

**1. Divisions**

- (a) There are 7 categories of player types – Seniors, Masters, Veterans, Super Veterans, Under 19s, Under 17s, Under 15s. Each category shall be split into divisions – depending on numbers of entries. Division 1 is the highest ranked in each category.
- (b) The number of teams in Seniors Divisions 1 and 2 and North Island Seniors Division 3 and 4, North Island Masters Divisions 1 to 4 and North Island Veterans Divisions 1 and 2 shall be permanently fixed and entry shall only be by promotion-relegation.
- (c) Division formats are:
  - i) Senior Divisions 1 & 2 – 6 teams in each pool.
  - ii) Senior Divisions 1 & 2 – no Association shall have more than 2 teams in Division 1, nor more than 4 teams in Divisions 1 & 2 combined.
  - iii) North Island Seniors Division 3 and 4 – 12 teams per Division
  - iv) South Island Seniors Divisions 3 and 4 will be set by the combined South Island Associations to achieve a more uniform number of ties, with the Inter Association Convenor to be the final arbiter in the event of disputes between those Associations.
  - v) North Island Masters Divisions 1 to 4 – 9 teams per Division
  - vi) North Island Veterans Division 1 and 2 – 9 teams
- (d) Each year Badminton NZ will call for entries for the forthcoming year as follows:
  - i) Affirmation of fixed teams as per Rule 1 (b);
  - ii) North Island - Seniors Division 5, Veterans Division 3, Super Veterans, Under 19s, Under 17s, Under 15s
  - iii) South Island - Seniors Division 3, Seniors Division 4, Masters, Veterans Under 19s, Under 17s, Under 15s.
- (e) Entries shall close on the following dates each year:

Seniors Divisions 1-5, North Island Masters & Veterans, Super Veterans	31 August
Under 19s, SI Masters & Veterans	31 March
Under 15s and 17s (provisional entries 31 March)	30 April.
- (f) The team entry fee of \$125.00 plus GST, is payable to Badminton NZ 1 month after the closing date(s) as per Rule 1(e). The Super Veterans, South Island Masters & South Island Veterans team entry fee may be reduced at the discretion of the Board in line with the format of their competition (currently \$62.50 plus GST).

**2. Zoning**

- (a) Badminton NZ shall have the right to subdivide the Competition into zones.

**3. Draw**

- (a) Badminton NZ shall arrange the draw for each Category according to zones, and shall set dates and venues for all ties.
- (b) Badminton NZ shall, at the same time, set dates for all inter-zone Ties and New Zealand Finals.
- (c) All ties must be played by the date set.
- (d) Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup teams shall be seeded by the Senior Selectors following receipt of the team ranking lists 28 days prior to the start of the first Tie.
- (e) Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup teams shall be seeded as per their ranking from the previous year's competition placings. The team relegated from Wisden Cup shall take the place in the rankings of the team promoted from Slazenger Cup.
- (f) Any Association shall have the right of appeal to Badminton NZ. Such appeal shall be made in writing within 14 days of notification of the draw and be supported by a statement of case.

**4. Defaults**

- (a) These should not occur.
- (b) Any Association that withdraws a team(s), after the 20th November for Senior Divisions, NI Masters, NI Veterans and Super Veterans, or after the entry closing date for Juniors, SI Masters and Veterans, or during the competition, shall be liable for the full amount of default fee as set by Badminton NZ, but this may be waived or reduced by the Board in exceptional circumstances. [The fee is currently set at \$500 plus GST per Association].

Teams that default or withdraw during the competition will additionally be liable for any justified actual expenses incurred by other teams in their division.

- (c) If an Association is not able to fill all its fixed teams for the current season, as per Rule 1 (b), then it must field the higher ranked teams first as per Rule 6(a). Failure to do so will result in the teams playing in Divisions lower than the defaulted team being disqualified.
- (d) Non-payment of Inter Association costs by 31 October of the current year will debar that Association from participation in the forthcoming year's Inter Association competitions.
- (e) An Association that has not complied with all of Badminton NZ requirements under the Rules of The New Zealand Badminton Federation (Inc.) may have all of their teams debarred from the current year's competition unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the Board.

