

**MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS**

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		<b>World Championships (Individual)</b>	<b>World Senior Championships (Individual)</b>	<b>World Junior Championships (Individual)</b>	<b>World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)</b>	<b>World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup)</b>	<b>World Junior Team Championships (Suhandinata Cup)</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Definition (Name)</b>	The Tournament shall be called Individual World Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Senior Championships (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Junior Individual Championships (playing for the Eye-Level Cups) (the "Tournament")	The Tournament shall be called Men's Team World Championship, and the Women's Team World Championship (collectively called the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called World Team Championship (the "Tournament").	The Tournament shall be called the World Junior Team Championship (the "Tournament").
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Definition (Timing &amp; Composition)</b>	The Tournament takes place annually, except in the calendar year scheduled for the Summer Olympic Games, on a date decided by BWF.  The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place in odd numbered years (e.g. 2013, 2015, etc.) on a date decided by BWF.  The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles in the following age groups: 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ and 70+.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Team Championships.  The Tournament shall include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.	The Tournament takes place every two years in even numbered years (e.g. 2018, 2020, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place every two years in odd numbered years (e.g. 2017, 2019, etc.) on a date to be decided by BWF.	The Tournament takes place annually on a date to be decided by BWF and together with the World Junior Championships.
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Definition (Winners)</b>	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Senior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winners of each Event shall be regarded as World Junior Champions and they shall be presented by the BWF with gold medals to commemorate their success.	The winner of the Men's Team World Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Thomas Cup, and the winner of the Women's Team World Championships shall be presented by the BWF with the Uber Cup.	The winner of the World Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Sudirman Cup.	The winner of the World Junior Team Championship shall be presented by the BWF with the Suhandinata Cup.
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Definition (Runners-up)</b>	Runners-up in all Events shall be presented with silver medals and losing semi-finalists with bronze medals. All such medals shall be suitably inscribed.			N/A		
<b>2</b>	<b>Preliminary Host Arrangements</b>	Any Member may apply to stage the Tournament and such application shall be sent to the BWF according to terms and timelines as decided by BWF.					
<b>3</b>	<b>Rights</b>	All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated with the Tournament shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each Tournament with the organising Member, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights in the Host Contract.					
<b>4</b>	<b>Responsibilities &amp; Finance</b>	BWF shall be overall responsible for the organisation of the Tournament.  BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Tournament on organisational, financial and commercial terms it agrees with the hosting Member in the Host Contract.					

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		Every Member taking part in the Tournament shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.					
5.1	General Organisation	<p>The Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton.</p> <p>The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Tournament shall take precedence.</p> <p>The Referee and Deputy Referee(s) of each Tournament shall be appointed by BWF.</p>					
5.2	General Organisation	N/A			The additional responsibility of the Referee in this Tournament shall include to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play in each team tie is adhered to.		
6	Facilities and equipment	The Tournament must be organised according to the requirements in Section 5.3.4 of the BWF Statutes ("Specifications for International Standard Facilities").					
7.1	Eligibility to Compete	<p>Players shall be qualified to represent a Member in accordance with GCR Regulation 6 (International Representation).</p> <p>Acceptance of nomination for entry into the Tournament shall count as International Representation as described in GCR Regulation 6.4.</p>					
7.2	Eligibility to Compete	<p>Players shall be eligible as described in Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes ("Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships").</p>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they are 35 (for 35+), 40 (for 40+), 45 (for 45+), etc. years of age throughout the calendar year commencing from 1st January in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p><b>Number of Players</b></p> <p>Each Member shall be entitled to enter in each age group, up to four men and four women in singles events, eight men and eight women in level doubles events, and four men and four women in the mixed doubles event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singles: 4 males + 4 females</li> <li>• Doubles: 8 males + 8 females</li> <li>• Mixed: 4 males + 4 females</li> </ul>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p><b>Number of Players</b></p> <p>Each Member, including the host Member, shall be entitled to enter a maximum number of Players as indicated in Schedule 1.</p> <p>If Players from two different Members compete together as a pair, each Player will be counted as one Player for the respective Member in that Event.</p>	<p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>	<p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>	<p>Players are eligible to compete provided they remain under 19 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the Tournament is held.</p> <p>Each Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for entry, and for entering players, to represent the Member.</p>

