

South Australian Badminton Association



Association and Match By-Laws

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Player Etiquette

1. Players should behave in an inoffensive manner at all times, both on and off the court.
2. When warming up with your opponent, play regular high shots, not smashes or drop shots unless agreed.
3. Shuttles should not be returned by hitting them along the floor. They should be picked up and hit softly over the net to the opponent.
4. Avoid net abuse (e.g. leaning on, or deliberately hitting the net).
5. Players must adhere to the dress code described in by-law 4.
6. Play must be continuous at all times during a game, except as permitted below.
7. During a match players are permitted to take a break of up to 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points, or up to 120 seconds between each game.
8. A 'let' is defined as an unforeseen or accidental interference in play. When an umpire is presiding over a match, only the umpire may call a let during a point. When an umpire is not presiding, a let may be called by either player at an appropriate time.
9. The umpire's decision is final and should not be challenged. If the umpire is undecided, he/she may call a replay.
10. Players should ask their opponents when the shuttle needs changing. If not agreed, the umpire shall decide.
11. It is common courtesy to shake hands with your opponent and thank the umpire at the conclusion of the match.
12. Players unable to play on a given night should notify their team captain as soon as possible, and make every effort to find a substitute player themselves.
13. A team captain must advise the opposition team captain at the earliest possible opportunity if any of his/her team members are expected to be late or unable to play.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THESE BY-LAWS

Round - a week of competition

Tie - a scheduled match up between 2 teams

Match - an individual singles or doubles match

Rubber - a match played to IBF scoring (i.e. best of 3 games to 21 points)

Game - a single set of a match

1. Overview of SABA Competition

- 1.1. The South Australian Badminton Association (SABA) regular competition is controlled by the Competition Committee, and overseen by the Badminton Players Committee (BPC) and the SABA Board. The governance of the competition is in accordance with the constitution of The South Australian Badminton Association.
- 1.2. All matches shall be played under the laws of the International Badminton Federation except as expressly modified by these By-Laws.
- 1.3. Matches are to be played at the SABA headquarters, Rutland Avenue, Lockleys, or as specified in the competition program.

2. Team Nominations

- 2.1. Any club affiliated with SABA may nominate teams in any grade of regular competition. This must be done by the due date on the team nomination form and submitted to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee (contact details in Appendix F).
- 2.2. The order in which the players are nominated on the form should reflect their singles abilities.
- 2.3. The Competition Committee reserves the right to:
 - (a) reject a nominated team on the basis that it is too strong or too weak for the grade in which it is nominated: or
 - (b) reject individual players from a team if the player is considered too strong for the grade.The Competition Committee shall inform the relevant club of any such decision and the club shall be entitled to submit amended team nominations within an advised time frame.
- 2.4. Once a competition program has been produced, the nominating club will be required to pay the team nomination fees and door fees (plus opponent's door fees) for the rest of the competition season should the team be withdrawn for any reason.
- 2.5. Once a competition program has been produced, additional rounds may only be added with the agreement of all clubs participating in the affected grade.

3. Player Registration

- 3.1. Players nominated to play in a club's team must either:
 - be registered with SABA through that club under the Competition category, or
 - be registered with SABA through another club under the Competition category *and* have a letter of clearance submitted by his/her home club with the team nomination, or
 - become registered with SABA through that club under the Competition category on or before the first night he/she is to play.
- 3.2. Players registered with SABA under the Social category are permitted to play two ties as a reserve in accordance with by-law 10.
 - 3.2.1. The club of any Social player who plays his/her third tie in any registration year is responsible for upgrading that player to the Competition category, and ensuring the required registration fee is paid (see Appendix B).
 - 3.2.2. The registration must be paid on or before the night of the third tie played, and is the amount which applies to the date of payment.
- 3.3. Players registering with SABA for the first time must fill in a player registration form, giving details such as address, telephone numbers and registering club.
- 3.4. Players may transfer clubs during the year with a written clearance from the player's original club. This clearance will be facilitated by way of an inter-club clearance form which will be supplied to clubs prior to the commencement of each competition season. Once a player has been cleared to play for another club, they may not return to play for the original club during the same competition season.
- 3.5. Players may transfer clubs between registration years without restrictions, unless suspended or unfinancial with SABA or the player's original club.

4. Dress Code

- 4.1. Players should be dressed in regulation badminton/tennis attire. The following clothing is considered unacceptable: jeans, caps, bare feet, clothing with offensive slogans or graphical representations.
- 4.2. Players must wear non-marking sports shoes to ensure that the court surface is not damaged.
- 4.3. A team may lodge a complaint against an opposing player dressed in non-conforming attire by contacting a member of the Competition Committee (see Appendix F) on the night of play.
- 4.4. The Competition Committee member may issue a warning to the offending player. If a warned player again dresses inappropriately for matches in other ties during the same season of competition, his/her match or matches shall be forfeited (see Section 8).
- 4.5. The Competition Committee member who issues the warnings or forfeit shall record it at the bottom of the relevant team's score sheet.