## **5. Eligibility of Players**

- (a) A player must be in good standing with Badminton NZ and their own Association.
- (b) A New Zealand player is defined as a person who holds any of the following: A New Zealand Passport, Citizenship or Residency. This status must be held at the time when the team list is submitted. Associations must provide proof of this status, if requested by Badminton New Zealand. All other players are classified as overseas players.

A maximum of 2 overseas players are allowed per team.

- (c) A player shall not represent more than one Association in any one season unless the written permission of Badminton NZ has been granted. Where an Association is not represented in Seniors Division 1 Wisden or Seniors Division 2 Slazenger, a player may represent some other Association in either Seniors Division 1 or 2, and their Home Association in a lower Seniors Division, subject to permission from Badminton NZ.
- (d) All Seniors Division 1 and 2 teams to be comprised of 7 Home Association players. The 7 Home Association players must include at least 3 female and 3 male players.
- (e) A player must not play in more than ONE TEAM in the SAME DIVISION for that season unless the written permission of Badminton NZ has been granted. Juniors competing in any of the NZ Under 19s, 17s, 15s. Finals are exempt from this ruling provided that if they have played in either of the North or South Island Competition then they must play for that same Association.
- (f) A player cannot be named and/or play in both a Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup team and a Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup team in the same year. However, where prior to the Ties commencing a named player is forced to retire from a Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup team, a player who was named in a Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup team may be promoted to take that player's place in the Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup team, provided that he or she ceases to be named in the Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup team.
- (g) A player competing in Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup or Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup must not have played in a lower Division in that season unless the written permission of Badminton NZ has been granted.
- (h) The Under 19s is restricted to players who turn 17 or 18 during the year of the competition. Only 2 players can come from a younger age group. The Under 17s is restricted to players who are under seventeen (17) years of age throughout the year of competition. The Under 15s is restricted to players who are under fifteen (15) years of age throughout the year of competition.
- (i) The Masters Division is restricted to players who are at least thirty nine (39) years of age throughout the year of competition.  
The Veterans Division is restricted to players who are at least forty nine (49) years of age throughout the year of competition.  
The Super Veterans Division is restricted to players who are at least fifty nine (59) years of age throughout the year of competition.
- (j) Age restricted players may, provided they meet the age requirements of each age group, play in any of the age groups. They may also compete in Seniors Division play under the same conditions as the non-age group players. Subject to Rule 5 (c), a player shall not represent more than one Association in any one season unless the written permission of Badminton NZ has been granted.

## **6. Grading**

- (a) Multiple teams from the same Association in the same competition (eg. Seniors [Divs 1-5], Masters [Divs 1-5], Veterans [Divs 1-3], Super Veterans, Under 19s, 17s, 15s) are to have the strongest team in the higher ranked position, with the next strongest team in the following position, etc. Badminton NZ will be the final arbitrators on this issue.
- (b) A player who plays more than the set number of Ties in a higher Division must not play again in a lower Division in that season. The number of Ties is -
  - i) Seniors Division 1 & 2 and other categories that have all the zone Ties scheduled on consecutive days: 2 Ties.
  - ii) All other categories: One weekend series of Ties.

- (c) For Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup and Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup teams, the first five men and five women of singles merit order shall automatically be deemed Division 1 or 2 players for that season regardless of Rule 6(b).
- (d) Teams that use a player not qualified under Rules 5, 6 and 7(a) will have all that player's matches disqualified in Ties played that season. Matches played in lower position order than those played by the disqualified player will also be disqualified.