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			A Player can compete in not more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in any eligible age group.				
8	Entries	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as stated in the time line in the “Time Lines for Tournaments” (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.2).</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria in Section 5.3.10.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes (“Time Lines for Tournaments”).</p> <p>Entries may be submitted only by Members and shall be sent so as to reach the BWF not later than the closing date notified in the invitation along with a copy of the passport or appropriate ID Card of the Government Authority.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.</p> <p>The order of entries, as made by each Member in the group entry system, is considered to be the national ranking order.</p> <p>Entries with an existing World Ranking will prioritised over national ranking order.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to the eligibility criteria mentioned above under clause 7, “Eligibility to compete”.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject an entry due to incorrect date of birth.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete in the Tournament as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes and subject to qualification.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, and subject to qualification criteria.</p> <p>Members shall confirm their acceptance of entry after the qualification deadline as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p>	<p>The BWF shall send to all Members an invitation to compete as per the time line in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>Entries shall be submitted by the Members as per the process in the invitation and time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>The BWF shall have the power to reject a member of the team due to incorrect date of birth.</p>
9	Format	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1), except that GCR 14.1.4 does not apply. (Forced Withdrawals)	As per General Competition Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.1).	The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the “Thomas & Uber Cup Finals”.	<p>The Competitions shall be held in two stages – a continental stage and the final stage (the Tournament), known as the “Sudirman Cup Finals”.</p> <p><b>Continental Stage format:</b></p>	<p>The Tournament shall be held in two stages – a first stage and a final stage.</p> <p><b>First stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the first stage all teams shall play in groups of</li> </ul>

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					<p><b>Continental Stage format:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental stage tournament to determine the required number of qualifiers from their continent. The Continental Confederation will determine the overall format which best suits its expected team entry numbers, and will hold the tournament on the dates set aside in the BWF International Calendar.</li> <li>Each Continental Confederation shall communicate to the BWF on the day of completion of the Continental Stage Competition a list of teams in ranking order. This list shall include one or more teams than the number of places at the Tournament allocated to the respective Continental Confederation.</li> <li>Additional qualifiers will be added to the Tournament from the World Rankings.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Tournament shall be contested by 16 teams as illustrated in Schedule 2:</b></p> <p>The Tournament shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Continental Confederation shall organize a Continental stage tournament to determine the required number of qualifiers from their continent. The Continental Confederation will determine the overall format which best suits its expected team entry numbers, and will hold the tournament on the dates set aside in the BWF International Calendar.</li> <li>Each Continental Confederation shall communicate to the BWF on the day of completion of the Continental Stage Competition a list of teams in ranking order. This list shall include one or more teams than the number of places at the Tournament allocated to the respective Continental Confederation.</li> <li>Additional qualifiers will be added to the Tournament from the World Rankings.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Tournament shall be contested by 16 teams as illustrated in Schedule 3:</b></p> <p>The Tournament shall be played initially in groups, followed by a knockout draw.</p> <p>Initially, the sixteen teams shall play in four groups of four, where all teams in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (see diagram below).</p>	<p>four or five teams, OR groups of six to eight teams divided into two sub-groups (with 3 or 4 team), where all teams play all other teams in the same group or subgroup as applicable. An overall ranking order in the group shall be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For 17 to 32 teams entering there shall be four groups and 8 sub-groups in the first stage. For 33 to 80 teams, there shall be eight groups and 16 sub-groups.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ranking for first stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team.</li> <li>The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Junior Ranking list as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</li> <li>Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair (two highest ranked male players), one women's doubles pair (two highest ranked female players) and one mixed</li> </ul>

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					By this determination all the participating teams will be ranked in their order of strength.		rankings 1 to 4, 1 to 8, or 1 to 16, depending on the number of groups in the first stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2nd team from each first stage group shall play in a ranking competition to determine overall rankings 5 to 8, 9 to 16, or 17 to 32, depending on the number of groups in the first stage.</li> <li>• The 3rd (4th, 5th, etc) team from each first stage group shall play in similar ranking competitions to determine further appropriate overall rankings.</li> <li>• If there are five or fewer teams in the last group they shall all play each other for the final ranking.</li> <li>• A vacancy in a ranking competition draw due to a team withdrawn in the first stage shall be filled by a team from the next lower group, drawn by lot.</li> </ul>
10.1	<b>Time Line for Draw</b>	The draw for the Tournament shall be made as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.  The intended outline timetable for the playing of each event shall be fixed and circulated as stated in the date lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.					
10.2	<b>Team Withdrawal</b>	N/A			Any team withdrawing from the Competition or defaulting after the draw has been made shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• immediately give a written explanation to the BWF; and</li> <li>• render themselves liable to such action as shall be decided by BWF.</li> </ul>		
10.3	<b>Seeding and Draw</b>	The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with GCR Regulation 11 based on	<b>Conduct of tournament:</b>	<b>Conduct of tournament:</b> The Tournament may be conducted in two or more	<b>Draw for the Group Play off Stage for the Sudirman Cup Finals and Thomas &amp; Uber Cup Finals:</b> The top two ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:		<b>Draw for the Final Stage:</b>

