



Regulations



Grade 3 Tournaments



International Challenge



International Series



Future Series



Junior International Tournaments



1. Description

- 1.1. BWF Grade 3 tournaments in the Oceania region are managed and controlled by Badminton Oceania. The tournaments are open to all badminton players who are registered players for entry for a BWF Member. All Grade 3 tournaments provide BWF world ranking points as per the BWF ranking regulations.
- 1.2. Unless specifically noted, the BWF General Competition Regulations apply

2. Definitions

- 2.1. A Member is defined as a National Association with membership of BWF according to the BWF Constitution
- 2.2. The Host Organiser is the entity organising the tournament

3. Tournaments

Tournaments that are classified as Grade 3 tournaments, can also be referred to as the “Oceania Circuit” referenced in the BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) Clause 2.4 are:

- International Challenge
- International Series
- Future Series

4. Tournament Sanction, Rights and Financial Arrangement

- 4.1. The Member Association (MA) of the Host Organiser (HO) is to first complete the official BOC sanction form and send to BOC no later than 41 weeks (9.5 months) prior to the start of the tournament. The MA of the Host Organiser (HO) must apply for the sanction and must also sign the BOC sanction form.
- 4.2. Once BOC has approved the sanction the BWF online sanction application to be lodged by the Host MA at least 9 months prior to the start of the tournament.
- 4.3. Failure to submit a BOC sanction form and agree terms, may result in sanction being withheld at the discretion of BOC if there are factors which BOC determines may impact on the ability of the HO to meet the regulations and requirements of the tournament including reports, experiences and feedback from previous tournaments organised by the HO. Once sanction is approved the tournament will be added to the BWF international calendar and to the BOC calendar
- 4.4. BOC may impose a sanction fee, if this is the case the fee to be notified to the host MA prior to applying for sanction. The fee to be paid to BOC prior to the release of the prospectus
- 4.5. The number of tournaments that each MA can hold in a year is governed by the BWF Tournament Sanction Policy
- 4.6. The MA will have ultimate authority for the control and management of the tournament and are required to follow the Oceania Grade 3 Regulations
- 4.7. 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.

- 4.8. The HO is responsible for all operational financial aspects of the tournament including payment of prizemoney directly to the players at the tournament

5. Tournament Sanction, Rights and Financial Arrangement

- 5.1. MAs wishing to cancel or postpone a Grade 3 tournament must adhere to the timelines and penalties as outlined in the BWF GCR's
- 5.2. BOC has no liability with regard to any cancellations or changes to the tournament which may occur for any reason.

6. Rights

- 6.1. BOC owns all rights, including but not limited to streaming, television, radio, data and images in connection with the Grade 3 tournaments in the Oceania region. BOC may grant the MA and HO agreed rights under a separate agreement

7. Venue

- 7.1. All matches in the tournament must be played in the same venue.
- 7.2. The desirable height unobstructed of the playing area is 12m, the minimum height is 9m.
- 7.3. Lighting should be at least 500 lux. It must be non-blinding and an even distribution over the entire court.
- 7.4. 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
- 7.5. No part of the background behind the ends of the court should be coloured white. This to include advertising signs.
- 7.6. It is essential that all aspects of health & safety, and security for players, officials and spectators are in accordance with local Government regulations.
- 7.7. The competition venue should be available at least one full day prior to the start of the tournament for a full day of practice and match court acclimatisation. A different venue may be used prior to this and for practice
- 7.8. It is recommended under BWF General Competition Regulations that there are two warm-up courts provided in the competition venue where possible
- 7.9. It is recommended that all tournaments provide at least 4 practice courts through to the completion of the tournament
- 7.10. It is a requirement that all matches in International Challenge and International Series tournaments are played on BWF approved court mats, the flooring must be sprung wooden or equivalent subfloor
- 7.11. It is recommended that all matches in Future Series tournaments are played on BWF approved court mats, the flooring must be sprung wooden or equivalent subfloor.

