



GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTER STATE & INTER ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The system of separate competitions for Men, Women, Junior Boys & Junior Girls, is replaced with "Mixed team Championships" from this year onwards for Senior & Juniors, as under.

A. Team Event.

<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>
Men's Singles	Boy's Singles
Women's Single	Girl's Singles
Men's Doubles	Boy's Doubles
Women's Doubles	Girl's Doubles
Mixed Doubles	Mixed Doubles

The draw will take place during the Managers' Meeting, at the Venue".

- b) Individual Events will also be held during Zonal Championships from this year onwards. Each participating Team is eligible for two (2) Singles, One (1) Doubles and One (1) Mixed Doubles in Juniors & Seniors (Total 10 events). Draw will take place at the venue immediately after completion of team event finals.
 - c) Each Team is eligible to send not more than five (5) Men, five (5) Women, five (5) Boys and five (5) Girls. Total not more than twenty (20) players (Extra Players not permitted).
 - d) For individual events, players to be selected from the above team members (Extra players are not eligible). Seeding as per the BAI ranking or by lots.
2. Team officials: Total no. of Team officials (Manager & Coaches) should not be more than three (3) + 1 umpire. Member Associations are requested not to encourage extra officials or parents along with the team. (Total Team shall 20 players + 3 Team officials & One umpire. Maximum total 24, since common players will be there, each team may consists of 20 members.
 3. No player shall play in more than two events.
 4. A player can play in Junior & Senior events. (For example a player in Junior events can play in two events and the same player is eligible to play in Senior event also).

5. Each competing Member Association is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent its Association.
6. Each manager in the managers' meeting shall submit 3 Men or Boys singles and 3 Women or Girls Singles, 3 Combination of Men , Women, Boys & Girls Doubles and 3 Combination of Mixed Doubles in order of team championships. The same ranking order shall be valid for all ties throughout the competition, subject to the maximum players of not more than 5 in each category . For example one player can be nominated in singles / doubles / Mixed Doubles but he or she can play only in two events. For combination purpose a player may be nominated in 3 events but he/she can participate in two events only. Referee is authorized to take the final decision with the consultation of respective manager.
7. No substitution of player/pair shall be permitted under any circumstances once the team nominated for the competition.
8. Each tie shall be decided by the best of 5 matches as follows.
 - One Men or Boys Singles
 - One Women or Girls Singles
 - One Men's or Boys Doubles
 - One Women's or Girls Doubles
 - One Mixed Doubles.
9. Merit Certificates shall be presented to the 1st , 2nd & 3rd places (Losing semifinalists) and are to be signed by the BAI observer, Secretary and President of the Host.Associations. Participation certificates shall be issued to the other players, those not received Merit Certificates.

10.Nomination of Tie:

- Each manager shall handover the players nomination form to the Referee as per the order of merit during managers meeting. (With pair combination).
- No substitution shall be permitted by the Referee after the draw is completed.
- Play in each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided. (3 matches).
- A player withdrawn in singles in the following ties is permitted to participate in pair event in the same tie.
- Any change of sequence in order of play in the following tie shall be informed to the Referee in writing before two hours of the commencement of the tie. (1st or 2nd). Otherwise , the Referee will continue with order of Merit submitted by the Manager during managers meeting before commencement of Tournament.
- The referee shall inform such changes to the opponent team immediately
- Players withdrawn in one tie is permitted to play in the next tie.
- Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 20 minutes between them.

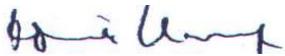
- The seeding for Individual event draw will take place as per BAI ranking. In case of non availability of BAI ranked players, the Referee will decide seeding by lots in presence of BAI observer.
- Semi Finalists in singles and finalists in Doubles in Individual events are eligible for Main draw of Junior/ Senior Nationals.
- As per BAI guidelines BAI ranked players 1-16 in singles and 1-8 in Doubles in U-13, 15 & 17 Age groups and 1-12 in singles and 1-6 in Doubles in under 19 and Men & Women are eligible for Main Draw as per the BAI ranking as on the last day of receipt of entries for the Nationals.

In pair events both players should have BAI ranking below 8 only in 13,15,& 17 and below 6 in U-19 , Men & Women. Partnership with points will not be considered.

For example No.1 ranked player wants to play with a partner having BAI rank above eight (8) is not eligible. Both partners should have ranking below 8 only in 13,15,& 17 and below 6 in U-19, Men & Women.

- Players kitting rules will be followed strictly as per BAI guidelines. Name of the State is mandatory and player name is preferred. Pair events both should wear same colours.

With regards,



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