

# **VAL NESBITT TROPHY**

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# **AUSTRALIAN UNDER 15 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **BY-LAWS**

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### 27.1 ELIGIBILITY

- 27.1.1. Teams shall be restricted to any State or Region within the boundaries and affiliated to either the Australian Badminton Association or the New Zealand Badminton Federation, and additional teams representing nations affiliated to the BWF, subject also to the provisions of 27.3.
- 27.1.2. Competitors must have bona-fide registration to the national association affiliated to the BWF of the country where they normally reside.
- 27.1.3. All competitors must be under the age of 15 years on December 31 of the year in which the carnival is held.
- 27.1.4. The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory may combine to form a team to be known as "The Territories". Any team so formed will be an official team in the event and may also include players from the State hosting the event. Such players will be chosen by and at the discretion of the host State.
- 27.1.5. **Players who have made themselves available for selection in their State or Territory team but were not selected ARE eligible to enter the Individual Championships subject to rule 27.3.3. and 27.3.4**

### 27.2 STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

- 27.2.1. A series of Teams Championship ties and Individual Championship events shall be conducted over not fewer than four days commencing in the September school holiday period of the host association each year.
- 27.2.2. Competition for the Val Nesbitt Trophy will be a Teams Championship series.
- 27.2.3. In association with the individual boys and girls championship events, it is recommended that there be plate events for first match losers in all events.
- 27.2.4. The final decision as to the conduct of plate events is left to the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 27.2.5. The carnival will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton (BWF).
- 27.2.6. The host State/Region shall recommend a Referee for the carnival to the Australian Badminton Association no later than six calendar months prior to the commencement date of the series.
- 27.2.7. The Referees shall be the sole judges of matters relating to these By-Laws and the Laws of Badminton.
- 27.2.8. It is recommended the host Association appoint a Deputy Referee for the Carnival
- 27.2.9. An Event Director and Management Committee shall be appointed by the host State/Region for the purpose of co-ordinating the carnival.

- 27.2.10. The Management Committee shall advise all competing teams the brand of shuttles to be used, not later than 2 months prior to scheduled commencement of carnival. A minimum of two speeds of shuttles shall be made available
- 27.2.11. One and a half dozen shuttles shall be allocated to each tie. The cost of any further shuttles shall be born by the teams competing in the match

### **27.3 ENTRIES**

- 27.3.1. The host association shall issue invitations through Badminton Australia to all Australian Associations via BA Members and the Members of the New Zealand Badminton Federation; and has the right to invite additional teams, representing nations affiliated to the BWF, to fill any vacancy in the draw or by reason of court capacity. Overseas invitations shall be issued by the national association of the host association.
- 27.3.2. Team entries endorsed by the appropriate member shall reach the Event Director no later than two calendar months prior to the commencement date of the series. The annual Carnival/Tournament entry fees shall be set at the preceding Annual General Meeting of the Australian Badminton Association. These fees shall inclusive of GST/taxes.
- 27.3.3. Individual championship entries shall close with the Event Director 14 days prior to the advertised commencement date of the tournament.
- 27.3.4. All team and individual entries shall be accompanied by entry fees.
- 27.3.5. Teams withdrawing after the closing date are subject to a Penalty fee. 50% of the fee will be refunded up to one month prior to the competition start date. No refund if withdrawl is less than one month.
- 27.3.6. A maximum of two reserves per team can be supplied by the host State/ Region to fill an incomplete team

### **27.4 TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 27.4.1. There shall be no limit to the number of teams entered by any Australian Member or New Zealand Region, except where the host association for that year sets a maximum limit on the number of entries which can be accommodated on their available courts.
- 27.4.2. The host Association/Territory reserves the right to select teams from nominations to ensure appropriate spread of entries and optimum use of available courts.
- 27.4.3. Teams shall consist of a minimum of two boys and two girls ranked in order of merit for singles and all possible doubles combinations. Any variation to the ranked order may only be made with the approval of the Referee.
- 27.4.4. Each team shall be accompanied by a non-playing manager
- 27.4.5. It is strongly recommended that a court official accompany all teams.

- 27.4.6. A copy of all teams with their players in ranked order for singles and all combinations of doubles to be placed in a prominent position to enable Team managers to scrutinise their opponent's team placement prior to the start of each tie.