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		<p>the World Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes, except that the number of seeds shall be 16 in all events.</p> <p><b>Separation of entries:</b> GCR Regulation 11.11.1 does not apply, but separation of entries shall be used in the main draw so as to avoid, wherever possible, the entries from any one Member meeting in the first round.</p>	<p>All draws where the number of entries is more than 16 are played in a knock out format.</p> <p>Where entries are up to 16 in an event of any age category, the event may be played as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If 1-5 entries: Group play only.</li> <li>If 6-16 entries: Group play followed by knock out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Separation of entries:</b> The Entries from any one Member shall be drawn as follows:</p> <p>If a knock out draw only (i.e. more than 16 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot in opposite halves of the draw;</li> <li>the third and fourth ranked entries are drawn by lot in remaining quarters.</li> </ul> <p>If group play only (i.e. 1-5 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no national separation.</li> </ul> <p>If group play followed by knock out (i.e. 6-16 entries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the first and second ranked entries from the Member are drawn by lot into separate groups.</li> </ul>	<p>stages with entries exempted to a later stage.</p> <p>If there is more than one stage, earlier stages must be conducted in the same hall(s) as later stages and immediately preceding them.</p> <p>If there is more than one stage, earlier stages are subject to the provisions of GCR Regulations 12 and 13, treating the final stage as the main draw.</p> <p><b>Seeding:</b> The process for the seeding shall be initiated by BWF under the supervision of the Referee on close of the entries (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes).</p> <p>The Tournament shall be seeded in accordance with JTR clause 3 based on the World Junior Ranking as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p><b>Draw:</b> The draws for the Tournament shall be conducted in the Managers' Meeting convened for that purpose as per the time lines given in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>The draw as per General Competition Regulation 12 shall be made under the supervision of the Referee.</p> <p><b>Separation of entries:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 placed at the top of Group A</li> <li>No. 2 placed at the top of Group D</li> </ul> <p>The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C</li> <li>No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the groups</li> <li>No. 9 to 12 drawn by lot at the third position of the groups</li> <li>No. 13 to 16 drawn by lot at the fourth position of the groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Draw for the Group Play off Stage the Continental Confederation Qualification Tournament for the Sudirman Cup Finals and Thomas &amp; Uber Cup Finals:</b></p> <p>The top two ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 placed at the top of Group A</li> <li>No. 2 placed at the top of Group D</li> </ul> <p>The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C</li> <li>No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the groups</li> <li>No. 9 to 16 drawn by lot at the third and fourth position of the groups</li> </ul> <p>The draw to allocate teams to the groups shall be conducted in a manner determined by the BWF.</p> <p>In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16:</p> <p><b>Draw for the Knock-out stage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over.</li> <li>Two top ranked teams from each group will qualify for this stage.</li> <li>A random draw to determine places in the knock-out stage (quarter finals) will be made. The top two ranked teams from each group cannot play each other in the quarter finals stage.</li> </ul>	<p>The top ranked teams shall be dividing across the different groups/sub-groups in the following way:</p> <p><b>4 groups, no sub-groups – up to 16 entries:</b> The top 8 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 in group A and No. 2 in group D</li> <li>No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B and C.</li> <li>No 5-8 drawn by lot into the second position of each group.</li> <li>Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups.</li> </ul> <p><b>Four groups and eight sub-groups – 17-32 (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)</b></p> <p>The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group D1</li> <li>No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group B1 and C1.</li> <li>No 5-8 drawn by lot into the A2, B2, C2 and D2</li> <li>No. 9-16 drawn by lot into the second position of each group.</li> <li>Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups.</li> </ul>	

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				Separation of entries shall be used in the main draw as per JTR clause 3.10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The top teams of each group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in clause 9, based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw.</li> <li>The four seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per General Competition Regulation 12. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Eight groups and 16 sub-groups – 33-80 entries (depending on the number of entries the first sub-group, i.e. A1, B1, etc. will have fewer entries than the second sub-group, i.e. A2, B2, etc.)</b></p> <p>The top 16 ranked teams shall be divided in the groups with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 in group A1 and No. 2 in group H1</li> <li>No 3 and 4 drawn by lot into group C1 and F1.</li> <li>No 5-8 drawn by lot into the B1, D1, E1 and G1</li> <li>No. 9-16 drawn by lot into A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2 and H2.</li> <li>Other ranked teams shall be drawn by lot into the remaining positions in the different groups.</li> </ul>
11	<b>Team Manager</b>	<p>Each Member concerned shall appoint a team manager of its team as stated in the time lines in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own Manager.</p> <p>As soon as appointed, the name of the Manager shall be notified to the BWF or the Referee.</p> <p>From the time of arrival at the venue, the Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the relevant Member and team in connection with the conduct of the Tournament.</p> <p>The Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee.</p>					
12	<b>Constitution of Ties and Teams</b>	N/A			<p>Each tie shall be decided by the results of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Singles;</li> <li>Second Singles;</li> <li>Third Singles;</li> <li>First Doubles, and</li> <li>Second Doubles.</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Play:</b></p>	<p>Each tie shall be decided by the results of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Men’s Singles;</li> <li>One Women’s Singles;</li> <li>One Men’s Doubles;</li> <li>One Women’s Doubles;</li> <li>One Mixed Doubles.</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Play:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.</li> </ul>	