- 7.12. 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
- 7.13. The direction of the courts must remain the same for the duration of the tournament
- 7.14. The nets, net-posts, umpire chairs and fixed service height measurement devices must all adhere to the criteria outlined in BWF Specifications for International Standard Facilities
- 7.15. It is a requirement for International Challenge tournaments that Live Score is used
- 7.16. It is highly recommended that for International Series and Future Series tournaments Live Score is used

8. Entries

- 8.1. The following draw sizes are to be planned for

Events	Entries			
	Main Draw	Qualifiers	Qualifying Draw Maximum Entries Option 1	Qualifying Draw Maximum Entries Option 2
Men's Singles	56	8	16	32
Women's Singles	28	4	8	16
Men's Doubles	28	4	8	8
Women's Doubles	28	4	8	8
Mixed Doubles	28	4	8	8

Qualification Draw entries – either option 1 or option 2 to be used and noted in the prospectus – see appendix 1 for details

Option 1 – this option to be used if the tournament is over 4 days, must have the provision for 5 competition courts

Option 2 – this option may be used if the tournament is over 5 days with the provision for 4 or 5 competition courts

- 8.2. Entries must be made by the Member Association of which the player / pair is a member, using the BWF on-line entry system
- 8.3. The closing date shall be as per the BWF regulations
- 8.4. All entries, M & Q, seeding and draws shall be managed by BOC as per the BWF General Competition Regulations
- 8.5. Where entries exceed the numbers in the main draw, qualifying rounds are to be played as provided for in the BWF General Competition Regulations and the BOC regulations
- 8.6. The World Ranking shall be used to determine the players/pairs who will be accepted into the main draw; the date of WR to be stated in the prospectus

9. Tournament Schedule

- 9.1. The tournament to be played over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 days (including qualifying) – see appendix 1 for details
- 9.2. If the tournament is over 4 days, a minimum of 5 competition courts must be available. If the tournament is over 5 days, a minimum of 4 competition courts are required. The final number of courts to be used to be confirmed in conjunction with the Referee once the draws are published.
- 9.3. 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
- 9.4. 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 9.7 The Referee to make the final decision on the schedule of play. It is recommended the schedule as per Appendix 1 is followed
- 9.5. The Tournament Director and Referee to confirm the schedule overview, including start times, once final entries are known
- 9.6. Once a round in an event is started it must be completed on the same day
- 9.7. 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
- 9.8. 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
- 9.9. A player is entitled to a minimum of 60 minutes break between matches (GCR 11.4) unless it is a Junior Tournament in which case a minimum of 30 minutes applies

10. Entry Fees

- 10.1. It is recommended that entry fees be charged to all entrants. International entries in USD, local entries in local currency
- 10.2. The collection of the entry fees is solely the responsibility of the organiser

11. Clothing Regulations

- 11.1. Clothing & advertising are in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations (sections 20-24).
- 11.2. The name of the player is MANDATORY on the back of all players shirts. The country name is optional, however if it is on the shirt, it must comply with BWF regulations.
- 11.3. For International Challenge and International Series tournaments from quarterfinals onwards GCR 21 regarding clothing colour will apply:
 - 11.3.1. In singles matches opposing players must wear significantly different coloured clothing
 - 11.3.2. In doubles matches both players must wear the same colour clothing and opposing pairs must wear significantly different coloured clothing

12. Trophies and Prize money

- 12.1. The winner and runner-up of each event to receive a trophy or medal
- 12.2. The total prizemoney for each tournament to be as per the BWF Statutes Section 5.3.1 Tournament Sanctions Policy
- 12.3. The prize money to be advertised in US dollars; to be issued in either USD or local currency at the tournament. This must be stated in the prospectus.
- 12.4. The total value of the prize pool and breakdown, as per the tables below, to be stated in the prospectus.
- 12.5. 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
- 12.6. Any local tax regulations need to be stated on the prospectus
- 12.7. The prize money distribution shall be 20% of the prize pool per event distributed as below

International Challenge

	WINNER	RUNNERUP	SEMIFINALIST (2)	QUARTERFINALIST (4)
Singles	8%	4.8%	2%	0.8%
Number	x 1	x 1	x 2	X4
Doubles per pair	8%	4.8%	2%	0.8%
Number	x 1	x 1	x 2	X4

International Series

	WINNER	RUNNERUP	SEMIFINALIST (2)
Singles	9%	6%	2.5%
Number	x 1	x 1	x 2
Doubles per pair	9%	6%	2.5%
Number	x 1	x 1	x 2

Future Series

There is no set prize money for Future Series tournaments by the BWF; however, BOC requires a tournament of this level offers a minimum of USD5,000 unless otherwise agreed. 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 following approval from BOC prior to the prospectus being released

	WINNER	RUNNERUP
Singles	11.5%	8.5%
Number	x 1	x 1
Doubles per pair	11.5%	8.5%
Number	x 1	x 1

