

# AUCKLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## RULES FOR INTERCLUB 2009

1. These rules shall become effective from 27/04/2009

### 2. INTERPRETATION

(a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the World Badminton Federation, with the exception of scoring, which shall be determined in these rules.

(b) Tie shall mean the total matches between two teams in any one grade or section.

(c) Match shall mean an individual singles, or doubles, or mixed doubles, between members of opposing teams.

### 3. COMMITTEE

The ABA Interclub Committee will have the following duties and powers:

(a) To arrange and control all competitions.

(b) To interpret these rules.

(c) To decide any matters arising from the competitions not covered by these rules.

(d) To disqualify any club, team or player for breach of these rules or to impose any penalties.

(e) In its discretion to order any contest to be replayed.

### 4. NOTICES

(a) All grading lists, entries, names of proposed teams, affiliation lists and affiliation fees required by these rules shall be forwarded to the ABA

(b) Entries shall close on a date to be set by ABA . Late entries shall be accepted only at the discretion of the ABA.

### 5. COMPETITIONS

ABA office shall conduct competitions in various grades and sections thereof, as per the interclub rules and grading recommended by the Interclub Committee and endorsed by the Executive council.

ABA office shall handle all administration related to the interclub competition, handle all player/club queries, apply all the rules accordingly and, when appropriate, keep the committee informed. All complaints must be sent in writing by the club captains to ABA who will, where possible deal with the issue according to the rules and inform the club of their decision. Such complaints must be submitted within 2 weeks of the playing of the tie. ABA staff may pass the complaints to the Interclub Committee if the issues are not clearly covered in the rules. If a club appeals a decision made by the ABA then the complaint will be passed to the interclub committee for their consideration. ABA office shall provide the Interclub Committee with all necessary administrative documents and statistics of players in past and current competitions so that the all complaints and grading issues can be handled promptly

#### (a) SINGLES COMPETITION

- Competition shall be conducted according to the grades A, B, C, D.

- The ranking of players within the team will be that which is submitted by the club and approved by the Interclub Committee prior to the start of that competition.

- A player may be named in only one team for any given interclub competition.

- A player may only play for one club in any given interclub season.

(i) **Mixed Gender**

1. Each team shall consist of 2 men and 2 women (in order of ranking)
2. Each contest shall consist of 8 matches where each player shall play 3 matches 1 singles, 1 doubles and 1 mixed doubles.
3. Matches shall be played in order of ranking with free choice of female partner in the mixed doubles.
4. The order of play shall be singles in order of 2 and 1, followed by doubles and mixed doubles in order 2, and 1.
5. Matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system

(ii) **Men's Only**

1. Each team shall consist of 3 men (in order of ranking).
2. Each contest shall consist of 6 matches where each player shall play 3 matches: 1 singles and 2 doubles.
3. Matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system.
4. The order of play shall be: Singles; in order 3, 2 and 1; Doubles; in order of 2 and 3, 1 and 3, then 1 and 2.

(b) **DOUBLES COMPETITION**

- Competition shall be conducted according to the grades A, B, C, D.

(i) **Mixed Gender**

1. Each team shall consist of 3 men and 3 women (in order of ranking).
2. Each contest shall consist of 9 matches where each player shall play 3 matches, - 2 doubles and 1 mixed doubles.
3. Matches shall be played in order of ranking with free choice of female partner in the mixed doubles.
4. Matches shall be the best of three games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system.

(ii) **Men's Only**

1. Each team shall consist of 4 men (in order of ranking)
2. Each contest shall consist of 6 matches where each player shall play 3 matches.
3. Matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system
4. The order of play shall generally be; 2 & 3, 1 & 4, 2 & 4, 1 & 3, 3 & 4 and 1 & 2.

**6. POINT SCORING FOR EACH TIE IN ROUND ROBIN PLAY & FINALS**

Those parts of the competition played on a 'Round Robin' basis will have the results of each tie decided by the greatest number of MATCHES won. If the number of matches won is equal the result will be determined by:

- (i) the higher value of GAMES WON minus GAMES LOST followed by, if necessary,
- (ii) the higher value of POINTS WON minus POINTS LOST.

## 7. **GRADE/SECTION WINNERS AND PLACINGS**

(a) Those parts of the competition played on a 'Round Robin' basis will have the placings decided by the greatest number of TIES won.

Should more than one team be equal on the number of TIES won, then that equality shall be decided by the descending order of:

- (i) the greater number of TIES DRAWN, then, if necessary by
- (ii) the greater number of MATCHES WON.

If equality still exists then,

- (iii) the higher value of GAMES WON minus GAMES LOST followed by, if necessary,
- (iv) the higher value of POINTS WON minus POINTS LOST.

Where no further competition is to be played then the teams will be declared equal.

If a team defaults then the results involving that team will be discarded in calculating the breaking of equality on matches, games and points.

