



ABU DHABI WBC

Winter Badminton Championship '20

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TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

The [Laws of Badminton](#) and Competition Regulations in the Abu Dhabi WBC '20 provides the detail on every aspect of the tournament.

I. PURPOSES

- a) Ensure and maintain fair and orderly on the Abu Dhabi WBC '20, and to protect the Players' rights and the respective rights of the organizers, sponsors, and the public;
- b) To uphold the integrity of badminton.

II. APPLICABILITY

- a) This tournament guidelines and code of conduct is applicable to all Players participating in the Abu Dhabi WBC '20;
- b) All Players are subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each Player who are registered in Abu Dhabi WBC '20 shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and therefore be bound by them.

III. LEVELLING

- a) The Levelling Committee be in charge of assigning the proper levels in all events;
- b) Levelling results will be forwarded to the Registration Committee for follow up and confirmation. Levelling results is applicable and intended for this tournament only;
- c) The Levelling Committee has the sole discretion to reject or automatically assign the level of players/s who failed to come on the pre-scheduled leveling dates;
- d) Acceptance of entries is on a first come-first served basis. Only paid entries will be published for the participant's ready reference. Players will be given ample time to pay the entry fees. Those who have not paid within the prescribed deadline will be removed from the list and therefore will not be included in the draw;

- e) Entries are limited. In the event of a withdrawal, the organizing committee has the right to replace an entry from the waiting list on the same level as long as the competition has not started;
- f) The organizer has the right to review and change the level submitted by the participants in case of obvious and malicious sandbagging of levels even during the event.

IV. SCORING SYSTEM:

a) ELIMINATION ROUND:

- Entries will be divided into brackets;
- Each bracket will play round robin format;
- Scoring will be 1–30 (change ends at 15 points), no deuce;
- Top 1 of each bracket will play on the next round;
- Should there be a tie (2), winner over the other rule shall apply;
- In case of a three or more teams have won the same no. of matches, the difference between the winning points and losing points shall be obtained to determine the team who will play on the next round; if this still leaves two teams equal, winner over the other rule shall apply;
- In case of a three or more teams have won the same no. of matches, the difference between the winning points and losing points shall be obtained to determine the team who will play on the next round; if this still leaves three or more teams equal, winner shall be obtained by drawing of lots.

b) QUARTER FINALS, SEMI FINALS:

- Teams competing for quarter finals shall be obtained by drawing of lots from all teams who won from the elimination round
- Scoring is from 1 to 30 change court of 15 no off/setting (sudden death point). No Deuce.

c) FINALS:

- Scoring will be as per BWF standards

d) The umpire's decision is final and always be respected. However, in case of dispute or discrepancies, the decision of the Tournament Referee shall be deemed final and irrevocable;

e) **Walkover**—is the awarding of a victory to players/team because there are no opponents on the scheduled match or the other players/team have been disqualified or have been forfeited.

- Absence during the scheduled match

- 1st Call (3 min.), 2nd Call (3 min.), 3rd and Final Call (3 Min.) of a scheduled match.
- In case of medical emergency, accident and/or health risk; it is the decision of the Umpire to call and seek for a Medical advice and declare a Walkover if deemed necessary.
- Walkover is only applicable for a certain scheduled match and not necessarily on all the matches. One (1) walkover shall be considered one loss.

V. **SUBSTITUTION/CHANGE OF PARTNERS**

Entries into and withdrawal from Abu Dhabi WBC '20 requires a fair approach to protect all Players from the possibility of manipulation to give any one/player a possible advantage. Players need to follow a set of rules including the following:

- a) Players shall not withdraw from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw **without evidence** or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or other emergency situation. Notification for substitution of players must be made at least 24 hrs before the tournament day.
- b) Substitution or change of players/partners without proper justification and approval from the organizers is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties and disqualification.
- c) Cancellation of entries after publication of draws in NON Refundable.

VI. **CONDUCT AND DECORUM:**

Players are responsible for their on-court presentation, behavior, conduct and performance including the following:

- a) Not arriving late for a match, resulting in a "no-show".
- b) Players are expected to display sportsmanship at all times during the tournament.
- c) Club officials shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and supporters.
- d) Coaching while the match is ongoing is strictly prohibited. Coaching will be allowed only during break time.
- e) Always using one's "best efforts" to win a match.
- f) Completing a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.
- g) Respecting technical officials and not trying to influence the decisions of technical officials in anyway using an arm, hand, racket gestures, or orally.
- h) Not making gestures or signs with the hands and/or racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.
- i) Not intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.

- j) In occurrence of any of the above incidents, a disciplinary action shall be taken by the organizing committee.

VII. OTHER PROVISIONS:

- a) Only players and technical officials are allowed to access to badminton court.
- b) Players must have a valid visa or identification (eg. Passport, Emirates ID);
- c) Clubs and players are advised to follow the timings and schedules. Walkover system for players not present in the court will be imposed with exception on prayer timings;
- d) A **Non-Refundable Rule** will be observed in whatever circumstances may occur during the tournament period such as false affirmation of level, default, etc.;
- e) Any **Objection** as to the levelling or eligibility of the player/s shall be brought to the attention of the Organizing Committee by filling up the protest form found on the official tournament website (www.badmintonqueuing.org) within 24 hours after publication. Protest Fee amounting to two hundred dirhams (AED 200) shall be charged upon filling. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be refunded to the person/team who filed the protest;
- f) The organizers of the tournament reserve the right to reject any entry at committee's discretion.
- g) The organizer reserves the right to make any changes in the program and has the right to cancel any events if necessary requirements are not fulfilled or met.