3 RESPONSIBILITIES & FINANCE**

- 3.1 BOC 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 their players and officials including travel, visas, accommodation and other expenses. Each Member Association is responsible for arranging their own insurance
- 3.3 An entry fee will be set for each team entered, payable to BOC, as advised in the tournament invitation



- 3.4 If a Member Association withdraws anytime from six weeks prior to the first day of the competition, that Member shall be charged a withdrawal fee of USD750 per team.
- 3.5 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 Member Association shall receive a fine of USD1,000.

#### **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 BOC.
- 4.3 Umpires shall be appointed by BOC and the Host Organiser

#### **5 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

- 5.1 Players shall be eligible to represent a Member Association in accordance with BWF Competition Regulation 6 – International Representation
- 5.2 Participation in the Oceania Teams Championships shall be restricted to players in good standing with their national organisation
- 5.3 A copy of citizenship certificate/passport to be supplied if requested

#### **6. FILING OF ENTRIES**

- 6.1 Not later than four months before the date of the Championships, BOC 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. Entries close the Tuesday immediately preceding 72 prior to the start of the tournament
- 6.3 The BOC 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 meets the required of being in "good standing" as defined in the BOC Constitution

#### **7 SEEDING & DRAW**

- 7.1 The draw shall be group play, up to a maximum of 6 teams per group, followed by a knockout draw if there are two or more groups
- 7.2 The draw to allocate teams to the groups, shall be conducted in a manner determined by BOC
- 7.3 If there is only one group, the top two ranked teams shall play each other in the last round of play
- 7.4 A draw and schedule will be distributed no less than 60 days prior to the start of the tournament
- 7.5 The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as at the Tuesday immediately preceding 24 days prior to the start of the tournament

- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 By this determination all the participating teams will be ranked in their order of strength to determine the seedings
- 7.8 The draws according to ranking will be made and distributed no later than 21 days prior to the start of the tournament

## **8 Group Ranking Order**

- 8.1 If two teams have won the same number of ties, the ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
- 8.2 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be decided by the total number of matches won. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them;
- 8.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- 8.4 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher.
- 8.5 If this leaves two teams equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the tie between them.
- 8.6 If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and the same number of matches, have the same difference between total games won and total games lost and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing lots.
- 8.7 A conceded match shall count as if completed without conceding side scoring another point.
- 8.8 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws shall be entirely deleted.

## **9 TEAM MANAGER**

- 9.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a manager of its team and notify BOC of the appointment no later than 60 days prior to the start of the tournament
- 9.2 From the time of arrival at the venue, the Team 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

## **9 NOMINATION OF TEAMS**

- 9.1 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.

- 9.2 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 no later than 21 days prior to the start of the competition
- 9.3 Ranking Order:
- 9.3.1 All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings as at the Tuesday immediately preceding 16 days prior to the start of the tournament in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength.
- 9.3.2 Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings as at Tuesday immediately preceding 16 days prior to the start of the tournament 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.
- 9.3.3 BOC will generate the team ranking lists based on the above and circulate to the respective team no later than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament for adjustment of players/pairs with no world ranking points
- 9.3.4 BOC to distribute the confirmed team ranking lists to all teams no later than 7 days prior to the start of the tournament
- 9.4 Nomination of team for a tie
- 9.4.1 On-line team nomination will be used with nominations closing 2 hours prior to the commencement of the tie
- 9.4.2 The players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated and be in the order as ranked.

## **11 Playing of a Tie**

- 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
- 12.2.1 In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.
- 12.2.2 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 the order of play**

13.2.1 The order of play will be determined by the Referee which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles (WD/MD) before singles.

13.2.2 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 (9.2) 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:

16.2.1 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).

16.2.2 It is recommended that the opposing teams in each tie wear a different colour to each other.

- 16.2.3 The team ranked lower on the seeding list will be requested to wear clothing of a significant different colour if possible.
- 15.3 Player name  
16.3.1 The name of the player on the back of the shirt is optional.
- 15.4 Country name  
16.4.1 The name of the country on the back of the shirt is mandatory and must be a height of 5cm.
- 15.5 Advertising on Players' clothing  
16.5.1 Advertising on players' clothing must comply with current BWF regulations.

<b>Time-Line</b>	<b>Action</b>
4 months prior to start of tournament	Tournament invitation issued to all MAs
Tuesday immediately after 72 days prior to the tournament	Entries Close
No less than 60 days prior to the tournament	Tentative Schedule circulated
60 days prior to the start of the tournament	Team Managers to be notified to BOC
Tuesday immediately preceding 60 days prior to the start of the tournament	WR date for determining the seeding and groups
Monday immediately preceding 24 days prior to the start of the tournament	Draws for group play
21 days prior to the start of the tournament	Team player nominations due
Tuesday immediately preceding to 16 days prior to the start of the tournament	World Ranking date for deciding the ranking order of the singles and doubles players
14 days prior to the start of the tournament	BOC to circulate team ranking lists to teams
7 days prior to the start of the tournament	Team ranking list order to be finalised and distributed