Badminton (Men and Women)

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These Championships are conducted under the rules of the Australian Badminton Association Inc., with the following exceptions:

1. Team Size
   1.1 Team sizes are as follows:
       Men: Minimum four (4), Maximum six (6)
       Women: Minimum four (4), Maximum six (6)

2. Seeding
   2.1 Captains shall declare seeding order of their team at the start of the Championship. This order to remain for the duration of the Championship.
   2.2 Singles and doubles must be seeded in order of merit.
   2.3 The order of play shall be:
       Men: Singles – 3, 2, 1 Doubles - 2, 1
       Women: Singles – 3, 2, 1 Doubles - 2, 1
   2.4 No player can play in more than one (1) single and/or doubles rubber in any match.
   2.5 A minimum of four (4) doubles players are to be ranked before the commencement of the tournament and only ranked combinations are permitted to play

3. Championship Format
   3.1 Men: Five (5) rubbers, three (3) singles and two (2) doubles.
       For singles and doubles, the best of three (3) games to fifteen (15) points – Setting to three (3) points when the score reaches fourteen (14) all.
       Women: Five (5) rubbers, three (3) singles and two (2) doubles.
       For singles, the best of three (3) games to eleven (11) points – setting to three (3) points when the score reaches ten (10) all.
       For doubles, the best three (3) games to fifteen points (15) – setting to three (3) points when the score reaches fourteen (14) all.

4. Championship Scoring
   4.1 Points for each match shall be awarded as follows:
       Winning Team 3 points
       Winner Rubber 1 point
       Losing Team 1 point
       Forfeiting Team 0 points (see sports specific rule)

5. Resolving Drawn Situations
   5.1 In the event of two teams finishing on the same point score after the preliminary rounds, the team to progress shall be determined when the first of the following criteria (applied in order) favours one team:
       (a) Team winning the tie when/if the teams played each other in the preliminary rounds.
(b) Number of rubbers won  
(c) Number of games won  
(d) Number of points won  
(e) Number of points conceded  
(f) Toss of a coin by an arbiter  

6. Forfeits  
6.1 A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of playtime where either team is unable to commence play. Should the commencement of a match be delayed (up to 10 minutes) due to no fault of either side (as determined by the Referee in consultation with the Competition Manager) the game shall be played in its full duration.  

6.2 A. Forfeits occurring during preliminary and/or pool matches will result in the team being relegated to last position in that pool.  
B. Forfeits occurring in matches other than preliminary / pool matches will result in the forfeiting team being relegated to last position for the competition.  
For the purposes of A and B:  
i) The adjustment will be made at the conclusion of pool / preliminary matches or conclusion of final ranking matches;  
ii) In the event of a forfeit being the result of "extraordinary circumstances" in the opinion of the Manager of Sport in the first instance and Disputes Committee in the second instance, the forfeit for the match in question will stand, however relegation may not occur. The Disputes Committee will ultimately judge what constitutes "extraordinary circumstances";  
iii) Normal Good Faith Fee penalties also apply.  

6.3 Men: If a team forfeits the entire match the following points will be awarded to the winning team: five (5) rubbers, ten (10) games and one hundred and fifty (150) points.  
Women: If a team forfeits the entire match the following points will be awarded to the winning team: five (5) rubbers, ten (10) games and one hundred and twenty-six (126) points.  

6.4 Should an opposition player who was "playing under protest" (ie. Had no accreditation prior to the match) prove to be "ineligible" inside the time frame stipulated by the Games Organisers, a forfeit will be recorded. The forfeit score or the actual completed match score will be awarded; whichever is higher.  

7. Presentation  
7.1 Presentations should be conducted at the conclusion of the competition.  

7.2 At the completion of the Championship a trophy will be awarded to the university that wins each of the Championship:  
• Men’s Championship  
• Women’s Championship  

8. Uniform Requirements  
8.1 Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform to the organiser at the Sport Specific Team Managers Meeting or before if requested.  

8.2 Minimum uniform requirements for IRAUG must be met:  
• A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery).  
• Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.
• All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms. The appropriate officials grant providing permission exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours.
• All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt.
• Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated.

8.3 Specific Sport Uniform Standards - The uniform requirements for each specific sport should be as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following minimum uniform requirements:

**Badminton** - Shorts/skirts/long pants and shirts. The uniform of their university will be most appropriate. It is expected that doubles partners wear the same colours. Non-marking shoes may be enforced by the court surface.

9. Team Duties
9.1 Team duties are an imperative part of IRAUG and the development of sport event management skills across the University Sporting structure. The roster and role description will be provided to each Sports Specific Team Manager at the Sports Specific Team Managers Meeting if duties are required. **Teams that do not fulfill team duties will be fined as per the IRAUG Good Faith Fee policy.**

9.2 The Specific requirement for **Badminton** at IRAUG events is:
• 1 person from each team competing in the current match will be required to perform the duties of scoring.
• Team captains competing in the current match will be required to complete and sign the provided scorecard. The winning team captain will be responsible for ensuring that this scorecard is handed to the Sports Administration Officer at that venue.