## **7. Composition of Teams**

- (a)
  - i) Each team, except Super Veterans, Veterans and Under 19s, shall consist of a minimum of 4 men and 4 women up to a maximum of 6 men and 6 women, including reserves.
  - ii) A Veterans, Super Veterans and Under 19s team shall consist of a minimum of 3 men and 3 women up to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women including reserves.
  - iii) The team membership must be the same if the Ties played are on the same day or consecutive days.
- (b)
  - i) Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup and Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup teams are to register their intended teams with Badminton New Zealand by 1 May each year. Each player is to have a notation as whether they are Home Association, Other Association or Overseas player.
  - ii) For Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup and Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup, NZ Under 19s, 17s, 15s Finals, all the team members' names must be submitted in ORDER OF MERIT for singles plus all the doubles combinations intended to be used in ORDER OF MERIT to Badminton NZ, at least 28 days prior to the start of the first TIE. (Teams failing to submit this ranking list by this date will incur a penalty of 1 Tie win and 16 match wins deducted from their final total of Ties won and matches won respectively).
  - iii) Badminton NZ will circulate the above ranking lists, for Seniors Division 1, Division 2 and NZ Under 19s, 17s, 15s Finals only, and Associations may protest but this must be supported by a statement of case. Any alterations considered necessary by Badminton NZ (as a result of any protest received, or for any other reason) or following a decision of the Selectors, shall be notified to Associations at least seven (7) days prior to the first Tie.
  - iv) For Under 19s, 17s, 15s North and South Island Divisions, all the team members' names must be submitted in ORDER OF MERIT for singles plus all the doubles combinations intended to be used in ORDER OF MERIT to Badminton NZ, at least 14 days prior to the start of the first TIE. Badminton NZ selectors will review the lists and make any necessary changes. The team lists are to include the player's date of birth
  - v) Where a player is unable to take his or her place in a team prior to the commencement of the first Tie because of injury, illness, the operation of Rule 5(f) or for any other reason, the Association has the right to name a replacement player and as soon as practicable the Association must submit a revised ranking list in ORDER OF MERIT.
  - vi) All teams competing in Junior Inter Association ties, North and South Island Under 19s, 17s, 15s and NZ Under 19s, 17s, 15s Finals, to have a non-playing adult Manager, this person must be in attendance at the respective tournament and be appointed by and responsible to the Association which that team belongs.

## **8. Playing of Ties**

- (a)
  - i) A Tie, except Masters, Veterans, Super Veterans & Under 19s shall consist of 4 men's singles matches, 4 women's singles matches, 2 men's doubles matches, 2 women's doubles matches and 4 mixed doubles matches. A total of 16 matches.
  - ii) Masters shall play 4 men's doubles matches, 4 women's doubles matches and 4 mixed doubles matches. A total of 12 matches. (The 4 men's and 4 women's doubles matches can be played by any combinations of up to 6 players provided that:
    - a) each pairing only plays 1 match per tie.
    - b) each player can only play a maximum of 2 men's/women's doubles matches and 1 mixed doubles match per tie).
  - iii) Veterans and Super Veterans shall play 3 men's doubles matches, 3 women's doubles matches and 3 mixed doubles matches. A total of 9 matches. (The 3 men's and 3 women's doubles matches can be played by any combinations of up to 5 players provided that:
    - a) each pairing only plays 1 match per tie
    - b) each player can only play a maximum of 2 men's/women's doubles matches and 1 mixed doubles match per tie).
  - iv) Under 19s shall play 3 boys singles, 3 girls singles, 1 boys doubles, 1 girls doubles and 3 mixed doubles. A total of 11 matches.
- (b) No player shall play in more than three matches in any one Tie, nor in more than one match per event for which he/she is eligible (Refer to Rule 8 [(a) (ii) to (iv) for definition of "event").