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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.</li> <li>In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.</li> </ul> <p>In singles, each team shall play its three players according to the order as determined by clause 13.</p> <p>In doubles, each team shall play its two pairs according to the order as determined by clause 13.</p> <p>No player shall play in more than one singles and one doubles match.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.</li> </ul> <p>No player shall play in more than two matches.</p> <p>The size of the team shall be as per clause 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only one match, and the remaining two matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side.</li> <li>If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same gender, or one of each gender, the whole tie shall be conceded.</li> </ul>	
13.1	Nomination of Teams	N/A			<p>Each competing Member is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent the Member.</p> <p><b>Team List:</b></p> <p>Each competing Member shall nominate a Team List to the BWF, from whom its team will be selected for a tie, within the stipulated time line as per Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p><b>Thomas &amp; Uber Cup Finals:</b> Team List of no fewer than four players and not more than ten.</p> <p><b>Sudirman &amp; Suhandinata Cups:</b> Team List with no fewer than two males and not fewer than two female players; and not more than total 20 players.</p>		
13.2	Nomination of Teams	N/A			<p><b>Ranking Order:</b></p> <p>All players nominated shall be listed in order consistent with current World Rankings in singles. Players with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current singles strength.</p> <p>Intended doubles pairings shall be listed in order consistent with current World</p>		

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					<p>Rankings in doubles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 nominated players: the 6 possible pairings;</li> <li>• 5 nominated players: the 10 possible pairings;</li> <li>• 6 nominated players: the 15 possible pairings; and</li> <li>• 7, 8, 9, or 10: the 21 possible or most probable pairings.</li> </ul> <p>Pairings with no World Ranking shall be placed in the ranking order according to current doubles strength. To arrive at a final ranking order, the Referee will use the procedures in GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable.</p> <p>The Referee has discretion to amend the ranking order for players or pairings without a world ranking.</p>		
13.3	Nomination of a team for Tie				<p>Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in the order as stated in clause 12</p> <p>These players and pairings shall be selected from those previously nominated and be in the order as ranked (clause 13). The ranking order of any doubles pairing not previously listed shall be at the discretion of the Referee, who will use GCR Regulation 11.6 where applicable.</p>	<p><b>Nomination of a team for a tie:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time line (Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes) before the start of any tie, the composition of the team for each tie in order as stated in clause 12.</li> <li>• These players shall be selected from those previously nominated (clause 13).</li> </ul>	

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					The use of GCR Regulation 11.6 in this clause 13 shall apply to pairs regardless of whether or not they competed together during the ranking period.		
14	Substitution	<p>After the closing date for entries until the Sunday prior to the draw date, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles and / or doubles will be taken by the next eligible player / pair as per Section 5.3.9 of the BWF Statutes.</p> <p>No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made after the Sunday prior to the draw date, and also not to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>	<p>After the closing date for entries, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both may be taken by a player who has already entered another World Senior Championships event, provided the provisions regarding maximum number of entries in clause 7 are respected.</p> <p>If there is a withdrawal of player and the respective Member has not requested for a substitute, such player, should he/she agree to the partner, should be granted a partner from the "partner wanted" list, and this should only be done until the publication of the draw.</p> <p>After the publication of the draw, substitutions are allowed to be made until the end of the Team Managers' Meeting for normal withdrawals, and in events that have not already started (for those players who suffer an on-court injury in another event).</p> <p>Otherwise, no other changes or substitutions of any kind</p>	<p>After the closing date for entries but before the draw is made, a player who has entered may be unable to take part through illness, injury, or other unavoidable cause. That player's place in singles or doubles or both can be taken by a player from the same Member who has already entered another World Junior Championships Event.</p> <p>No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the draw after it has been made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.</p>	<p>After the Nomination of the Team List the Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance.</p> <p>No substitution is allowed after the nomination of a team for a tie is submitted.</p> <p>For players/pairs withdrawing or retiring from a tie, GCR Regulation 14.1.4 applies.</p>		

