

ACT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION MATCH REGULATION

1 Definition

The term 'committee' as used in these regulations refers to the ACTBA Match Secretary and the Match Committee comprising of a representative of each club affiliated with the ACTBA. Executive Authority of this committee is vested in the Match Secretary.

2 Rule of Play

The Laws of Badminton as determined by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) shall apply unless otherwise stated herein.

3 Competitions

The committee shall arrange competitions between affiliated clubs and shall recommend to the ACTBA Committee for ratification of the type of competition to be played, the format and the method of scoring; and shall manage the competition to the provision of these regulations.

4 Shuttles

The brand and speed of shuttles used shall be determined by the ACTBA Committee. Approval for the use of alternative shuttles shall be sought from the ACTBA Committee prior to use in the competition matches.

5 Dress

Players shall wear approved badminton, squash or tennis apparel. Complaints regarding players not wear appropriate apparel should be recorded on the score sheet for the Match Secretaries consideration.

6 Player Eligibility

The committee shall determine the grade of each player and the division (e.g 1, 2 or 3) of the competition below which the player may not play. If in doubt about the eligibility of a player, permission should be sought from the Match Secretary for the player to play.

Penalty: Forfeiture of games played by offenders.

A club may apply to the committee to consider the regrading of a player.

7. Competition: Team Nominations

Entries shall be on an official form and shall be accompanied by the entry fee as determined by the ACTBA Committee from year to year, and shall be lodged with the Treasurer on or before the closing date fixed by the committee.

Penalty: No team will be permitted to compete until an entry form has been received and team fee paid.

Each team entry for the competition shall show all the players of that team. Additional team members and reserves may also be nominated at this time or no later than their first match with that team. Team members and reserves shall be listed in order of overall playing strength.

8 Player Registration

All players taking part in competitions organised by the committee must be financial members of the affiliated club for which they are representing. In addition, they must be currently registered player with the ACTBA. Registration with the ACTBA should occur no later than their first match of the competition. Lodgment of a completed player registration form with appropriate fee shall constitute safe evidence of club domicile.

Penalty: All games played by the offending player shall be forfeited.

Player registration shall be on the official form and shall be submitted by the club or its representatives to the Match Secretary, accompanied by the registration fee as determined by the ACTBA committee from year to year.

Unless otherwise stated, a newly registered player is assumed to be a reserve.

9 Clearances

A clearance must be obtained if a player, having been registered with one club, wishes to play with another club in the same calendar year.

Any player, having played competition for a club in the ACT, must obtain a written clearance from that club before playing competition for another club, during the same calendar year. Clearances shall be submitted to the Match Secretary. A clearance must precede or accompany Nomination and/or Registration of players.

Penalty: All games played by the offending player shall be forfeited.

10 Player Behaviour

All players must abide by the rules of player behaviour as laid down by the WBF:

- Deliberately cause suspension of play;
- Deliberately interfere with the speed of the shuttle;
- Behave in an offensive manner or
- Be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.

Penalties for offensive behaviour are:

- Issuing a warning to the offending side;
- Faulting the offending side, if previously warned; or
- In cases of flagrant offence or persistent offence, faulting the offending side and reporting the offending side immediately to the Referee, who shall have power to disqualify.

Where there is no referee has been appointed, the responsible official shall have the power to disqualify.

Details of Regulation 10 must be included on all competition score sheet.

11 Reserves

1. Unless there are additional players in the same level reserves will come from the division below.
2. According with the above, players are able to be reserve in the division above their grade without restriction.
3. Once a player has competed in three matches for a particular team in the level of competition at which they are graded, they are tied to that particular team.
4. Any reserving by players from another team within the same division may occur, but points for those games that player participated in won't count.
5. Women players may, play as a man in the grade below which they are graded as women players. There is no restriction on them playing at their normal grading or above.
6. Failure to abide by the above criteria will result in the appropriate games being forfeited.

12 Match Commencement

Matches should start promptly at scheduled times. In a competition fixture, if a match has not commenced within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the offending team will forfeit the first game listed on the score sheet. If the has not commenced within further 10 minutes, the second listed game shall be forfeited and so on at 10 minutes intervals. A forfeit may be claimed if a match has not commenced within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time. An Appeal to the match committee seeking to have the forfeiture repealed may take place when totally unexpected circumstances have occurred.

Any game can be commenced provided sufficient members are present. Variations to the listed order of games played shall be by mutual consent of the captains of the two teams. Consent should only be withheld in exceptional circumstances.

Prior to the commencement of a competition fixture, the opposing captains shall complete and exchange the list of players on an official score sheet. Singles players shall be listed in order of merit, as will doubles combinations where required. There shall be no variations to the playing order once score sheets are exchanged.

13 Substitutes

No substitutes may be used once team score sheets have been exchanged unless agreed to by the other captain.

Penalty: Forfeit of games played by offending player.

14 Player Withdrawal

If a player withdraws during a game, the game and full points will be given to the opposing team for the game concerned. The team in default shall retain all points scored up to the time of default.

15 Incapacity

If a player is temporarily incapacitated during the playing of a game due to injury or illness, he or she must resume within 5 minutes otherwise the game will be forfeited.

16 Competition Postponement

There will be no postponement of a competition fixture date, except for circumstances beyond the control of the home club (e.g. unavailability of the playing venue). Absence of players is not a valid reason to postpone a match. Requests for postponement are to be cleared through the Match Secretary.

Penalty: Forfeiture of matches by offending team.

In exceptional circumstances the committee may permit an unfinished match to be completed at a later date.

17 Umpires

All games shall be controlled and scored by an umpire who may be assisted by lines-people and service judges if considered necessary by the umpire.

18 Match Results

The completed score sheet shall be signed by both Team Captains as a true record of the match. The Team Captain of the home team shall be responsible for the score sheet reaching the Match Secretary no later than one week following the playing of the match or, in the first instance, as otherwise provided for on the score sheet.

Penalty: Loss of the 2 championship points (e.g. points for winning the match) or 40 points from the 'points for' accumulative total, at the discretion of the committee.

Reference to Regulation 18 to be included on the score sheet.

19 Premiership

The method of determining the winners of the competition shall be at the discretion of the committee. The method adopted shall be notified to all competing clubs prior to the commencement of the competition and shall be recommended by the committee to the ACTBA Committee for ratification.

20 Player Risk

All players play at their own risk.

21 Protests

Protests regarding the conduct of matches shall be lodged by the Club with the Match Secretary in writing within seven days of the conclusion of the match.

A fee of \$5.00 shall accompany each written protest. This will be refunded if protest is upheld.

22 Forfeits

The Team captain of the team giving a forfeit should inform the Match Secretary and the opposing Team Captain no later the midday on the day of the match.

The Team receiving the forfeit shall complete a score sheet and mark it Forfeit Received. The score sheet shall be submitted to the Match Secretary as per normal.

Points awarded for a forfeit shall be maximum game and premiership points for the team receiving the forfeit. The forfeiting team shall receive nil game and premiership points.

23 Team Withdrawals

Where a club enters a team in a competition organized by the ACTBA and that team subsequently withdraws from the competition or forfeited more than 2 or more games or one quarter of the games which ever is less, a fine shall be paid by the offending club, the amount of which shall be decided upon by the ACTBA Committee, from year to year.

Where a fine is applicable and remains unpaid, the offending club shall not be permitted to enter teams in subsequent competitions until the fine is paid.

The club may apply to the ACTBA Executive through the Match Secretary for revision of the imposition of the fine.