



ACTBA Competition and Tournament Policy

Purpose: This policy aims to set the minimum guidelines when organising competitions and tournaments.

During the season there are a number of competitions and tournaments which players from several affiliated badminton clubs in ACT and Inter-State are encouraged to compete. The competitions and tournaments are open to all affiliated club members of Badminton Association.

The ACTBA Match Secretary is the official delegate of these tournaments.

Types of Competition and Tournament

ACT Australia Day Doubles.

This event is open to all players from ACT and Inter-State. The games are doubles events (men's, women's, mixed) and the grades are Open, B, C and Junior (under 17).

ACT Junior Open

This event is open to all players from ACT and interstate. This event aims to promote and foster badminton among younger people (ages range from 7 to 17) and to do this through friendly competition in a well-run, safe, enjoyable family environment. The ACTBA aims to encourage the development of skills and fitness in children of all levels of ability. It is not a movement to identify elite players, although we do foster talent when it becomes apparent. There is a place for every child in this event.

ACT Open

This event is open to all players from ACT and inter-state. The games are singles (men's, women's) and doubles (men's, women's, mixed) and the grades are Open, B, C and Junior (under 17).

ACT Closed

This event is open to all affiliated club members in ACT. The games are singles and doubles (men's, women's, mixed) and the grades are Open, B, C and Junior (under 17).

ACT Interclub Team Challenge

This event is open to all affiliated club members in ACT. Sometimes teams from inter-state are encouraged to participate.

The games are team events of doubles (men's, women's, mixed).

Safety

Safety is everybody's concern – committee, officials, players, parents and children.

The ACTBA committee should provide an environment where players, officials, coaches and spectators feel safe.

The ACTBA committee should provide an environment where clubs and members are properly protected and that badminton can be enjoyed in an environment free of accidents, abuse and harassment; an environment (www.activeaustralia.org) where clubs and members get a 'fair go' (www.playbytherules.net.au)

First Aid Kit

It is the responsibility of the ACTBA to ensure that a First Aid Kit is available on site for the treatment of minor injuries. Ice packs should also be available. Medical attention will be sought if necessary. A trained first aid officer should be made available at every competition.

Venue

The competition is usually held at a suitable venue and the committee should ensure that the venue is accident free.

Catering

The ACTBA committee will not be responsible for catering. Catering may be provided by volunteers from several club members and parents.

The Court

The committee should remind players proceeding to an event that they must walk around the court, not across or near it at all times. Walking, across or near the court, when a match is in progress can be hazardous. No person may be on the court unless acting as an official or is a competitor.

Equipment

The ACTBA committee should ensure that no equipment (badminton posts, nets) is to be handled by children unless an official is present to supervise. It is most important to impress upon children the dangers of incorrectly using or playing with equipment.

The Committee will ensure that players should only use used shuttles for warm-ups. The new shuttles are for competitions and tournaments only.

Insurance

Apart from the Badminton Australia Liability insurance policy adopted by ACTBA, the Committee should ensure that all registered players are covered by the centre's insurance policy while participating in the centre's activities.

Entry Form

The entry form should provide enough information for the participants willing to participate, and with the 'Terms and Conditions' stated clearly in the form. See entry form under Calendar of Events in www.badmintonact.asn.au