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			can be made, except according to GCR Regulation 15.3.				
15	Order of Play				<p><b>The following are permissible orders of play:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First singles - first doubles - second singles - second doubles - third singles</li> <li>• First singles - second doubles - second singles - first doubles - third singles</li> <li>• First singles - second singles - first doubles - third singles - second doubles</li> <li>• First singles - second singles - second doubles - third singles - first doubles</li> <li>• First singles - second singles - third singles - first doubles - second doubles</li> <li>• First singles - second singles - third singles - second doubles - first doubles</li> <li>• First singles - first doubles - second singles - third singles - second doubles</li> <li>• First singles - second doubles - second singles</li> </ul>	<p><b>The following are permissible orders of play:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles</li> <li>• Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles</li> <li>• Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Mixed Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles</li> <li>• Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Men's Doubles – Mixed Doubles</li> <li>• Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Mixed Doubles</li> </ul>	

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					- third singles - first doubles		
16.1	Disqualification	If a player has won a medal at the Tournament and is disqualified or suspended with the consequence that the player will lose the medal, then the following will apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the player had won the gold medal, the losing finalist will be promoted to the gold medal position and the player who lost to the original gold medallist will be promoted to the silver medal position.</li> </ul> There will be no further promotion to the bronze medal position.			The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament within stipulated time as stated in Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes or such other period as may have previously been agreed with the Referee		The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Tournament in time to compete in the first scheduled match of the team.
16.2	Disqualification (Team)	N/A			The Referee has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its required programme, or whose team manager fails to attend any briefing meeting called by the BWF or the Referee.		
17	Amendment of Regulations	BWF has power to make and publish amendments to these Tournament Regulations.					
18	Timeline	See Section 5.3.2 of the BWF Statutes					

**Schedule 1: Maximum number of Players in the World Junior Championships**

	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Members placed 1-8 in the previous World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	4	4	6	6	8
Members entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships but not placed 1-8 are allowed to enter:	3	3	4	4	6
Members not entering a team in the World Junior Team Championships are allowed to enter:	2	2	2	2	2

**Schedule 2: Team Composition of the World Men's and Women's Team Championships (Thomas and Uber Cup Finals)**

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semi-finalists from Asia (4)</li> <li>Semi-finalists from Europe (4)</li> <li>Winner from Africa (1)</li> <li>Winner from Oceania (1)</li> <li>Winner from Pan Am (1)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3)</li> </ul> <p>*If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.</p> <p>If one or more of the semi-finalists from Asia and/or Europe is not available to participate, the highest ranked losing quarter-finalist(s) from the World Ranking would qualify. If none of the quarter-finalists are able to confirm participation then the invitation will be extended in turn to the highest eligible team.</p> <p>If the winner from Africa, Oceania, and Pan Am is not available, the finalist will be invited. If the finalist is not available, the highest ranked losing semi-finalist from the World Rankings would qualify. If none of the semi-finalists are able to confirm participation then the invitation will be extended in turn to the next highest eligible team.</p> <p>If no Continental qualifying tournament takes place, the highest ranked team(s) from the World Rankings from the same continent would qualify.</p>
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**Schedule 3: Team Composition of the World Team Championships (Sudirman Cup Finals)**

No. of teams	Description / Continent
One	Trophy Holder
One	Host Member
Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-finalists from Asia (4)</li> <li>• Semi-finalists from Europe (4)</li> <li>• Winner from Africa (1)</li> <li>• Winner from Oceania (1)</li> <li>• Winner from Pan Am (1)</li> <li>• Next three highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Ranking (3)</li> </ul> <p>*If the trophy holder and/or Host Member also take part and occupy a qualifying position in its respective Continental qualifying tournament, the next one or two highest ranked teams (excluding above) from the World Rankings from the same respective continent would also qualify.</p> <p>If one or more of the semi-finalists from Asia and/or Europe is not available to participate, the highest ranked losing quarter-finalist(s) from the World Ranking would qualify. If none of the quarter-finalists are able to confirm participation then the invitation will be extended in turn to the highest eligible team.</p> <p>If the winner from Africa, Oceania, and Pan Am is not available, the finalist will be invited. If the finalist is not available, the highest ranked losing semi-finalist from the World Rankings would qualify. If none of the semi-finalists are able to confirm participation then the invitation will be extended in turn to the next highest eligible team.</p>

	<p>If no Continental qualifying tournament takes place, the highest ranked team(s) from the World Rankings from the same continent would qualify.</p>
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