

1 DEFINITION

- 1.1. Oceania Championships (Open) shall be played annually.
- 1.2. Oceania Junior Championships shall be played in odd numbered years unless otherwise determined by the BOC Executive Board
- 1.3. The events shall include singles and doubles for both men and women and mixed doubles, and they shall all be conducted on a knock-out format in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- 1.4. The winners of all events shall be regarded as Oceania (Junior) Champions and shall be presented with the Badminton Oceania Confederation perpetual trophies. The Winner and Runner-up in all events shall be presented with medals and or trophies.
- 1.5. Prize money of a minimum of NZD5,000 (Open) and NZD2,500 (juniors) shall be awarded
- 1.6. The Oceania Championships (Open) are classified as a BWF Grade 3 International Challenge level tournament for the purpose of world ranking points and regulations.
- 1.7. The Oceania Junior Championships are classified as a BWF "Upgraded Junior Future Series tournament" for the purpose of world junior ranking points and regulations

2 NOMINATION OF ENTRIES

- 2.1. The tournament prospectus shall be published and distributed no later than 97 days prior to the commencement of the Championships
- 2.2. Entries must be on-line using the BWF on-line entry system for Member Associations
- 2.3. Late entries cannot be accepted.

3 ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. An entry fee of NZD\$100 if the prizemoney is NZD5,000, \$120 if the prizemoney is more than NZD5,000 shall be charged in the currency of the host, if held in New Zealand or Australia. When held in a Pacific Island the entry fee shall be charged in NZD. The entry fee is per person regardless of number of events entered, payable to BOC who will invoice each Member Association once the draw has been made
- 3.2. An entry fee is payable for every player who is included in a draw regardless of whether they withdraw after this date
- 3.3. Withdrawal penalties will be imposed according to current BWF regulations for Grade 3 events

4 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 4.1. Participation in Oceania Championship Tournaments shall be restricted to players in good standing with their national organisation, and a player's eligibility to represent a country shall be in accordance with the regulations for international representation as outlined in the BWF General Competition Regulations

- 4.2 A player in the Junior Championships must be under 19 years of age as at 31 December on the year of the Championships
- 4.3 A copy of birth certificate/ citizenship certificate/passport to be submitted if requested by BOC

5 REGULATIONS

- 5.1 Play in the Championships organised by or under the auspices of the Confederation shall be in full accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.
- 5.2 The BWF General Competition Regulations shall apply

6 GENERAL ORGANISATION

- 6.1 Member Associations and Players are responsible for all travel, accommodation, uniform, entry fees and other costs associated with attending the championships
- 6.2 The organiser will advise an official event 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. Players not staying in the official accommodation are responsible for organising and meeting the cost of their own transport
- 6.3 All tournament time-lines will be in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations for Grade 3 tournaments

7 DRAW SIZES AND SCHEDULE

- 7.1 All entries to be accepted into the Championships provided the eligibility criteria is met.
- 7.2 There shall be no qualifying draws; main draw sizes will be determined by the number of entries into each event
- 7.3 There shall be no limit to the number of entries per country per event
- 7.4 The championships shall be played over a minimum of three days and a maximum of four days unless more days are required due to the number of courts available
- 7.5 If two rounds are played on the same day, it is ideal they are played in two separate sessions with a minimum 2 hours break between sessions
- 7.7 If time permits and there are courts available, in the junior championships, a plate event for first match losers, in the Men's and Women's Singles to be played

8 ADVERTISING AND CLOTHING

The Oceania Championships are graded as a BWF Level 3 International Challenge event and therefore all BWF and BOC regulations regarding clothing apply in addition to specific Oceania Regulations thus:

- 8.1. BWF Competition Regulation 22 on Lettering applies.

- 8.2 BWF Competition Regulation 23 on Advertising applies.
- 8.3 In Singles, it is mandatory that from the quarter finals onwards, the opposing players in each match wear significantly different colours from each other.
- 8.4 It is mandatory that from quarter finals onwards, doubles partners wear the same colour and similar design of clothing and that opposing pairs wear significantly different colours from each other.
- 8.5. It is mandatory that the name of the player shall appear on the back of the shirt.
- 8.6 Compliance with all other requirements of the BWF Competition Regulations in respect of lettering, advertising and designs on player's clothing are mandatory.

9 INTERPRETATIONS

- 9.1. The whole organisation of the Oceania Championships shall be conducted in full conformity with the existing rules and regulations of the BWF; which will be enforced by both the appointed Referee and Badminton Oceania