(b) At the conclusion of round robin section play, a knockout finals series may be played to decide the grade winner. The need for this will be determined prior to the start of the competition. An appropriate format for the finals competition will be determined by the ABA office and Interclub Committee prior to the start of the competition and communicated to the clubs involved.

## 8. **PLAYERS IN FINALS**

Players in the finals must have played at least three times for the club (but not necessarily that team) during the current Interclub competitions. Substitutes during finals must still qualify under Rule 12, 15(a).

## 9. **DEFAULTS**

### (a) **MINIMUM NUMBER IN TEAM BEFORE DEFAULT**

A team which fields **less than 3** players for Singles Competition or Mens Doubles, **less than 5** players for Mixed Gender Doubles competition, or **less than 3** players for Men's Singles Interclub shall be deemed to have defaulted. If both teams agree to play all matches possible, the games which cannot be played will be deemed as won by default and the overall result will be accepted as the tie result of the night.

### (b) **DEFAULT FINE**

Any Club defaulting a team on any night of the competition shall pay the court fee of both teams. ABA will invoice the club which defaulted at the end of the competition for the cost of the court hire and this will be refunded to the opposition.

### (c) **MORE THAN ONE DEFAULT IN ONE SEASON**

A team that has defaulted more than once in one season can, at the discretion of the Interclub Committee, be withdrawn from the competition. The Club it belongs to shall be subject to Rule 9(b). All points scored for and against that team during the season will be deleted. Contest fees for unplayed contests of the withdrawn team shall not be refunded. Contest fees for unplayed contests against the withdrawn team will be refunded.

## 10. **TEAM ENTRY / GRADING LISTS**

Each Club, when entering in the Interclub competitions, shall submit a ranked grading list for all affiliated players, including reserves, who may be involved in that competition. In addition they will submit team lists showing the ranked order of players within that team. The ranking of players will be checked by the ABA/Interclub Committee and amended if necessary. Clubs will be advised of any changes prior to the start of the competition.

The ranking lists for all clubs will be made available on the ABA website and also at the ABA office. It will be updated at the start of each new competition.

**11. ALLOCATION OF TEAMS TO GRADES**

The clubs will submit their team entries into proposed grades according to the standard of players in that team. The ABA and Interclub committee reserve the right to assess the strength of the teams and re-allocate the entries into appropriate grades to ensure a fair and valid competition.

**12. PENALTY FOR PLAYING OUT OF ORDER**

Players in a team must play in the same order as appears on the Club's ranked grading list . All games involving players playing out of the order of the Club's ranking list shall be defaulted.

**13. GRADING**

For a club to enter a team in any grade of competition, a minimum of half the players named in that team shall be at that grade according to the grading guidelines published by the ABA. Once a team is accepted into a particular grade of competition all players named in that team will be deemed to be at that grade for the duration of that competition. Regrading may occur for subsequent competitions.

**14. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

In order to play in any ABA competition all players, including reserves, must belong to a club that is a member of the Auckland Badminton Association Inc. and those players must be affiliated to the Auckland Badminton Association.

**15. SUBSTITUTES****(a) PLAYING POSITION**

If, for any tie, the minimum number of players from the team list submitted by the club are unavailable, a reserve (being a player qualified to play for that team according to the Club's ranked grading list) may be played in his/her graded position. This reserve must be ranked at a lower position on the grading list than the player they are replacing. A substitute may, however, only play for a higher graded team a maximum of 3 times in any competition.

**(b) POSITIONS IF SUBSTITUTE NOT AVAILABLE**

If it is known before a contest commences that a regular team member is unable to play, and a reserve is not available, the other team members must move upward where necessary to fill his/her position so that any defaulted matches are at the lowest position in singles.

**(c) POSITIONS WHERE CONTEST HAS COMMENCED BEFORE UNAVAILABILITY IS KNOWN**

If it is not known until after a contest commenced that a team member is unable to play (e.g. through sudden illness, mechanical breakdown etc.) matches which have already been played will stand but other team members must move upwards where necessary to fill any higher vacant position in singles matches yet to be played. Rearrangement of their doubles and mixed doubles and pairings remain at the discretion of the team playing short.

**(d) SUBSTITUTION FOR PLAYER INJURED IN MATCH**

A substitute may not play in place of a player who has played or commenced to play in one of his/her matches.

(e) A player may NOT play for more than one team on any night of interclub competition.

(f) If a player from another club is called in as a reserve the matches should be played but the results of these will be defaulted in favour of the opposing team.

**16. PENALTIES**

Any team failing to comply with: Rule 14 (Qualification of players) or Rule 15 (substitutions) shall be liable to lose all the matches of the offending player(s).