- (c) Each match shall be the best of three games of twenty one points, with setting, using the rally point method. At 20 all, the winner must win by 2 points to a maximum of 30 points. The JEC may allow matches of other formats for any of the three Junior categories. Badminton NZ may allow matches of other formats for Super Veterans.
- (d) BEFORE THE START OF PLAY
- i) In all categories, Team Captains or Managers must submit a ranking list to the Referee, at least 15 minutes before the start of play. Each list must show ALL PLAYERS (including reserves) in ORDER OF MERIT for singles (except Masters, Veterans and Super Veterans) plus ALL the doubles combinations TO BE USED IN ORDER OF MERIT and this must be the merit order for the playing of the Tie(s) including Ties played on consecutive days. No alterations shall be made to this ranking list thereafter, except to substitute under Rule [8(f) (iv)], or where an objection under Rule 8[(d) (ii) and/or (iii)] is able to be resolved. (Any 4 singles players, 2 doubles pairs, 4 mixed pairs etc. may be used for each Tie).
  - ii) If a team objects to the declared order of merit of ANY OTHER TEAM the Captain or Manager must make such objection known to both the opposing Captain or Manager and the Referee BEFORE THE START OF PLAY. If an agreed order of merit cannot be arrived at the Tie(s) shall be played in the declared order of merit. The objecting Association shall then, if it wishes, lodge a written objection with Badminton NZ within seven (7) days of the completion of the Tie(s).
  - iii) If a Badminton NZ Liaison Officer or Selector is present then the matter shall be referred to the Liaison Officer or Selector whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
- (e) BEFORE THE START OF A TIE
- i) Team lists for each Tie must be submitted to the Referee, at least 15 minutes before the start of a tie or by the time set by the Controller.
  - ii) When both Team lists have been handed in, then the opposing captains or managers can view the opposition team's list.
  - iii) A Team must have all the named players available to take the court and be capable of playing the match with honest endeavour.
  - iv) The Referee is to check the order of the players/combinations on the Team List with that of the Ranking List and ensure that any errors are corrected.
  - v) Immediately prior to the start of a Tie, all players not courtside are to be identified to the opposing Captain/Manager and Referee and Rule 9b applies.
  - vi) Where a Team List is required to be submitted some time prior to the immediate start of a Tie and, subsequently, a player is unable to take their place on the court then a new Team List must be submitted as soon as practical.
- (f) DURING A TIE
- i) If it is discovered that matches are playing 'out of order' they shall be stopped immediately and replayed in the 'corrected order'. Any finished matches shall also be replayed in the 'corrected order'.
  - ii) If, after the last match in the Tie has been completed, it is discovered that matches have been played 'out of order', the results stand as they are with no replays. No defaults can be claimed or awarded.
  - iii) If a player is incapacitated and is unable to continue, the match in progress shall be forfeited. If team consists of only the minimum number of players all remaining matches in which the incapacitated player is unable to play shall be forfeited.
  - iv) If a team consists of more than the minimum number of players (refer Rule 7(a)) then one member must substitute for the incapacitated player, in that player's position, in the remaining matches of that Tie provided that the substitute complies with Rule 8(b). (Teams with more than the minimum number of players on the team's ranking list regardless of whether Reserves are listed or not on the Tie Sheet, must put a player on the court otherwise Rule 8(g) (i) applies).
  - v) If a player is incapacitated then that team's Captain or Manager must confer with the opposing Captain or Manager regarding both the incapacitated and substitute players. If there is no agreement the Referee shall be the sole judge and his/her decision is final.
  - vi) The incapacitated side shall retain their points scored while the other side shall take the extra points needed to win the match.
- (g) ALL TIES
- i) Any match(es) defaulted in a Tie other than for injury, illness, or Clothing Code violation will also be automatically defaulted by that team for ALL REMAINING TIES FOR THAT SEASON.
  - ii) If a team has Rule (g) i) invoked then subsequent Team Lists MUST include defaulted match(es) as if the match(es) are still to be played. (ie. if the top doubles position has been defaulted, then the top doubles pair must still be named in the top doubles position, they cannot play as the 2nd pair.)
  - iii) When a team has less than the minimum number of players available to take the court at the start of a Tie then the highest position order matches in each event must be filled first with the descending order positions following next.

