

11th Prima Pasta Badminton Championships 2018

Technical Guidelines

1. DATE AND VENUE

The 11th Prima Pasta Badminton Championships 2018 will be held at Powersmash, Makati City on February 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, 2018.

2. ORGANIZATION

- 2.1 The Technical Committee will be responsible for the technical organization of the tournament. The decision of the Committee in all matters regarding the tournament shall be final.
- 2.2 The Tournament Director will chair the Jury of Appeals comprising 3 members of the Leveling Committee, the Technical Delegate and the Referee.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The competition will be held in accordance with the Rules of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) for the current year and is applicable for Open and Junior Age Group Categories only.
- 3.2 This competition shall strictly comply with BWF's Laws and General Competitions Regulations specifically Part III, Section 1A Appendix 4 - Ruling on Players' Code of Conduct and Appendix 9 - Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials.
- 3.3. Seeding will be based on the most recent Philippine Badminton Association's (PBA) Philippine National Ranking System (PNRS).
 - 3.3.1 The notional ranking will be applied for newly-formed pairs.
- 3.2 The Technical Committee shall deal with unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules.

4. CATEGORY-LEVELS-EVENTS

- 4.1 Category – Levels
 - 4.1.1 Open [MD, WD, XD, MS, WS] – **SINGLE ELIMINATIONS with Ranking Points**
 - 4.1.2 Level A [MD, XD]
 - 4.1.3 Level B [MD, WD, XD]
 - 4.1.4 Level C [MD, WD, XD]
 - 4.1.5 Level D [MD, WD, XD]
 - 4.1.6 Level E [MD, WD, XD]
 - 4.1.7 Level F [MD, WD, XD]
 - 4.1.8 Level G [MD, XD]
 - 4.1.9 Juniors U19 (2000 to 2001); Juniors U17 (2002 to 2003); U15 (2004 to 2005); U13 (2006 to 2007); U11 (2008 and later [BS, GS] – **SINGLE ELIMINATIONS**
Juniors U19 (2000 to 2001); U17 (2002 to 2003); U15(2004 to 2005) [BD, GD] – **SINGLE ELIMINATIONS**

4.2 Events

Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
OPEN DIVISION					
			MS Open Eliminations	MS Open Eliminations, QF	MS Open SF, Finals
			WS Open Eliminations	WS Open Eliminations, QF	WS Open SF, Finals
			MD Open Eliminations	MD Open Eliminations, QF	MD Open SF, Finals
			WD Open Eliminations	WD Open Eliminations, QF	WD Open SF, Finals
			XD Open Eliminations	XD Open Eliminations, QF	XD Open SF, Finals
JUNIOR DIVISION					
BS U19, U17, U15, U13, U11 Eliminations	BS U19, U17, U15, U13, U11 Eliminations, QF	BS U19, U17, U15, U13, U11 SF, F			
GS U19, U17 U15, U13, U11 Eliminations	GS U19, U17 U15, U13, U11 Eliminations, QF	GS U19, U17 U15, U13, U11 SF, F			
BD U19, U17, U15 Eliminations	BD U19, U17, U15 Eliminations, QF	BD U19, U17, U15 SF, F			
GD U19, U17, U15 Eliminations	GD U19, U17, U15 Eliminations, QF	GD U19, U17, U15 SF, F			
LEVELS					
	MD A	MD E	MD C	WD B	Combined Age 100
	MD D	MD G	MD F	XD A	MD B
	WD D	WD C	WD F	XD C	WD E
				XD E	XD B
				XD G	XD D
					XD F

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 5.1 Participation is open to all players with good standing with the Organizing Committee. Players must read the technical guidelines.
- 5.2 All entries will be submitted online. **All players must submit along with their entry form any government issued ID or document to prove their true name and their age** e.g. birth certificates, passports, Unified ID, driver's license.
- 5.3 **Deadline for the submission of entries is on February 4, Sunday at 11:59 pm.**