**17. CAPTAINS**

- (a) A captain must be nominated with each team.
- (b) Before the commencement of each contest, each Captain must complete the results sheet provided showing the full names of all singles players (showing first name (or initial) AND surname) as well as all doubles and mixed doubles combinations. Once completed the doubles combinations cannot be altered except as provided by rule 15 (c)
- (c) Allocation of any shared court to be alternated with first use being by mutual consent.

**18. RESULT SHEETS**

The results of each tie must be correctly recorded on the sheets provided. The tie sheets must be signed by both Captains at the completion of the tie and then placed, by the Captain of the winning team, in the box provided at the hall. The box is under the counter of the ABA Office near the front door. If the tie sheet is not submitted the contest may be forfeited.

**19. SHUTTLES**

Teams must use shuttles provided by ABA. If any additional shuttles are required these must be provided in equal quantities by the competing teams. The shuttles are available for purchase until 9pm from the ABA Proshop. Approved shuttles for all Grades of Interclub are; Greenpine 838 and RSL Tourney.

**20. POSTPONEMENT**

Contests to be played as set down in the Interclub Draw except where exceptional circumstances prevail. In these circumstances application must be made to the Executive Director to re-schedule the contest. Notice of any such postponement is to be given direct to the team captains involved.

**21. HOURS OF PLAY****(a) STARTING TIME**

Contests shall be deemed to start at 7pm. Play shall be continuous. Matches on all courts available must have started by 7:30pm. If no other match can begin then the team that cannot field the player according to the order of play defaults the match. If still no match can begin by 7:45pm then the offending team defaults another match. The tie will be abandoned if no games can be played at 8pm. These defaults will occur unless the opposition team agrees to waive these rules and await the late arrival of any players

**(b) ORDER OF PLAY**

All matches within a contest shall be played from the bottom up, alternating between men's and ladies matches. Order of play is further defined by Rules 5 (a) and 5 (b).

- (c) **GAMES NOT COMPLETED** by 11:00 pm will be abandoned with the contest result taken from the completed matches.

- (d) At the Interclub committee's discretion, contests may be scheduled to start later than 7pm provided both teams are in agreement.

**(e) LATE ARRIVAL**

- (i) If a player has given good reason to the opposing team for their expected delay at least 24 hours in advance then the order of play as defined in Rule 5 will be altered to play the effected games in each section last, i.e. matches involving the late player will become the last singles, doubles or mixed matches to be played.
- (ii) Players will be defaulted in all their matches if not present by 8pm, unless mutually agreed by both the captains.

**22. CLOTHING CODE**

There is no strict clothing code defined for the Interclub competition, as it is the intention of the Interclub committee to make participation as easy and attractive as possible. A high standard of dress is still expected. While a player will not be defaulted on the night for sub-standard clothing the Interclub committee may request that a player improves their standard of dress for subsequent contests. Items of clothing that are unacceptable include football socks, football jerseys, singlets, caps and beach shorts. Clothing must not be distracting, offensive or completely unsuitable or unsafe for the play of badminton. Shoes must have non-marking soles.

**23. APPEALS**

Any complaint must be submitted in writing by the club captain to the ABA office. Where the current rules are clearly breached ABA staff will adjudicate and communicate their decision to the clubs concerned. If either club is not satisfied with the decision then it may appeal in writing and this will be passed on to the Interclub Committee. The decision of the Interclub Committee shall be final and made available to all parties concerned in such an appeal.

## Recommended Criteria for Grading players

The following criteria should be used as general guidelines for the grading of players. The use of these criteria should ensure a similar grading standard across all clubs taking part in competitions run by the ABA. The grading criteria will be reviewed by the Interclub Committee every year, keeping in mind changes in the strength of Auckland representative teams and also any changes to the inter-association rules.

### Male

A	National, Wisden, Slazenger players, Auckland Elite Players, Div 3 .1 and top 2 players in 3.2 Masters 1 and top 2 Masters 2 players, 18s Team 1 players
B	Masters 2 (except top 2) and Masters 3, and 4 players, Div 4.1 , 4.2 players Div 3.2 players (except for top 2) 18s Team 2 players, 16s Team 1 players, 16s Team 2 players, 14s Team 1
C	Masters 5, 6 players, 14s Team 2 players, 16s Team 3 players Competitive level non rep players
D	Social level Non rep players, First year players/beginners

### Female

A	National, Wisden, Slazenger players, Auckland Elite Players, Div 3 .1 and top 2 players in 3.2, 18s Team 1 players, Top 2 players in Masters 1
B	Masters 1 (except for top 2) and Masters 2, 3 & 4 players, Div 3.2 players (except for top 2), Div 4.1 , 4.2 players 18s Team 2 players, 16s Team 1 players, 16s Team 2 players, 14s Team 1
C	Masters 5 and 6 players, 14s Team 2 players, 16s Team 3 players Competitive level non rep players
D	Social level Non rep players, First year players/beginners