13. Draw

- 13.1. The draw shall be done in accordance with BWF GCR 11.
- 13.2. The M & Q, seeding and draw shall be done by Badminton Oceania as per the GCR's
- 13.3. The draw and schedule must be approved by the referee before they are released.
- 13.4. After the draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted except for the moving of entries in the main draw to fill positions of seeds who withdraw prior to the end of the team managers meeting as per BWF General Competition Regulation 11.3
- 13.5. It is mandatory for all tournaments to use the BWF Tournament Planner license provided to BOC by BWF

14. Withdrawals and Promotions in the Draw

- 14.1. Any withdrawals and promotions must be dealt with in accordance with BWF GCR 13.

15. Alterations to the Draw

- 15.1. 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

16. Penalties

- 16.1. 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 and according to BWF regulations
- 16.2. BOC may impose a penalty of USD150 on any MA who does not attend the Managers Meeting or does not prior arrange and advise the Referee of another MA who is representing them at this meeting

17. Shuttles

- 17.1. The brand of shuttles to be used must be BWF approved.

- 17.2. The same quality and brand of shuttle must be used throughout the tournament.
- 17.3. Shuttles are to be provided by the tournament free of charge for all matches
- 17.4. Two shuttles per person to be provided free of charge to each player when they attend their first practice session (for clarity – if the players do not utilise tournament practice courts, they are not entitled to receive practice shuttles)
- 17.5. Two speeds of shuttle must be provided; ideally sufficient of each speed to play the entire tournament

18. Transport

- 18.1. Transport to and from the closest international airport to be provided free of charge to all players and officials staying at the official accommodation
- 18.2. Transport to be provided from the official accommodation venues to the practice and tournament venues for players and officials free of charge.
- 18.3. Future and International Series Tournaments – the minimum requirement is to provide transport to arrive at the venue at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the first match of the day/session, a return trip in the middle of the session and return transport at the conclusion of the session.
- 18.4. International Challenge Tournaments – as for Future and International Series Tournaments with additional frequency to ensure at least one return trip every 3 hours
- 18.5. Transport to be provided for the Referees to arrive at the venue no later than 60 minutes prior the start of play and return when they have completed all their duties at the end of play
- 18.6. If the walking distance between the official accommodation and the venue does not exceed 1km then the Organiser can apply to BOC to not provide transport for this part

19. Practice and Acclimatisation

- 19.1. Practice courts to be provided free of charge as from one day prior to the start of the tournament.
- 19.2. It is a requirement that a competition court acclimatisation session is made available to all players, the day prior to the start of the tournament
- 19.3. Practice courts to be provided, free of charge, until the completion of the tournament

20. Managers Meeting

- 20.1. The Tournament Organiser and Referee to agree the location and time of the Managers Meeting which should be detailed in the prospectus

21. Prospectus

- 21.1. The prospectus shall be published no later than 97 days prior to the start of the tournament and must include all details as listed in BWF GCR 10

- 21.2. The prospectus and associated forms shall be sent to BOC in the first instance for approval at least 104 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 21.3. The prospectus and all associated forms once approved shall be sent to the BWF by BOC for distribution to Member Associations no less than 97 days prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to submit the prospectus on time to BOC will incur a penalty fine of NZD150 - for every 24 hours or part of, which elapse until such time that the prospectus is received.

22. Medical

- 22.1. 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
- 22.2. It is recommended that the medical person is also at the competition venue during the acclimatisation session

23. Technical Officials

- 23.1. A Referee will be appointed to each tournament by BOC at least 4 months prior to the start of the tournament
- 23.2. A Deputy Referee will be appointed to all International Challenge and International Series tournaments by BOC at least 4 months prior to the start of the tournament.
- 23.3. It is strongly recommended that the Referee and the Deputy Referee are from different MAs
- 23.4. The host MA to appoint a Deputy Referee for Future Series tournaments and advise BOC of this appointment no later than 4 months prior to the start of the tournament
- 23.5. All matches must have an Umpire and Service Judge who must be national/pacific level accredited as a minimum requirement
- 23.6. For International Challenge tournaments it is mandatory to have at least 3 foreign umpires and at least 3 Continental Confederation level umpires umpiring at the tournament.
- 23.7. For International Series and Future Series tournaments it is mandatory to have at least 2 foreign umpires and at least 2 Continental Confederation level umpires umpiring at the tournament.
- 23.8. For all Continental Confederation tournaments, it is mandatory to appoint a minimum of 3 umpires per court used.
- 23.9. International Challenge tournaments to have a minimum of 4 line judges per match for qualification and main draw matches until the semifinals. There should be a minimum of 6 line judges for semifinals and finals matches.
- 23.10. International Series and Future Series tournaments to have a minimum of 2, ideally 4, line judges per match for qualification and main draw matches up until the quarterfinals. There should be a minimum of 4 line judges per match for quarterfinals and 6 line judges for semifinals and finals matches.