- 5.3 Entry fee is P1,000 per person for non-junior categories. Junior category is P700 + P300 for an additional entry in same category. Maximum of 2 entries per category for Juniors and maximum of 2 events per day for Levels Division will be allowed. Juniors can join max 2 Singles and max 2 Doubles however, please take note that Singles and Doubles Events **MAY BE PLAYED ON THE SAME DAY**. Players will be given a maximum of thirty (30) minutes rest period. Players will receive an email regarding payment instructions.
- 5.4 The tournament is open to Current and former national players, trainers, coaches and varsity players and will be leveled according to their skill level.
- 5.5 **The Non-Gender Combined Age 100 category, however, does not allow current national Players.** The younger player in the Non-Gender Combined Age should have a minimum age of 35. Ex-national players may join this category as long as he/she is 45 years of age and should be partnered with a non-ex-national player. To reiterate, no two ex-national players can be partners.
- 5.5 The Leveling Committee will be in charge of assigning the proper levels to the doubles pair. **Please note that the level of the higher player will be followed.**
- 5.6 The tournament is open to non-Filipinos. Non-Filipinos must partner with a Filipino for Open & Level A. For the Age Group Category including the Combined Age, Non-Filipinos should partner with a Filipino.
- 5.7 Players must be at least 14 years of age or born in 2004 or earlier for non-junior categories and must be 35 years old for the Combined Age 100 category.
- 5.8 Acceptance of entries is on a first come-first served basis. **Only paid entries will be published for the participants ready reference. Players will be given enough 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.**
- 5.10 There will be a limited number of entries available. In the event of a withdrawal, the organizing committee has the right to replace an entry with an entry from the waiting list as long as the competition has not started.
- 5.11 Players must check www.primapastaopen.com to confirm that the information regarding their entry has been encoded properly on the list.
- 5.12 Players may email (primapastaopen2018@gmail.com) the organizing committee any questions and contentions prior to the final posting of the draw. Questions regarding eligibility and level will not be entertained during the tournament.

6. COMPETITION RULES

- 6.1 Competition Format:
 - 6.1.1 The competition will be composed of 2-stages:
 - 6.1.1.1 Qualifying Stage: Single Elimination for Open and Juniors; Single Round Robin for Levels Division
 - 6.1.1.2 Main Draw: Single Elimination
 - 6.1.2 The qualifying stage for the Levels Division will have pairs grouped into 3 or 4 undergoing a single round robin. Players are assured of 2 matches.
 - 6.1.3 Main Draw for the Levels Division:
 - 6.1.3.1 **One (1) Group** – Round Robin Finals. Final standing will determine the final position of the Players.
 - 6.1.3.2 **Two (2) Groups** – Top 2 Crossover Semi Finals
 - 6.1.3.3 **Three (3) Groups** – Only top finisher of each group will proceed to the Semi Finals. Players will draw lots to determine their opponent. The Pair who gets the bye will automatically be forwarded to the Finals.
 - 6.1.3.4 **Four (4) Groups or More** – Only the top finisher will be forwarded to the next round. The number of byes will be determined by the no. of Groups in each category.
 - 6.1.3.5 Players must present any I.D. to the umpire prior to the start of their match for confirmation purposes.
 - 6.1.4 Ranking under group play

- 6.1.4.1 Terminology: a MATCH is composed of a best of 3 games; a GAME is composed of 11 or 21 points.
 - 6.1.4.2 Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
 - 6.1.4.3 If two pairs have won the same number of matches, the ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 6.1.4.4 If three or more pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be decided by their game differential (games won minus games lost). If this leaves two pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 6.1.4.5 If three or more pairs have won the same number of matches and the game differential is the same, ranking will be decided by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with the greater difference ranked higher. If this leaves two pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
 - 6.1.4.6 If three or more pairs have won the same number of matches and the games differential is the same, and have the same difference between total points won and total points lost, ranking will be decided by drawing of lots.
 - 6.1.4.7 A conceded match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.
- 6.1.5 The technical committee will determine how many from each group will qualify for the main draw. Players must understand their qualifying and main draw format.
- 6.1.6 The main draw will be single elimination.
- 6.2 Scoring
- 6.2.1 Qualifying round: 1 straight to 21, rally point. Best of 3 games. No setting at 21-all. Final game will be played 1 straight to 11, rally point, interval at 6 points.
 - 6.2.2 Main Draw:
 - 6.2.2.1 QF & SF: 1 straight to 21, rally point. Best of 3 games. No setting at 21-all. Final game will be played 1 straight to 11, rally point, interval at 6 points.
 - 6.2.2.2 Open Singles and Doubles, Juniors Singles and Doubles, Levels Division Finals: 1 to 21, rally point. Best of 3 games. Advantage of 2 at 20-all to a maximum of 30 points. 2 Min-Interval in between games.
 - 6.2.3 Intervals, breaks and continuity of play will be managed by the umpire.
- 6.3 Shuttle Cock
Babolat shuttle cocks will be used during the entire competition.
- 6.4 Competition Uniform
- 6.4.1 In order to ensure attractive presentation of badminton, all clothing worn by players shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing and it is recommended that **doubles partners wear the same color**.
 - 6.4.1 Players competing in the Main Draw (QF, SF & F) should wear the same uniform or at least wear the same color.
 - 6.4.2 If, in the Referee's sole judgment, the content of the advertising would infringe local laws or be considered offensive, then the Referee may ask the player to change clothing.
- 6.5 Competition Schedule and Walkovers
- 6.5.1 Leveling Schedule: Team Prima Friday queueing at Powersmash starting 7 pm.
 - 6.5.2 Team Manager's Meeting and Draw: February 9, 2018, Friday for Age Group and Open Levels. Venue is at the Powersmash Function Room at 3 pm.

