

BADMINTON

1. GENERAL TERMS

The badminton competitions shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF). In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by the FISU Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the CTI. The competitions shall last seven (7) days and include the following events:

I. Team tournament

A country shall enter players in the team tournament in the following events:

- One (1) men's singles player
- One (1) women's singles player
- One (1) men's doubles pair
- One (1) women's doubles pair
- One (1) mixed doubles pair

The minimum size for a team is four (4) players (two (2) men and two (2) women).

II. Individual tournament

There are five (5) events:

- Men's singles
- Women's singles
- Men's doubles
- Women's doubles
- Mixed doubles

A country may enter players as follows: up to a maximum of three (3) singles players in each of the singles events or three (3) pairs in each of the doubles events, on the condition that no player plays in more than two (2) events, e.g. one (1) singles event and one (1) doubles event, or alternatively in two doubles events.

Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of seventeen (17) participants, of which twelve (12) may be competitors (six (6) men and six (6) women) and five (5) officials.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

I. The team tournament

The team tournament will be conducted in the Sudirman Cup format. The order of play in each tie is defined under these regulations.

The draw shall be based on the FISU team ranking results from the last 4 team events of the teams present. The top teams should be seeded in the same order unless substantial changes have occurred since the last tournament.

Two stages will be played, i.e. a preliminary stage and a final stage.

In the preliminary stage, all teams play in groups with each other in a pool system with 3 or 4 teams per pool and all 5 matches are played in each tie. The ranking per group is determined in accordance with the BWF General Competition Regulations.

In the final stage, teams play in a knock-out system and/or a compass draw until the tie is decided, i.e. when a team has won three matches.

Bronze Medals will be awarded to both losing semi-finalists.

II. The Individual tournament

The individual events will be conducted in a knock-out format.

The seeding in the individual draw is based on the BWF ranking, BWF national ranking and the FISU team ranking. Exceptionally strong performance in the preceding team event may also be considered by the referee in determining the seeding of individuals.

It is at the discretion of the referee to decide to seed a player who has done exceptionally well in the preceding team event and, thus, to not consider the FISU team ranking principle for that player.

The number of seeds are defined in the following table:

| Number of entries | Number of seeds | Seeds by BWF world ranking for single events | Seeds by BWF world ranking for double events | Seeds by BWF national ranking for double events |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|
| 1-15 | 2 | 2 | 2 | N/A |
| 16-23 | 4 | 4 | 4 | N/A |
| 24-31 | 6 | 4 | 4 | Up to 2 |
| 32-47 | 8 | 4 | 4 | Up to 4 |
| 48-63 | 12 | 4 | 4 | Up to 8 |
| 64-128 | 16 | 4 | 4 | Up to 12 |

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III. Software

The software to be used for the draw shall be the one used and approved by BWF, called Tournament Planner.

This software is compatible with the BWF database for players ranking and delivers the draw and scheduling in accordance with the tournament regulations of BWF.

The software also supports the management of tournaments in real time and the scoring by umpires. Finally, the software should be compatible with the FISU Online Accreditation System.

IV. Draw

The draw for the preliminary stage of the team tournament should be done the day before the start of the tournament and the participants must be accredited at the latest at 18:00 the day before the

draw. The draw for the final stage of the team tournament shall be done immediately after completion of the preliminary stage.

The individual draw shall be done at the second General Technical Meeting at the final day of the Team Tournament. The participants have to be screened by both CISCA and the Technical Committee.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

3.1 Nomination and costs

ITOs shall be appointed jointly by BWF and FISU.

The Organising Committee shall bear their cost of travel, board and lodging (from two (2) days before the opening ceremony to one (1) day after the closing ceremony). Other costs are referenced in the FISU – BWF partnership agreement.

3.2 Numbers of technical officials and qualifications

ITOs shall be either qualified umpires certificated or accredited by BWF or umpires certificated or accredited at continental level. These umpires shall guarantee neutrality in all team and individual events.

The number of ITOs shall be one (1) referee, one (1) deputy referee and eight (8) umpires.

The OC and the NSF will appoint NTOs to complement the team of technical officials required for Badminton. The number of NTOs shall be agreed between the OC and the FISU TD.

NTOs shall be accredited at continental level. When not possible, their qualification shall be the highest national accreditation/certification.

A session shall last three (3) hours, with a maximum of four (4) sessions per day.

Depending on the size of the tournament, the number of umpires may vary from twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48), of whom eight (8) to sixteen (16) must be ITOs in order to guarantee neutrality and qualification.

The OC must provide an NTO operating the tournament software.