
Lightning Competition By-Laws

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1. Eligibility

The competition shall be open to any member of the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association (STBA) who;

- a. Is a current financial member of the STBA.
- b. Is a minimum of 12 years of age at the time nominations close.

Players who do not meet the above criteria can apply to the relevant organising committee to request an exception.

2. Structure of Play

The competition shall consist of;

- a. A fixed number of rounds without finals
- b. A fixed number of pools
- c. A fixed number of players, initially seeded as per section 3
- d. All players will play a fixed number of matches in a round with players in the same pool.
- e. At the completion of each match any player may take a break not exceeding 5 minutes in duration at their discretion.
- f. Subject to section 7e, at the conclusion of the round of play the regular player with the highest ranking shall be promoted to the next highest box.
 - i. If a reserve player is competing, the highest ranked registered player will be promoted to the next highest box.
- g. Subject to section 8, at the conclusion of the round of play the player with the lowest ranking shall be demoted to the next lowest box.
- h. If all players are reserve players, the lowest ranked reserve player shall be demoted while there shall be no promotion from the pool.
- i. At the conclusion of a competition all players shall be presented with a final ranking from highest to lowest.
- j. A round of play shall be not more than 2 hours in duration.
- k. If a match is still underway at the completion of a 2-hour round of play, the score at that time shall be deemed to be the final score and entered as such.

3. Player Ranking

- a. Players shall be initially ranked at the discretion of the organising committee.
- b. No protests to the initial ranking shall be entertained.

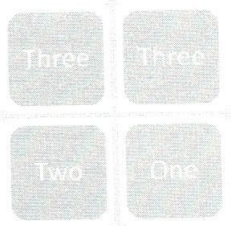
4. Scoring

- a. Matches shall be played in accordance with the BWF laws of badminton.
- b. Box rankings shall be decided on the basis of matches won, then games won, then points won.
- c. In the event of a draw between two players final position shall be determined by a serve off (Section 5).
- d. One of the remaining players in box not involved in the serve off shall be the adjudicator for the serve off.
- e. Scores shall be entered into the STBA approved score sheet at the completion of each match.
- f. All players shall be equally responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the scores entered into the sheet, including amending player names in the event of a reserve player.
- g. Once a score sheet is handed in at the end of the round no further adjustment to the scores will be considered unless approved by the organising committee.

5. Serve Off Rules

In the event of a draw between two players, a serve off will be held to determine the final outcome.

- a. A target shall be placed in each of the four corners of the even's doubles serving box.
 - i. A target shall be one of the square mats that are kept on the spectator stands.
 - ii. All targets shall be the same size
- b. The targets shall have the following point values;



- c. Players may choose which target to serve to.
- d. Each player shall have 5 serves

- e. The serves shall be taken sequentially by each player e.g. one player serves their first shuttle, then the other player serves their first shuttle until all 5 serves have been taken.
- f. If the player's serve hits the target, they receive the points for that target.
- g. A target is deemed to have been hit and points shall be awarded should the cork of the shuttle strike any part of the target.
- h. In the event of a drawn score at the completion of 5 serves the result shall be determined by a process of 'golden point'. That is, each player shall have one additional serve and the player with the highest point score after this serve shall be deemed to be the winner. This process shall repeat until such time as a winner has been determined.

6. Shuttles

- a. Each player shall supply 2 shuttles per round of play.
- b. Shuttles shall be an STBA approved brand and speed.
- c. Shuttles not used at the completion of a round of play shall be evenly divided among the players in that box.
 - i. If an uneven number of shuttles remain and the players in the box cannot reach agreement as to their distribution, then they shall be allocated as follows:

#	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	#	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	1	2
2	0	0	1	1	6	1	1	2	2
3	0	1	1	1	7	1	2	2	2
4	1	1	1	1	8	2	2	2	2

7. Reserve/Fill in Players

If a player is unable to compete a fill in (reserve) player is allowed to take their place.

- a. Players are responsible for finding their own reserve player
- b. Reserve players must be eligible to play under section 1 of the by-laws
- c. If the event rules allow it, reserve players can be gender neutral (they do not need to be the same gender as the registered player)
- d. Reserve players can be of any ability; however, it is expected that registered players will make their best attempt to source a reserve player of an equivalent ability to themselves.
- e. Reserve players are ineligible for promotion, however, can be relegated.
- f. Reserve players are responsible for providing shuttles as per section 6 of the by-laws.

8. No Shows

- a. In the event of a registered player not showing up for a round of play or having a reserve player attend they shall be deemed to automatically be the loser of that box.
- b. If a reserve is found by the other players in the box, the no show player shall still be deemed to be the loser of the box.

9. Protests & Grievances

- a. In the event of a disagreement in the scoring of play in a box (which cannot be resolved by the players) the game shall be deemed to be a forfeit by both players.
- b. A forfeit shall be scored as 0 matches, 0 games, 0 points for both players.
- c. A protest or grievance can be submitted by any player in writing to the organising committee who will undertake a review of the issue identified.
- d. A protest must be submitted within three (3) days of the incident occurring.
- e. The organising committee will render a judgement prior to the start of the next round.
- f. At the completion of the review the organisation committee will render a judgement and take appropriate corrective action as deemed necessary.

10. Failure to Comply with Competition by-laws

- a. Failure to comply with the competition by-laws will result in the offending player forfeiting match points or expulsion without refund from the competition.