- 6.5.3 Match Schedules: Please check at www.primapastaopen.com by February 12, Monday, 5 PM.
- 6.5.3 The Technical Committee will follow the Center Time or Powersmash Time.
- 6.5.4 Any entry that concedes a walk-over will receive a score as if they did not score any point during the match.
- 6.5.5 Players must be in the venue thirty (30) minutes from the scheduled match and should confirm presence with the Technical Committee upon arrival.
- 6.5.6 Players must proceed immediately to their assigned court with their I.D., equipment and water once their match is called.
- 6.5.7 Players who do not report to the court within 5 min upon announcement of their match will be given a FINAL CALL.
- 6.5.8 Players will only be given 5 minutes from FINAL CALL by the Technical Committee before their match will be considered a walkover (Total of 10 minutes = 5 min to final call + 5 min from final call).
- 6.5.9 Matches may be played 15 minutes earlier than scheduled with confirmation from the players.

7. INJURIES & COACHING

- 7.1 Players will not be given treatment of injuries on court except for open wounds.
- 7.2 Injured players will be asked by the referee "ARE YOU RETIRING?" If the answer is "NO," the player must continue play within 2-3 minutes. If the answer is "YES," treatment may be given to the player immediately.
- 7.3 Players who leave the court without the permission of the referee or umpire may be faulted for misconduct or may be deemed to have retired.
- 7.4 Coaches may shout advice to the players when the shuttle is NOT IN PLAY as long as they do not cause delay.
- 7.5 Coaches may enter the court during intervals and must leave when the 20-second warning is given by the umpire. Please take note that we are strictly implementing the Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team and Technical Officials.
- 7.6 Marshals may clear the area around the court if the referee feels that the crowd is influencing the conduct of the match.

8. SUBSTITUTION, WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

- 8.1 The Organizers must be informed of any withdrawal by a player/pair or team from the tournament or any event thereof.
- 8.2 **Deadline for withdrawal is on February 11, 2018 (Sunday).** 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. The remaining 50% will be used to defray the cost incurred in the registration process. No refunds for withdrawals after February 11, 2018.
- 8.3 **For the purpose of these regulations, retiring from a match shall not be considered to be a withdrawal, however, should a player be entered in more than one event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one event, the player must be withdrawn from all other events in which the player is entered.** This will be strictly implemented for Open and Juniors Age Group Categories.
- 8.4 **A "no-show" for a match in the Open and Juniors Age Group category shall be treated as walkover to the opposition. He/She shall, likewise, not be allowed to play in all other Open and Junior events he/she entered.**
- 8.5 The technical committee may substitute a player or pair in case of any withdrawal prior to the start of the competition upon approval by the leveling committee.
- 8.6 Should the technical committee find that the player is stronger than the replaced player or the pair should be in a higher skill level, all matches for the pair will be forfeited with their opponents winning the match as if the forfeited team did not score a single point.
- 8.7 No changes in the Open and Juniors Age Group categories will be made after the Team Managers' Meeting and Players' Draw unless approved by the Referee.

For the Levels Division, the organizing committee has the right to replace an entry with an entry from the waiting list of the same classification as long as the competition has not started.

9. PROTESTS & MISCONDUCT

- 9.1 All appeals/protest must be submitted in writing by the player(s), thirty (30) minutes after the incident to the Technical Committee. Such appeals/protests must be accompanied by a fee of P1,000 which is NON-REFUNDABLE whatever the decision made by the Jury of Appeals.
- 9.2 The Jury of Appeals has the right to disqualify any participant for severe misconduct; use of foul language (any dialect); and obvious sandbagging.
- 9.3 Previous results of disqualified players will not be affected except in the case for sandbagging where all matches will be forfeited with their opponents winning the match as if the forfeited team did not score a single point.
- 9.4 **Any willful act of dishonesty will be charged a penalty of P5,000.00. The player/s will be reported to the Philippine Badminton Association who will decide the fate of the player/s and may be banned from any future tournaments.**

10. PRIZES AND GIFT CERTIFICATES

The prizes shall be provided by the Organizing Committee for distribution to the Champion and 1st Runner-up and two 2nd Runners-up.

11. INDEMNITY

The Organizing Committee and its appointed officials shall not be held responsible for any injuries or mishaps that may occur during the competition or as a result of participation in the tournament.

12. OTHER MATTERS

In all other matters not covered by the preceding rules, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.