



## STBA Tournament By-Laws:

1. The tournament will be conducted by the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association on behalf of Badminton Tasmania with all events open to members registered with an affiliated body of the BWF.
2. All matches will be played under the Laws of Badminton adopted by the BWF and under the STBA By-Laws.
3. The committee reserves the right to cancel any events for which there are fewer than four entries, or play a round robin tournament.
  - a. In the event of a draw in a Round Robin the result shall be decided on BWF regulations
  - b. If the two are inseparable on percentage then the winner is the player/pair who won their contest.
4. Feather shuttles must be supplied by all competitors and should be purchased from the Association. Each side to provide a shuttle – one to be used for the match, the second to be retained by the winner. By mutual agreement, each side may purchase extra shuttles to use in the match.
  - a. This will not apply in cases where any event entry fee includes the cost of feather shuttles, in these cases the Association will provide the necessary proportion of shuttles for the players to undertake their match.
5. The first named player(s) in opening matches of a session shall provide the umpire for that match. Thereafter and whenever practical, the losing side shall umpire the next match on that court.
6. Matches in all grades will be scored under the current BWF scoring system which is best of 3 games to 21.
  - a. Matches in the U13 & U15 grades are excepted, with one game played to 30 without setting.
7. No player is permitted to play more than 5 events and in no more than 3 grades.
  - a. Within their 5 events maximum, a player can only play 1 discipline (being singles, doubles and mixed) across a maximum of 2 different grades.
    - i. EXAMPLE 1 – acceptable entries: Doubles events in A & B grades, singles events in Open & A grades, and 1 mixed event in B grade COULD represent their 5 event maximum
    - ii. EXAMPLE 2 – unacceptable entries: Doubles events across OPEN, A & B grades (3 grades in total), a mixed event in A grade and a singles event in B grade COULD NOT represent their 5 maximum events because doubles across 3 grades exceeds the 2 maximum grades in a specific discipline.
    - iii. Players entering in 3 grades may be required to play consecutive matches with a short break.
    - iv. Junior events (U13, U15, U17 & U19) are considered a grade.
8. Entries will be accepted in accordance with the current STBA grading list, with the right reserved to regrade any player.

9. Players must be ready to play when called upon, and absent players will forfeit the game.
10. Acceptable badminton sports clothing must be worn.
11. Players in U13, U15, U17 & U19 events must be under that age on 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year.
12. Players are requested to wear street shoes only to the hall.
13. Each competitor must enter online with their entry fee paid via the PayPal system.
14. All entry fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the tournament.
15. Under no circumstances will late entries be accepted.
16. Semi-finals starting times will be notified. Finals will be played on Sunday.
17. Due to the COVID-19 Safety Plan inputted at the centre, there are additional conditions of entry to the centre:
  - a. If you are demonstrating any flu-like symptoms you will not enter the centre and will contact the centre manager via email at [info@stba.net.au](mailto:info@stba.net.au) or via 0488788426 to inform them of your absence from the tournament.
  - b. You will abide by all instructions regarding social distancing and additional hygiene practices that have been implemented to ensure the reduction of the risk of any virus and illness spread.
  - c. You will wear your mask per the STBA Mask Wearing Policy.
  - d. You will check into the centre per Tasmanian Government requirements.
18. Unless you specify otherwise via email to [info@stba.net.au](mailto:info@stba.net.au) prior to the commencement of the tournament, you consent to the following:
  - i. Images may be taken of you for the purpose of STBA marketing materials.
  - ii. Video footage of your matches may be taken to be streamed live on the STBA Facebook page.
19. You will adhere to all other STBA policies and staff instructions while at the STBA centre.