# Pacific Team Challenge 2027

# Regulations

## 1. DEFINITION

1.1 Member Associations of the Badminton Oceania Confederation (BOC) who have entered the Tahiti Pacific Games 2027 shall be invited to take part

1.2 Each Member Association may only enter one team into the competition

1.3 A team shall constitute of a minimum of two male and two female, and a maximum of 12 players

1.4 The winner shall be regarded as the Champions and shall be presented with the perpetual Pacific Team Challenge trophy and medals

## 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 The entry fee per team is NZD750

3.4 Teams withdrawing within 6 weeks of the competition will be charged a withdrawal fee of NZD1,500

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 NZD1,500

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 competition, 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 Referee will have the final decision.

4.2 The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by BOC.

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4.4 The BWF scoring of 3 x 15 games will be played according to Law 7.

## 5 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

5.1 Players shall be eligible to represent a Member Association in accordance with the Pacific Games Council Charter 2021 including:

5.1.1 Be a **citizen** of the country/territory the athlete is to represent at the Games and be able to demonstrate residency in that country/territory.

5.1.1.1 "citizen" means the holder of a **current valid and applicable passport** of the country/territory the athlete represents.

5.1.1.2 "residency" means that the athlete shall be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete represents and have **resided for not less than five years** (cumulatively, whether consecutively or not) at any time in that country/territory of the PGA.

5.1.1.3 For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from the country/territory of their citizenship for purposes such as education and sports training, military service and health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency.

5.1.1.4 A copy of birth certificate/ citizenship certificate/passport to be supplied if requested

5.2 Australia and New Zealand players must be over 18 years old and under 23 (ie. Born 2005 - 2008) and have **never represented** their country in a national team: junior or open; this includes Oceania Team Championships, World Junior Championships, Thomas Cup

## 6 FILING OF ENTRIES

6.1 An Expression of Interest must be completed by all Member Associations by Sunday 6 December 2026 who intend to enter the Pacific Team Challenge. This does not confirm an entry into the event but is a strong indication that the Member Association will be submitting an entry by the deadline.

6.1 Entries are submitted only by Member Associations and shall be made online. Entries close on **Tuesday 26 January 2027**

6.2 BOC shall have the power to reject the entry of any Member Association:

6.2.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;

6.2.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Pacific Team Challenge or the game; or

6.2.3 does not meet the requirement of being in "good standing" as defined in the BOC Constitution

6.2.4 The MA has not entered the Tahiti Pacific Games 2027

## 7 SEEDING and DRAW

7.1 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team by BOC. The seeding will be advised on **Friday 12 February**

7.2 The draw will be released on **Wednesday 31 March**

7.3 Where there are seven (7) or fewer teams a round robin format shall be used, played over a maximum of four (4) days. Two rounds to be played on the first 3 days, with one round

played on the final day. 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 BOC 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 four days with teams playing a maximum of three ties per day if required.

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.

## 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 of 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 advise BOC of the name and contact details of the Team Manager along with their entry

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 NZD250

## 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 12 players, no later than **Sunday 28 March**

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, a team is reduced to less than 2 male and 2 female players, those players shall play in the maximum number of matches applicable according to these regulations. All other matches shall be conceded.

10.7 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

11.1.7 Men's Doubles-Women's Doubles-Men's Singles-Women's Singles-Mixed Doubles

11.1.8 Men's Singles–Mixed Doubles-Women's Singles–Women's Doubles–Men's Doubles

11.1.9 Women's Singles–Mixed Doubles-Men's Singles–Men's Doubles–Women's Doubles

11.2 Determining the order of play

11.2.1 Orders of play 11.1.1 to 11.1.9 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.

11.3 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

## 12. SUBSTITUTION

12.1 Once the team for a tie has been nominated no substitutions are permitted unless:

12.1.1 A player is unable to play, as a result of injury or illness sustained after the team nomination but before the start of the tie

a) The start of the tie is defined as 15 minutes before the schedule start of the session

b) The player is examined by the tournament medical person to confirm a genuine injury or illness

c) The replacement player can be any player who has been nominated as part of the team regardless if they are playing in other matches in that tie or not; the maximum number of matches one player can play in one tie still applies

12.2 For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 13.6.2 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 VICTOR NCS Pro shuttle will be used for the entire competition.

14.2 Two speeds of shuttle will 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 Pacific Team Challenge perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the competition

15.2 The perpetual trophy 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 Team 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 NZD500 by BOC

## 16 ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS

These regulations may be altered by recommendations from the BOC Secretary General or BOC Event Manager.

| **Time-Lines** | **Action** |
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| 4 months prior to start of tournament | Tournament invitation issued to all MAs |
| Sunday 6 December 2026 | EOI Form closes |
| Tuesday 26 January 2027 | Entries Close |
| Sunday 28 March 2027 | Team player nominations due |
| Wednesday 31 March 2027 | Draw announced |