## 27.5 TEAM SERIES FORMAT

- 27.5.1. The teams draw shall be conducted by the referee in conjunction with the host Association on behalf of Badminton Australia and Badminton NZ then circulated to competing teams.
- 27.5.2. The draw shall be arranged so that the winner and runner up from the previous year are in opposite sections, or if only one section they shall be drawn to meet in the final session.
- 27.5.3. Teams who did not compete at the previous tournament shall not be drawn against one another in preliminary rounds of the competition.
- 27.5.4. States or regions with two or more teams shall not be drawn against one another in preliminary rounds of the competition.
- 27.5.5. Each tie shall consist of two boys and two girls singles, one boys and one girls doubles, and two mixed doubles.
- 27.5.6. No player may play in more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles in any tie.
- 27.5.7. Order of Play in each tie to be: boys/girls doubles, 2nd, 1st singles, 2nd, 1st mixed doubles; or otherwise as agreed by opposing team managers in consultation with the Referee
- 27.5.8. In the event of a player being required to play two consecutive matches, the player shall be allowed a break of up to 30 minutes before their next match.
- 27.5.9. **Lodgement of Teams:** The Referee shall determine the appropriate time for teams to be lodged prior to each tie. The Referee shall, when all teams have been received, make these available to the team managers on request.
- 27.5.10. **Injuries to Players:** Should any player become injured or indisposed, and thereby unable to play in the team as nominated, at any time between the handing in of nominations and the scheduled commencement of play, the team concerned shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Referee, to submit a new team excluding the player involved. Should however, any player become unable to play at any time after the commencement of the tie, that player's place may be taken by any other eligible player for any unplayed matches. Any match an injured player is unable to COMPLETE shall be forfeited, with the defaulting team retaining its then existing score and the opposing team allocated the maximum games and points.
- 27.5.11. All replacements of players shall be subject to the approval of the Referee

## 27.6 SCORING FOR TEAM TIES

- 27.6.1. The result of each tie shall be decided on the number of matches won, or if these are equal, then on the greater number of games won, and if still equal then on the greater number of points won.

- 27.6.2. Where the draw is divided into sections, each team having played all other teams in their section, the section winner will be decided by the number of ties won. If two or more teams win the same number of ties, the result shall be decided firstly by the greater number of matches, then games differential, then point's differential. If this does not decide, then the order shall be determined by the result of the tie between the two teams concerned.
- 27.6.3. **Finals:** Where there is more than one section in the draw there shall be a play-off for all positions.

## 27.7 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW

- 27.7.1. The draw shall be made in accordance with the Competition Regulations of the Badminton World Federation.
- 27.7.2. The draw shall be conducted by the host association (using the Tournament Software) after the team events during the Carnival under the direction of the Referee.

## 27.8 DRESS CODE

- 27.8.1. Players shall be dressed in badminton attire which conforms to the rules of the BWF Competition Regulations (Clothing).

## 27.9 TROPHIES AND MEDALS

- 27.9.1. The host association shall provide medals for presentation to the players, manager, coach and umpire of the winning team; and trophies for individual events winners.
- 27.9.2. A committee shall be appointed by the host association to judge the *ROSS AND JAN SYNOT SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY*

## 27.10 MEETINGS

- 27.10.1. Pre-Carnival Meeting:

On the evening prior to the commencement of each carnival, managers, coaches and officials will be invited to meet to -

- 27.10.1.1. Clarify the conditions under which the event will be run and be advised of any particular requirement by the Referee and Event Director.
- 27.10.1.2. Submit lists of team players in ranked order for singles and all combinations of doubles.
- 27.10.1.3. Nominate a person responsible for conducting the electronic draw. Elect a committee to assist with the draw for the individual events if a computer generated tournament software is not available
- 27.10.1.4. A committee nominated by the Badminton Australia Junior Committees of Badminton Australia and Badminton New Zealand selectors shall be

formed before the Carnival and determine the seedings for the individual events.

- 27.10.1.5. Accept the Minutes of the previous Under 15 Carnival meeting
- 27.10.1.6. Minutes of the final meeting must be prepared and circulated to those present within one (1) calendar month of the meeting and ratified by those attending within a further calendar month, and forwarded to Badminton Australia, Badminton New Zealand for appropriate action and Badminton Oceania for their information. Absence of ratification of the Minutes by attendees within the specified time will be taken as acceptance of the Minutes.
- 27.10.1.7. Allow a representative from the next host association to speak to the meeting re: the Carnival association for the following year. Identify an appropriate date for the following year.
- 27.10.1.8. Reconfirm the venues and hosts for future events.
- 27.10.1.9. Consider budget estimates presented by the host for the following year and recommend an entry fee to Badminton Australia.