

REGULATIONS FOR CONTINENTAL PAN AMERICAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS (Updated January 2022)

1. Definition

- a. **YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships**, shall be promoted annually, and the events shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
- b. **Pan Am Male & Female Cup**, shall be promoted each even year, and it could also be valid as a qualification event for final stage for Thomas & Uber Cup (according to BWR GCR).
- c. **Pan American Cup**, shall be promoted each odd year.
- d. **YONEX Pan Am Junior Championships**, shall be promoted annually, and the **individual** events shall include boy's singles and doubles, girl's singles and doubles and mixed doubles in each category (U11 (optional), U13, U15, U17, U19).
It also includes a Mixed Team competition event **Under 19 age group category only**.
- e. Any Member Association can apply to stage the Continental Pan-American Championships and such application shall be sent to BPAC Chief Operating Officer according to bidding documents.
- f. Continental Para-Badminton tournaments are under BPAC control.

2. Eligibility

- a. To participate in a Continental Pan American Championships, the player must hold a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over.

3. **YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships**

- a. Will award World Ranking points as a BWF Grade 2 Level 6 event (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, Section 6.5.1).
- b. Entry fee is **USD \$75.00 per player**
- c. **Entries**, all entries must be done through the **Online Entry System**
- d. **Number of Entries**: Each Member Association (except the host country) can enter their player in the following way:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 4 players in each event
 - ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 2 pairs in each event
 - iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 4 pairs

- e. **Number of entries for host country:** The host Member Association can enter their player in the following way:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 6 players in each event
 - ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 3 pairs in each event
 - iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 6 pairs
- f. **Pair conformation from two (2) different Member Associations:** Is allowed to all Member Associations, however forming pairs between two (2) Member Associations will count as a one of the available spots and not as an extra. (I.e. a MD pair forming between Country A & Country B will use one spot from the two available)
- g. All the timelines will be managed as a **Grade 3 Events – Continental Individual Championship** (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2) as follows:
 - i. **Entry closing date:** Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.
 - ii. **M&Q Report:** Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament
 - iii. **Ranking for Main Draw seeding, Draw & National separation of entries,** Tuesday, 21 days before the start of the tournament.
 - iv. **Withdrawal without penalty: Monday, 15** days before the start of the tournament.
 - v. **Draw:** Tuesday, 14 days before the start of the tournament.

4. Pan Am Junior Championships U19 event

- a. **This tournament is a part of the Pan Am Junior Championships** and will be awarded as stated in BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.2: World Junior Ranking System, Section 6.4.
- b. Entry fee is **USD \$75.00 per player**
- c. **Age Eligibility:** Each player must be under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.
- d. **Entries:** All the entries must be done through the **Online Entry System**.
- e. **Number of Entries:** Each Member Association (except the host country) can enter the following number of players:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 4 players per each event
 - ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 2 pairs per each event
 - iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 4 pairs
- f. **Number of entries for host country:** The host Member Association can enter their player in the following way:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 6 players per each event

- ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 3 pairs per each event
- iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 6 pairs
- g. The **Timeline** will be managed as described for BWF Junior tournaments (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2) as follows:
 - i. **Entry closing date**: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.
 - ii. **M&Q Report**: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament
 - iii. **Ranking for Main Draw seeding, Draw & National separation of entries**: Tuesday, 21 days before the start of the tournament.
 - iv. **Withdrawal without penalty**: Monday, 15 days before the start of the tournament.
 - v. **Draw**: Tuesday, 14 days before to start the tournament.

5. Pan Am Junior Championships U11 to U17

- a. The age eligibility for players to participate in an age category is as follows:
 - i. **Under 11**: Must be under 11 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.
 - 1. Its implementation is optional and subject to BPAC Executive Committee approval.
 - ii. **Under 13**: Must be under 13 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.
 - iii. **Under 15**: Must be under 15 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.
 - iv. **Under 17**: Must be under 17 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.

Note: A player is allowed to play in a higher category, as long as he/she does not play that/those (events) in his/her own category.

- b. Entry fee is **USD \$75.00 per player**
- c. **The Entry Closing date is** 28 days before to start the tournament.
- d. **Number of entries**: Each Member Association (except the host country) can enter the following number of players:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 4 players per each event.
 - ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 2 pairs per each event.
 - iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 4 pairs

- e. **Host Country Number of entries:** The host Member Association can enter the following number of players:
 - i. **Singles (MS/WS)**, Up to 6 players per each event
 - ii. **Doubles (MD/WD)**, Up to 3 pairs per each event.
 - iii. **Mixed doubles (XD)**, Up to 6 pairs
- f. **Seeding**, will be in accordance with previous year's results.
- g. **Withdrawal date:** Seven (7) days before the draw is made.
- h. The **Draws** will be during the Team Managers Meeting.
- i. **Online Entry**, all the entries must be done through the **Online Entry System**.