5. Inappropriate Behaviour

- 5.1. All players must behave in a manner that does not cause offence to other players, court officials or spectators. This applies to both on-court and off-court behaviour. Some examples of inappropriate behaviour include:
 - excessive swearing
 - comments of a harassing nature in regard to race, gender, ethnicity, etc.
 - verbal or physical abuse, or threats
 - excessive questioning of umpiring decisions.
 - intimidation of opponents or court officials
- 5.2. Umpires of matches or any member of the Competition Committee may reasonably request a team captain to speak to any of his/her team's players who are behaving inappropriately so that it will cease and not recur.
- 5.3. Any player may make a complaint regarding another player's inappropriate behaviour. Complaints should be made in person to a Competition Committee member (if present) on the night of play and lodged as soon as possible, in writing, with the Secretary of SABA. The lodgement should be made using the Competition Committee's prescribed protest form and standard protest procedure will be followed. The Board will take appropriate action, which may include forfeiture of matches (see by-law 8), reprimanding, suspension or expulsion.

6. Competition Format

- 6.1. The regular competition consists of separately graded events, each with a number of minor rounds and, where appropriate, finals.
- 6.2. Teams are to provide their own shuttles, using brands and speeds of shuttles approved by the BPC, as detailed in Appendix G.
- 6.3. Teams are awarded 2 premiership points for a win, 1 premiership point for a draw and 0 premiership points for a loss.
- 6.4. The winning team is determined as follows:
 - 6.4.1. In grades where rubbers are played, it is the team with the most rubbers.
 - If teams are even on rubbers, it is the team with the most games.
 - If teams are even on rubbers and games, it is the team with the most points.
 - If teams are even on rubbers, games and points, the tie is drawn.
 - 6.4.2. In grades where rubbers are not played, it is the team with the most points.
 - If teams are even on points, it is the team with the most games.
 - If teams are even on points and games, the tie is drawn.
- 6.5. The format for each grade is described in Appendix A.
- 6.6. All matches shall be umpired by a central umpire unless mutually agreed by the team captains. Each team is required to supply an umpire for alternate matches.

7. Score Sheets

- 7.1. Prior to the commencement of each tie, the team captains must complete a score sheet showing the team players' names, registration numbers and playing order for singles, doubles and mixed.
 - 7.1.1. The order in which the players are listed at the top of the score sheet should reflect the players' singles abilities.
 - 7.1.2. Once the score sheet has been exchanged with the opposing captain, any variation that is not mutually agreed to by both captains shall result in forfeiture of the offending matches.
- 7.2. At the completion of the tie, both captains shall complete and sign both score sheets as a true record of the scores entered being correct. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit of the tie.
 - 7.2.1. The scores are entered by designated collators nominated by the Competition Committee and any errors in the adding up of scores will be corrected. If a change in the outcome occurs then the collators will notify the Chairperson of the Competition Committee who will in turn notify the Captains. This shall be judged by the Competition Committee to be the final result for that tie.
- 7.3. During the winter season, captains must nominate the best and fairest player from the opposite team for the Cooper's Cup. (See Appendix C for Cooper's Cup guidelines). Failure by either captain to enter a nomination will result in nominations for both teams participating in the tie in question being declared void.

8. Forfeits

- 8.1. Matches may be forfeited for a variety of reasons as described in these by-laws, both in this section and in others where appropriate.
- 8.2. When a forfeit is given against a team, the offending team will receive no games or points for the offending matches. The other team will receive maximum games and points for the forfeited matches.
- 8.3. Teams must play in order of merit for singles, doubles and mixed. In the case of doubles and mixed, this is judged by the combination, not the individual. (This means that a player playing number one at singles will not necessarily be in the number one doubles and mixed games, if this is what the merit of the combinations dictates.) Failure to play in order will result in forfeiture of the offending matches. The collators may notify the Competition Committee if matches are played out of order and the Competition Committee may decide to forfeit such matches without a protest being submitted by the opposing team. The Competition Committee will notify the team captains of any such decision.
- 8.4. Any team using a player not registered with SABA as described in by-laws 3 and 10 shall have that player's matches forfeited.
- 8.5. Any team substituting in another person's name and registration number shall forfeit the entire tie.

9. Starting Times

- 9.1. The starting times for all rounds are shown on the published competition program. If there is agreement between captains, matches may be started 30 minutes earlier. In this case, the chairperson *must* be informed a week in advance so the court can be booked; in a small number of cases, pre-existing bookings may prevent earlier starts. Note that teams are not obliged to start early, and forfeits for lateness will only apply as per bylaws 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6.
- 9.2. Team captains should use their best endeavours to ensure that *all* of their players are present and available to play by the start time. This is to maximise the opportunity for games to be started on time.
- 9.3. A recommended playing order for matches is shown in Appendix A, and should be used when there is debate about which match should be next or in accordance with by-law 9.4 below. However, when there are junior players playing on a given night, their matches should, where reasonable, be given priority.