- 23.11. The minimum age for line judges is 14 years old however it is strongly recommended to use line judges who are aged 16 or over

24. Player Obligations

- 24.1. These are as per the BWF Player Commitment Regulations

25. Appendix One

Qualifying draws – MS = 32, WS = 16, MD, WD XD = 8. Option 2 (4.1)

Number of Courts = 4

Number of Days = 5

Event	No entered	No of matches	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
MS	64	63	32 Day 1	16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
WS	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
MD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
WD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
MX	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
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Event	No entered	No of Qualifiers	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	No of matches	
MSQ	32	8		16 Day 1	8 Day 1		24	
WSQ	16	4			8 Day 1	4 Day 1	12	
MDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
WDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
MXQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
							48	
	No. Matches	No. cts	time/match	Total time - hrs	Suggested Session Times			
Day 1 Qual	48	4	35	7.0	Start 9am finish 4pm			
Day 1 - Main	32	4	35	4.7	Start 5pm finish 10pm			
Day 2	80	4	40	13.3	Start 9am finish 10pm			
Day 3	40	4	40	6.7	Start 12 noon finish 7pm			
Day 4	20	3	40	4.4	Start 10am finish 2.30pm			
Day 4	10	2	45	3.8	Start 5pm finish 9pm			
Day 5	5	1	45	3.8	Start 10am finish 2pm			
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Appendix One

Qualifying draws – MS = 16, WS, MD, WD XD = 8. Option 1 (4.1)

Number of Courts = 4

Number of Days = 5

Event	No entered	No of matches	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
MS	64	63	32 Day 1	16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
WS	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
MD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
WD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
MX	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 3	4 Day 4	2 Day 4	1 Day 5
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Event	No entered	No of Qualifiers	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	No of matches	
MSQ	16	8			8 Day 1		8	
WSQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
MDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
WDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
MXQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
							24	
		No. cts	time/match	Total time - hrs	Suggested Session Times			
Day 1 Qual	24	4	35	3.5	Start 11am finish 3pm			
Day 1 - Main	32	4	35	4.7	Start 4pm finish 9pm			
Day 2	80	4	40	13.3	Start 9am finish 10.30pm			
Day 3	40	4	40	6.7	Start 12 noon finish 7pm			
Day 4	20	3	40	4.4	Start 10am finish 2.30pm			
Day 4	10	2	45	3.8	Start 5pm finish 9pm			
Day 5	5	1	45	3.8	Start 10am finish 2pm			
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Option Three

Qualifying draws – MS = 16, WS, MD, WD XD = 8. Option 1 (4.1)

Number of Courts = 5

Number of Days = 4

Event	No entered	No of matches	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
MS	64	63	32 Day 1	16 Day 2	8 Day 2	4 Day 3	2 Day 3	1 Day 4
WS	32	31		16 Day 1	8 Day 2	4 Day 3	2 Day 3	1 Day 4
MD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 2	4 Day 3	2 Day 3	1 Day 4
WD	32	31		16 Day 2	8 Day 2	4 Day 3	2 Day 3	1 Day 4
MX	32	31		16 Day 1	8 Day 2	4 Day 3	2 Day 3	1 Day 4
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Event	No entered	No of Qualifiers	Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	No of matches	
MSQ	16	8			8 Day 1		8	
WSQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
MDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
WDQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
MXQ	8	4				4 Day 1	4	
							24	
		No. cts	time/match	Total time - hrs	Suggested Session Times			
Day 1 Qual	24	5	35	2.8	Start 9am finish 12 noon			
Day 1 - Main	64	5	35	7.5	Start 1pm finish 9pm			
Day 2	88	5	40	11.7	Start 9am finish 9pm			
Day 3	20	3	40	4.4	Start 10am finish 2.30pm			
Day 3	10	2	45	3.8	start 5pm finish 9pm			
Day 4	5	1	45	3.8	start 11am finish 3pm			
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