

## **STBA Pennant Competition By-Laws:**

### **Definitions**

**Fill-In:** A player who is playing in place of a registered player within a team of the Pennant Competition.

**Form Rating:** A player's division and position standard as determined by qualitative and/or quantitative analysis of their performance by STBA Management.

**Provisional Rating:** A player's designated division and position standard, as assigned by placement in teams, the fill-in list, or as otherwise determined by STBA.

**Round:** The group of matches that two teams will compete against each other on any given fixtured week.

**STBA Committee:** The management Committee of the STBA as elected per the STBA Constitution.

**STBA Management:** The umbrella term for the STBA Committee, STBA Staff or any individual or group to which the STBA Committee has delegated authority to manage the specific matter in question.

**STBA Staff:** An individual who is employed by the STBA.

### **Pennant competitions and results**

1. A Pennant roster shall consist of a series of rounds (including a finals and grand finals round), with matches played within these rounds between specified teams.
2. A team for a Pennant roster shall consist of men or women, or a combination of men and women, as stipulated for each division.
  - a. STBA Management reserves the right to adjust teams when necessary.
3. A round shall consist of a number of matches between members of the competing teams, with the result determined either by number of matches won, or by total points scored, as stipulated for each division.
4. The winning team shall receive four points, and the losing team one point, unless otherwise specified. A team which forfeits the round shall receive no points.
5. In the event that a roster round is drawn, the teams shall split the points available. In the event that a final determined by matches is drawn, the winner will be next determined by number of games won, then (if necessary) by total points scored. If a final is drawn when using total points scored, the team finishing ahead on the ladder will be deemed to have won. In the event a grand final is drawn when using total points scored, both teams will receive pennants.

### **Equipment, attire and conduct**

6. All shuttles used in matches shall be of a brand approved by the STBA Committee, and we recommend you purchase these from the STBA for a guarantee on speed/product type.
  - a. All participants are to provide an equal proportion of shuttles.
7. Players must be appropriately attired. This includes wearing shoes which adhere to the STBA Footwear Guidelines for Court Use.
8. Players must abide by all STBA Policies.

### **Round procedure**

9. All rounds must commence at the indicated start time at sign up, or at any other time stipulated by STBA Management.
  - a. A round may commence earlier than the stipulated time if a majority of players participating agree and if approved by staff where courts are available.
10. At the completion of each match any player may take a break not exceeding five minutes in duration at their discretion.
11. All team members' names shall be entered on the score sheet (where not already printed). The first name and surname of any fill-in player must be entered next to the player they replace. Once entered, names shall not be altered without opposition consent.
12. Team members must be entered in the score sheet in order of rating, unless otherwise approved by STBA Management.
  - a. No player (including fill-in players) is permitted to play below their provisional or form rating, as determined by STBA Management, except under section 29.
13. The order of play shall be as listed on the score sheet, unless otherwise agreed by a majority of both teams.
  - a. In the event of a disagreement, the order as listed shall stand.
14. Completed score sheets shall be left in the score sheet box at the STBA centre foyer or with STBA Staff at the reception on the night of play.
15. Except where otherwise stipulated, the rules of play shall be the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation.

### **Match & round cancellations**

16. STBA Management may be required to cancel matches due to unforeseen circumstances, including (but not limited to) power outages, building degradation, or for reasons of player safety (including condensation on the courts).
17. If a match is cancelled under section 15, the round for that division will be cancelled, and not rescheduled.
  - a. This section will not apply to a finals match.
18. If the total number of matches yet to be played across the entire division for a round is more than half of the total number of matches to be played, then the round will be cancelled, with no points allocated to any team.
19. If half or more of the total number of matches played across the entire division for a round have been played, points will be allocated based on the matches completed.
20. In the event that a final is cancelled and it cannot be rescheduled, the winner will be:
  - a. The team winning the greater number of matches or scoring the most points (as applicable for that division), if half or more of the matches have been played prior to cancellation.
  - b. The team finishing higher on the ladder, if fewer than half of the matches have been played..
  - c. Both teams, if the cancellation prevents the full conclusion of a grand final.

### **Umpires**

21. All matches are to be umpired where possible, with each team sharing the task equally, unless otherwise permitted by STBA Management.
22. A team is permitted to replace an opposing team's umpire with another umpire from the opposing team where the original umpire's decisions are continually inefficient.
23. Players may call for a service judge. When requested to do so, umpires must appoint a service judge immediately.

### **Players not present**

24. If all players are not present to commence a round within 15 minutes of the appointed start time, then the offending team will forfeit all games for which they cannot produce an eligible player.
25. If a team cannot produce a player or players to ensure the continuity of a match, and if no other games can be played, then the offending team will forfeit all remaining games.
26. STBA Management may also deem the match forfeited by the offending team, if such penalty is appropriate in the circumstances.
27. If a player forfeits a match due to injury or illness, that player cannot take further part in matches later on in the night. Once a forfeiture is made, all of the remaining games for that player are forfeited.

### **Eligibility of players**

28. All players in each team must be registered members of the STBA.
  - a. This includes all fill-in players.
29. All players must be a minimum of twelve years of age at the time nominations close.
  - a. STBA Management may make exception upon request.
30. No player or fill-in may play with more than one team in the same division in the one roster week, except as provided in section 31.

### **Fill-ins**

31. For roster matches, a fill-in must be either:
  - a. A player from a lower division in the current STBA Pennant roster; or
  - b. A player with an STBA provisional or form rating lower than that of the player she/he replaces; or
  - c. A player of the same line from the bye team (where applicable).
32. STBA Management may permit otherwise eligible players from the same division to play for multiple teams in the same roster week, or if necessary impose appropriate handicaps to allow players with higher ratings to fill in, only if:
  - a. A player in the lowest division gives reasonable notice to STBA Management that she/he will be absent, and that despite best efforts she/he has not been able to arrange an eligible player to fill in; and
  - b. STBA Management have likewise been unsuccessful in producing a player to fill in; and

- c. It is reasonable to expect that no eligible player will be available within 15 minutes of the appointed start time.
- 33. For finals matches, a fill-in must be:
  - a. A registered member of the STBA; and
  - b. Approved by STBA Management; and
  - c. Either:
    - i. A player from a lower division in the current STBA Pennant roster; or
    - ii. A player with an STBA provisional or form rating lower than that of the player she/he replaces, which may include a player from the same line; or
    - iii. For the lowest line in the lowest division, any player from the same line.
- 34. In exceptional circumstances, teams may apply in writing to STBA Management asking for an otherwise ineligible player to be permitted to fill in.
- 35. STBA Management reserves the right to provide a provisional rating to a fill-in player if they were previously unrated.

### **Breaches**

- 36. Except where otherwise specified, failure to comply with these Pennant Competition By-Laws will result in the offending team forfeiting match points for the match in question, or a deduction in match points, or such other penalty as STBA Management deems appropriate in the circumstances.
- 37. Any protests concerning breaches of the Pennant By-Laws should be communicated in writing, including electronically, to STBA Management within 48 hours of the breach(es) occurring.
  - a. STBA Management will deliver a response to the breach prior to the commencement of the next round.