6. Pan Am Male & Female Cup

- a. Will award World Ranking points as Continental Team Competition (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, Section 6.5.1).
- b. Is a qualification event for BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals.
- c. **The Entry closing date** is the Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.
- d. **Seeding**, will be in accordance with **last edition results**.
- e. **Deadlines for Team entry registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament into the prospectus.**
- f. **The Withdrawal without penalty deadline** is the **Monday before the Team Managers Meeting**.
- g. The **Draw** will be made during the Team Managers Meeting
- h. The participating Teams may have a maximum of 10 players of each gender and must have a minimum of 4 **active** players of each gender.
- i. BWF Regulations for Thomas & Uber Cup will apply to this tournament unless otherwise stated in this document.
- j. A **Tie** between two teams will consist of 5 matches - three (3) singles matches, and two (2) doubles matches.
- k. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00** per team.
- l. **Competition System:**
 - i. The **Number of Seeds and Number of Pools** will be in accordance with the number of entries received as follows:
 - a. **Up to 4 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 2 finishing teams then play each other again in the Final.
 - b. **5 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 4 finishing teams advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).

- c. **6 entries:** Two pools of three teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- d. **7 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), one pool of 4 teams (Pool B) and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- e. **8 entries:** Two pools of four teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- f. **9 entries:** Three pools of three teams and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C.
The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
The third placed team in each pool will play each other in a subsequent pool of three to determine the last three final positions.
- g. **Up to 10 entries:** Two pools of three teams (Pools A and B), one pool of four teams (Pool C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- h. **Up to 11 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), two pools of four teams (Pools B and C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- i. **Up to 12 entries:** Four pools of three teams, and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).

- j. **Up to 13 entries:** Three pools of three teams (Pools A, B and C), one pool of four teams (Pool D), and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - k. **Up to 14 entries:** Two pools of three teams (Pools A and B), two pools of four teams (Pools C and D), and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - l. **Up to 15 entries:** Three pools of four and one pool of three, one main draw of 8, Five seeds (1,2,3,4) Seed 1 will be placed on pool A, seed 2 will be placed on pool B, seed 3 will be placed on pool C, seed 4 will be placed on pool D, the other entries will be lot by row to decide the pool; the best two of each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
2. In this tournament Teams will play until all positions (first to last place) are taken.

7. Pan American Cup (Mixed Team Competition)

- a. Will award World Ranking points as a BWF Grade 2 Level 6 event (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System, Section 6.5.1).
- b. **Seeding**, will be in accordance with **last edition results**.
- c. **Deadlines for Team entry registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament into the prospectus.**
- d. **Withdrawal without penalty deadline** is the **Monday, 15** before to start the tournament.
- e. The **Draw** will be made during the Team Managers Meeting
- f. A participating Team may consist of a maximum of 10 male players and 10 female players. The minimum team size is 2 male and 2 female **active** players.
- g. BWF Regulations for the Sudirman Cup will apply to this tournament unless otherwise stated in this document.

- h. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00** per team.
- i. **Competition System:**
- i. The **Number of Seeds and Number of Pools** will be in accordance with the number of entries received as follows:
 - a. **Up to 4 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 2 finishing teams then play each other again in the Final.
 - b. **5 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 4 finishing teams advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - c. **6 entries:** Two pools of three teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - d. **7 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), one pool of 4 teams (Pool B) and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - e. **8 entries:** Two pools of four teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - f. **9 entries:** Three pools of three teams and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage). The third placed team in each pool will play each other in a subsequent pool of three to determine the last three final positions.
 - g. **Up to 10 entries:** Two pools of three teams (Pools A and B), one pool of four teams (Pool C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).

- h. **Up to 11 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), two pools of four teams (Pools B and C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - i. **Up to 12 entries:** Four pools of three teams, and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - j. **Up to 13 entries:** Three pools of three teams (Pools A, B and C), one pool of four teams (Pool D), and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - k. **Up to 14 entries:** Two pools of three teams (Pools A and B), two pools of four teams (Pools C and D), and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - l. **Up to 15 entries:** Three pools of four and one pool of three, one main draw of 8, Five seeds (1,2,3,4) Seed 1 will be placed on pool A, seed 2 will be placed on pool B, seed 3 will be placed on pool C, seed 4 will be placed on pool D, the other entries will be lot by row to decide the pool; the best two of each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
2. In this tournament Teams will play until all positions (first to last place) are taken.