- iv) Any transgression of clauses 8(e), (f), (g) shall have the affected match(es) disqualified and any match(es) played in a lower position order than the disqualified match(es) shall also be disqualified.
- (h) The winner of a Tie shall be the team winning the greater number of matches. If matches won are even, then the winner shall be the team winning the greater number of games, then points, in that order. If all these are even then the result shall be a draw.
- (i) Those parts of the competition played on a 'Round Robin' basis will have the placings decided by the greatest number of TIES won. Should more than one team be equal on the number of TIES won, then that equality shall be decided by the descending order of:
  - firstly, the greater number of TIES DRAWN, then, if necessary by*
  - secondly, the greater number of MATCHES WON.*
 If equality still exists then,
  - thirdly, the higher value of GAMES WON minus GAMES LOST.*
 Followed by, if necessary,
  - fourthly, the higher value of POINTS WON minus POINTS LOST.*
 If the teams are still equal and further competition is to be played then the placings will be decided by the toss of a coin. Where no further competition is to be played then the teams will be declared equal.  
 If a team defaults then the results involving that team will be discarded in calculating the breaking of equality on matches, games and points.  
 (Teams that have a DRAWN TIE in a 'Round Robin' shall NOT toss to break that equality).
- (j) Defaults - refer Clause 4.
- (k) Wherever possible all matches are to be umpired.

## **9. Order of Play**

- (a) If the 2 teams agree on an order of play, different from that set out in Rule 9(b), then that shall be the order of play for that TIE.
- (b) If there is disagreement as to the order of play in any tie, the order of play shall be:
  - First, Singles in ASCENDING order (fourth to first) of merit alternating men and women;
  - Second, Doubles in ASCENDING order (second then first) of merit alternating men and women;
  - Third, Mixed Doubles in ASCENDING order of merit.
 Any singles players still unavailable for play five (5) minutes after the conclusion of the last singles match shall have that match(es) defaulted (and Rule 8(g) (i) applies). The same sequence shall be used for the doubles and also for the mixed doubles.
- (c) All Under 17s/15s are to play in the following order, with no exception:
  - First, Doubles in ASCENDING order of merit (second then first) alternating boys and girls;
  - Second, Singles in ASCENDING order of merit (fourth to first) alternating boys and girls;
  - Third, Mixed Doubles in ASCENDING order of merit (fourth to first).
 All Under 19s are to play in the following order – where possible:
  - First, Doubles (boys and girls)
  - Second, Singles in ASCENDING order of merit (third to first) alternating boys and girls
  - Third, Mixed Doubles in ASCENDING order of merit (third to first).

## **10. Results**

- (a) Badminton NZ shall supply suitable result sheets for the recording of Inter Association Ties and Referee Report forms. Sufficient forms shall be provided by Badminton NZ to the host Association who shall be responsible for making these available to the competing teams.
- (b) The HOST ASSOCIATION will, within three (3) days of the completion of the Tie(s) forward one (1) copy of the detailed result and a copy of the Referee's Report to Badminton NZ. Failure to do this shall render the host team liable to the forfeiture of the points for their Tie(s).

## **11. Laws of Badminton**

- (a) The Laws of the game applying to all Ties shall be those laid down by the International Badminton Federation as published in the current Badminton NZ Handbook.
- (b) The standard of dress worn on the court during a match shall be as per the Badminton NZ Clothing Code as published in the current Badminton NZ Handbook.
- (c) The Referee has overall charge of the playing of Ties at that venue and has the authority to enforce the Laws of Badminton, The Clothing Code and the By Laws for Inter Association Competition. Where no Referee has been appointed the responsible official shall assume the duties of the Referee.

