

AUCKLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

RULES FOR INTERCLUB



1. These rules shall become effective from 01/04/2011
 - (a) These rules supersede any and all previous rules

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.
- (f) To review and regrade players and teams as deemed appropriate.

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) Team entries and graded ranking lists shall be submitted by the close off 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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. A club may re-submit a graded ranking list to the ABA for approval only in the situation where a new player or substitute is to be added. The approval of the revised grading list will be reviewed over the following two weeks. If the interclub committee find that the player has played out of order, their games will be defaulted.
4. A player may be named in only one team for any given interclub competition section.
5. A player including substitute listed in the grading list may only play for one club per season of interclub.
6. A player may only be played in one grade per season.

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(a) SINGLES COMPETITION

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

(i) Mixed Gender Section

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 Section

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 & 1; Doubles; in order of 2 & 3, 1 & 3, then 1 & 2.

(b) DOUBLES COMPETITION

- Competition shall be conducted according to the grades A, B, C, D, E. for the mixed grade and combined AB and CD for the men's competition.

(i) Mixed Gender Section

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. The order of play shall be: Doubles; in order of 2 & 3, 1 & 3, then 1 & 2 and mixed doubles in order 3, 2, and 1.
4. Matches shall be played in order of ranking with free choice of female partner in the mixed doubles.
5. Matches shall be the best of three games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system.

(ii) Men's Only Section (AB & CD)

1. Each team shall consist of 4 men (in order of ranking) A maximum of two of the players are to be of the higher grade.
2. Only A and B grade players are eligible to enter the AB mens double and only C and D grade players are eligible to enter the CD mens double section.
3. Each contest shall consist of 6 matches where each player shall play 3 matches.
4. Matches shall be the best of 3 games to 21 points with setting using the rally point scoring system
5. The order of play shall 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.

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7. GRADE/SECTION WINNERS AND PLACINGS

- (a) Those parts of the competition played on a 'Round Robin' basis will have the placing 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 PLAYOFFS / FINALS

Players in the playoffs and finals games must have played at least three times for the interclub team or qualify as a lower graded substitute under Rules 12 & 15.

9. DEFAULTS

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

A team which fields **less than 3** players for Singles Competition or Men's Doubles, **less than 5** players for Mixed Gender Doubles competition, or **less than 3** players for Men's Singles Interclub until 8:00pm, shall be deemed to have defaulted. If both teams agree to play all matches possible, the games that 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 interclub fees of both teams. ABA will invoice the club that defaulted at the end of the competition for the cost of the court hire and this will be refunded to the opposition. Any team default should be noted on the scoresheet.

Any team that pulls out of the competition once the draw is complete may be liable for all the interclub fees for that competition.

10. TEAM ENTRY / GRADING LISTS

Each Club, when entering in the Interclub competitions, shall submit a graded ranking list for all affiliated players, including substitutes, 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.

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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 graded ranking 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. This rule does not apply to AB and CD mens double.

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. All players must be a fully paid up affiliated player to the ABA prior to playing an interclub game.

15. SUBSTITUTES

(a) PLAYING POSITION

If, for any tie, a reserve is required, that player must be a lower graded ranking than the player they are replacing. A substitute may only play for a higher graded team a maximum of 3 times in any competition. On the 4th time, that player will be deemed to be of that grade and no longer eligible to play in the lower grade.

(b) POSITIONS IF SUBSTITUTE NOT AVAILABLE

If on the night a player does not turn up, all players must move up to the highest ranking positions in the team. 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 that 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.

(c) 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.

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

16. PENALTIES

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

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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 and mixed combinations cannot be altered except as provided by rule 15 (b)
- (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 correctly the contest may be forfeited. If a team is found to be falsely filling in a scoresheet with incorrect information, they will default the tie.

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 RSL Tourney.

20. POSTPONEMENT

In any circumstances that lead to a postponement of the contest, application must be made to the ABA 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) Contests shall be deemed to start at 7pm. Lights will go out at 10pm. Games on all courts available must have started by 7:30pm. If no game can begin then the team that cannot field the player according to the order of play will default the game. If still no game can begin by 7:45pm then the offending team defaults another game. The tie will be abandoned if no games can be started by 8pm. These defaults will occur unless the opposition team agrees to waive these rules and await the late arrival of any players.
- (b) If any player does not arrive to play before 8pm, they will be defaulted for all of their matches unless by waiver of the opposition captain.
- (c) Games not completed by 10:00pm will be transferred to courts 2, 3 and 4 to continue until 11pm.

22. CLOTHING CODE

Shoes must have non-marking soles.

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23. COMPLAINTS & APPEALS

- (a) All complaints must be sent in writing by the team captains to Auckland Badminton Association office in writing by the team captain within 48 hours after the dispute has occurred. If the complaint is clearly covered by the scope of the interclub rules, Auckland Badminton Association Operations Manager will deal with the issue. If the complaint is outside the scope of the interclub rules, then the complaint will be passed on to the interclub committee. The Auckland Badminton Association will inform all clubs affected by the decision within 2 weeks. If the team captain refused to accept the decision made by the ABA Operations Manager, then the complaint can be escalated by the following appeal process.
- (b) Any appeal to a decision made by the Auckland Badminton Association must be submitted in writing by the club captain to the Auckland Badminton Association office within 48 hours of the decision being handed out to clubs. The Auckland Badminton Association office will forward the appeal to the interclub committee. The Interclub committee will review the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the appeal. A decision will be distributed to affected clubs within 7 days. The decision of the Interclub Committee shall be made available to all parties concerned in such an appeal.
- (c) If a club appeals the Interclub Committees decision made then the complaint will be passed to the Auckland Badminton Association general manager to make a final decision. The Auckland Badminton Association General Manager will inform all clubs affected by the decision within two (2) weeks on what the final decision is. The decision of the Auckland Badminton Association General Manager will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.