8. Pan Am Junior Team Event

- a. Will **NOT** award World Ranking points.
- b. **Deadlines for Team entry registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament into the prospectus.**
- c. **Seeding**, will be in accordance with the previous year's results.
- d. **The Withdrawal Without Penalty deadline** is the Monday, 15 days before the start of the tournament.
- e. The **Draw** will be made during the Team Managers Meeting
- f. A participating Team may consist of a maximum of 10 male players and 10 female players. The minimum team size is 2 male players and 2 female **active** players.
- g. BWF Regulations for the Sudirman Cup will apply to this tournament.
- h. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00** per team.
- i. **Competition System:**
 1. The **Number of Seeds and Number of Pools** will be in accordance with the number of entries received as follows:
 - a. **Up to 4 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 2 finishing teams then play each other again in the Final.
 - b. **5 entries:** One pool. Each team plays every other team once. The top 4 finishing teams advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - c. **6 entries:** Two pools of three teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - d. **7 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), one pool of 4 teams (Pool B) and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - e. **8 entries:** Two pools of four teams and two seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A and Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
 - f. **9 entries:** Three pools of three teams and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C.

The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).

The third placed team in each pool will play each other in a subsequent pool of three to determine the last three final positions.

- g. **Up to 10 entries:** Two pools of three teams (Pools A and B), one pool of four teams (Pool C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- h. **Up to 11 entries:** One pool of three teams (Pool A), two pools of four teams (Pools B and C), and three seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B and Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- i. **Up to 12 entries:** Four pools of three teams, and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
- j. **Up to 13 entries:** Three pools of three teams (Pools A, B and C), one pool of four teams (Pool D), and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Pool A, Seed 2 will be placed in Pool B, Seed 3 will be placed in Pool C and Seed 4 will be placed in Pool D. The other entries will be placed by lot. The top two finishing teams in each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).
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placed on pool B, seed 3 will be placed on pool C, seed 4 will be placed on pool D, the other entries will be lot by row to decide the pool; the best two of each pool will advance to the main draw (knock-out stage).

2. In this tournament Teams will play until all positions (first to last place) are taken.

9. General Organization

- a. **BPAC** shall be responsible for the organization of the Pan Am Continental Badminton Championships.
- b. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. BWF General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained within the regulations described in this document.
- c. The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) shall be appointed by BPAC, as well as a specified number of Umpires.
- d. Each competition shall be managed by BPAC in partnership with the host Member Association.

10. Playing Obligations of Member Associations

- a. Each Member Association shall be responsible for ensuring that the players entered by them, as well as their coaches and team officials, fulfil the obligations required of them.
- b. Each Member Association shall ensure that their players, coaches, and team officials adhere to the BWF "Player's Code of Conduct", and to the BWF "Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct".

11. Team Manager

- a. Each Member Association that enters a team for one of the Continental Championships Events described in this document must appoint a Team Manager.
- b. From the time of arrival to the host city, the Team Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member Association and Team in connection with the conduct of the competition.
- c. The Team Manager must attend any meeting called by the Referee and/or Committee of Management.

12. Official Coaches

- a. Each Member Association **must appoint an official Coach or Coaches** (maximum of two) for the Continental Championships Events described in this document, except for the Pan Am Junior Championships.
- b. If the Member Association chooses not to appoint an official coach, then the Member Association must send an official letter to BPAC appointing some of its participant players as coaches (except for Pan Am Junior championships) for the event in question.
 - i. Players appointed as a coach by their Member Association must fulfil all the regulations contained in the BWF “Coaches and Educators Code of Conduct”.
- c. **Only players appointed as coaches** by their Member Association for a particular Continental Championships can be on the Field Of Play in the role of a coach.

13. Team Entourage

- a. Each **participating** Member Association **must include** into their accreditation request the **Team Entourage**.
 - i. The athlete’s entourage comprises all the people associated with the athletes, including, without limitation, managers, agents, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organizations, sponsors, lawyers, and any person promoting the athlete’s sporting career, including family members.
- b. A **Team Entourage Member**, must follow all the tournament guidelines as a Team Representative, failure to comply guidelines could cause penalties to the concerned Member Association.

14. Validity

14.1. These Continental Pan American Badminton Championships and any future amendments will be circulated to all MAs and take effect on the day of the adoption.

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