## **12. Trophies**

- (a) The Seniors Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Wisden Cup. The Seniors Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Slazenger Cup.
- (b) The New Zealand Seniors Division 3 winner shall become the holder of the RSL Cup, while the North and South Island winners shall become the holders of the Hawksworth and Pearce Cups respectively.
- (c) The North Island Seniors Division 4 winner shall become the holder of the W F Smith Cup. The South Island Seniors Division 4 winner shall become the holder of the David Cessford Cup.
- (d) The North Island Seniors Division 5 winner shall become the holder of the G E Feist Cup.
- (e) The North Island Masters Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the K Niven Trophy.
- (f) The North Island Masters Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Mrs V Stanford Cup.
- (g) The South Island Masters Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Pryde Cup.
- (h) The South Island Masters Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Canterbury Cup.
- (i) The South Island Masters Division 3 winner shall become the holder of the Whittaker Cup.
- (j) The North Island Veterans Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Massey Cup.
- (k) The South Island Veterans Division 1 winner shall become the holder of the Shirley Phillips Trophy.
- (l) The South Island Veterans Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Bill Baker Memorial Trophy.
- (m) The New Zealand Under 19s winner shall become the holder of the Vincent Cup. The South Island and the North Island Under 19s Division 1 winner shall each hold a Woolworth Cup.
- (n) The North Island Under 19s Division 2 winner shall become the holder of the Barry Stevens Shield.
- (o) The New Zealand Under 17s winner shall become the holder of the Neil Gardiner Cup. The South Island and the North Island Under 17s Division 1 winner shall become the holders of the Canterbury Cup and Murray Weatherston Shield respectively.
- (p) The New Zealand Under 15s winner shall become the holder of the Marten Young Trophy. The South Island and the North Island Under 15s Division 1 winner shall become the holders of the Southland Trophy and Gilda Tompkins Shield respectively.
- (q) Medals: Where medals are awarded to a winning division team, these shall be awarded only to those players who actually played a Tie. Where medals are awarded at any Under 19s, 17s, 15s Inter Association event, any player named on a team ranking list shall be awarded a medal.

## **13. Shuttles**

- (a) Badminton New Zealand will approve a brand of shuttle for Seniors Division 1 and 2 and the Junior Categories Island Championships and New Zealand Finals. This shuttle must be used by all teams.
- (b) For all other Divisions refer to the Guide to Shuttle Usage for Inter Association Competition.

## **14. Financial Arrangements**

- (a) For Seniors Division 1 and 2 and the Junior Categories Island Championships and the New Zealand Finals, a fee of \$50+GST per team per tie, to be paid directly to the host Association.
- (b) The teams involved in the New Zealand final of Seniors Division 3 shall have travel and hall hire equalised, as per the Badminton NZ schedule for costs, and, in addition, Badminton NZ shall contribute up to \$1,500, on a \$1:\$2 subsidy basis, for these costs.
- (c) Host Associations may charge hall hire costs for the North Island Seniors Divisions 3, 4 and 5 Promotion and Relegation play-offs (there is a cap of \$50+GST per team per tie). Hosts may also charge for North Island Masters, Veterans and Super Veterans play-offs (there is a cap of \$30+GST per team per tie).
- (d) For the Inter Association South Island Seniors, Masters, Veterans and Junior Under 19s, 17s, 15s, hall hire costs shall be no more than \$50+GST per team per tie.

## **15. Inter Zone Finals**

- (a) Divisions of more than one zone will play inter zone finals. The top two teams of each zone will play in the CUP SECTION for the division title. The bottom two teams of each zone will play in the RELEGATION SECTION and the last placed team will be relegated. In circumstances where Promotion/Relegation results in more or less than 12 teams in Seniors Divisions 3 and 4 it will be necessary to relegate or promote more than one team.

## **16. Cup Section**

- (a) The winner of each zone shall play the runner-up of the other zone in the semi-final. The winners of the semi-final shall then play for the Division title. The losers of the semi-final shall play for third place.
- (b) If the 2 finalists are even after a count back of games and points they shall be declared joint winners of the respective trophy.

- (c) Defaults - If a team defaults the draw shall stand and the losing semi-finalist will be placed third.
- (d) The appropriate trophy shall be available at the Cup Section Tie.

**17. Relegation Section**

- (a) The last two teams from one zone shall play the last two teams of the other zone. The result from zone play shall be deemed to be the result of the unplayed third Tie when calculating final placings.
- (b) Final placings will be calculated as per Rule 8(i).
- (c) If a team defaults it shall be placed last in the Division and relegated.

**18. Promotion - Relegation**

- (a) The team that wins either Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup; New Zealand Seniors Division 3; North Island Seniors Division 4, 5; North Island Masters Division 2, 3, 4, 5; North Island Veterans Division 2; shall be promoted to the next division for the following season subject to 1 (c) i, ii).

If in the case of Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup and Seniors New Zealand Division 3 the winner is ineligible for promotion under 1 (c) i, ii), an eligible team must have finished runner up in the respective competition to be promoted.

- (b) The team that comes last in either Seniors Division 1 Wisden Cup; Seniors Division 2 Slazenger Cup; North Island Seniors Division 3, 4; North Island Masters Division 1, 2, 3, 4; North Island Veterans Division 1, 2; shall be automatically relegated to the next division for the following season subject to 18 (a). Under these circumstances the team or teams will retain their place for the following season.

In certain circumstances it may be necessary to promote and/or relegate two teams between divisions.

- (c) If two teams are equal after appropriate count back provisions have been applied, then a coin shall be tossed to determine promotion/relegation.



## BY LAWS FOR INTER ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

### Interpretations and Clarifications

The Numbering system used is as per the 'By Laws for Inter Association Competition'.

#### 5 (a) **Own Association – Home Association**

A Player's Home Association is initially where they live.

If a player moves to a new location, it is expected that they then play for their new Association.

A Player may move (to a neighbouring Association) and remain playing for the first Association, providing they play all their Inter Association at the one Association. They may play for a 2nd Association – as covered by By Laws 5 (c).

If a player wishes to play for another Association, without moving, then they need to inform both Associations before they do. They should do this at the end of a season, as that is when Associations have to enter their team numbers for the following season.

A 'Change of Home Association' form is available for a player to inform both Associations. Associations cannot prevent a player from changing, however they should enter into dialog with the player and with the 'other' Association if they would prefer that player not to go.

Badminton NZ updates the national database once the completed form has been received. They do not make a decision on the change.

#### 5 (b) **Overseas Players**

An overseas player is defined as a player who is not a NZ Player.

A NZ Player must hold one of the following:

a NZ Passport, Citizenship or Residency.

#### 5 (c) **More Than One Association**

To gain permission from Badminton NZ, a 'More Than One Association' form must be completed and sent in.

#### 5 (g) **Division 1 and 2 players must not have played in a lower division**

Players who are named in the provisional lists at the beginning of the season, may be replaced (due to injury or unavailability). An independent verification is required eg. Doctor's certificate or business letter.

If the provisional lists do not name all 6 men and 6 women, then any 'gaps' will not be allowed to be filled by a lower division player.

Overseas players on the provisional list will not be allowed to be replaced by a lower division player.

Badminton NZ will allow a junior to play in Division 2, regardless of what other Divisions they have played in, provided that player has not played Division 1 or 2 before.

This is to allow teams to name Junior as a 6th player to give them experience in the Slazenger Cup environment.

#### 8 (f) iii) **Incapacitated player**

If a player is injured during a match and cannot continue, then that match is stopped and the score is written up showing full points to the other side.

If the incapacitated player is unable to start the next match when that is due to be played, then they are not permitted to play any further matches in that tie.

They can, however, play in a later tie that day, although they may be asked to produce a medical certificate, if the Referee is concerned about the injury.

#### 8 (f) iv) **Substitution for injury**

~ On the Tie sheet, the incapacitated player is crossed out and the substitute's name is written in. The other players for that match play as written down. The ranking list order is ignored for this match.

~ A second substitute can play in the incapacitated player's place for a second match – it does not have to be the same substitute who plays in both matches.