- 9.4. If a team is unable to start any match within 10 minutes of the published start time due to unavailability of its players, the non-offending team shall be entitled to call for the offending team to forfeit the first match on the recommended playing order of matches. If the offending team is still unable to start any match within a further 5 minutes, the non-offending team shall be entitled to call for the offending team to forfeit the next match on the recommended playing order. This 5 minute forfeit rule continues until the offending team is able to start a match. If a team wishes to exercise its right to call a forfeit, it must notify a Competition Committee member on the night of play.
- 9.5. If any player arrives more than 30 minutes after the published start time, the opposing team shall be entitled to call for that player's team to forfeit all of that player's matches. The score sheet must be rewritten to forfeit from the lowest male or female first. Matches already played will only count if the same players are due to play each other on the revised score sheet; otherwise, these matches must be replayed in accordance with the revised scoresheet. The forfeiting team must pay the door fees of the corresponding player(s) in the other team, along with the door fees of their own forfeited player(s). If a team wishes to exercise its right to call a forfeit, it must notify a Competition Committee member on the night of play.
- 9.6. If a team does not have at least two thirds of their players present 30 minutes after the published start time, it shall be deemed to not constitute a team, and the opposing team shall be entitled to call for the offending team to forfeit the entire tie. The forfeiting team must pay the door fees for all players in both teams. If a team wishes to exercise its right to call a forfeit, it must notify a Competition Committee member on the night of play.
- 9.7. In the event of a team forfeit, the court(s) must be vacated for use by other teams by 1 hour after the published start time.

10. Reserves

- 10.1. A team may only use reserves who are registered with SABA on or before the night of play.
 - 10.1.1. Reserves must be registered with SABA in the Competition category, or in the Social category as described in by-law 3.2.
 - 10.1.2. Reserves must be registered to:
 - a) the team's parent club, or
 - b) a club which does not have any teams entered in that grade of regular competition, or
 - c) another club, provided the Competition Committee receives in writing clearance for that player from the player's original club before the night of play.
 - 10.1.3. A player may not play for more than one club during a particular competition season, except as permitted under by-law 10.1.2(b).
- 10.2. When a player has been nominated in a team in a particular grade, he/she cannot reserve in another team in the same grade.
- 10.3. A player may reserve in a higher grade an unlimited number of times. However, should a player participate in more rounds in a higher grade than in the one in which they were nominated they shall be ineligible to compete in finals in their originally nominated grade. If the Competition Committee determines that a reserve player filling up is clearly of an unsuitable standard for the grade then it may instruct the club concerned not to use the player again in that grade and request that the club concerned pay the door fees of the players direct opponent (i.e. the player nominated in the same position on the opposition's scoresheet) for the tie in question.
- 10.4. If a reserve is of appropriate standard for the grade but is stronger than the nominated number 1 in the team, then that player may only reserve *for* the nominated number 1.
- 10.5. The lowest position player as nominated on the team nomination sheet of one grade may reserve for the highest position player in the grade immediately below. Each team may only utilise a male reserve from a higher grade up to 2 ties and a female reserve from a higher grade up to 2 ties within a competition season. However, a male and female reserve from the higher grade may not reserve in the same lower grade team in the same tie.
- 10.6. A player may not play for more than one team on a particular night or for more than one team in a grade during a particular round.

- 10.7. If an ineligible reserve is used, then this reserve must play in lowest position matches on the night, and the other players slotted up. Breach of this rule will result in both the ineligible player *and* the player immediately below him or her having their matches forfeited.

11. Abandoned Ties

- 11.1. Ties may be abandoned when the courts are unavailable for play for more than 30 continuous minutes due to circumstances beyond the teams' control, e.g. water on court. The decision to abandon a tie may be made by agreement of the captains of the teams concerned, or if agreement cannot be reached, by a member of the Competition Committee.
- 11.2. If 50% or more of matches have been completed, then the team leading at the time the tie was abandoned is awarded the win. Any match started but not completed should be written onto the score sheet. The points shall count, but games or rubbers do not. Door fees are payable as per a normal tie.
- 11.3. If less than 50% of matches have been completed, then the tie shall be declared drawn and equal games and points awarded to each team. Door fees are half that payable for a normal tie.
- 11.4. If no matches have been completed, then the tie must be re-scheduled as soon as possible at a time convenient to both teams. The bar-person should be made aware of the proposed date and time, to ensure the court facilities will be open. The Chairperson of the Competition Committee (contact details in Appendix F) should also be made aware of the re-scheduling.

12. Permits

- 12.1. Permits are required to allow otherwise ineligible players to play during minor rounds or finals. Permits are issued by the Competition Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 12.2. Permits should be applied for in writing not less than 4 days before the tie for which the permit is required. Permit applications submitted less than 4 days before the tie may be considered at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Permit applications must be in the standard form prescribed by the Competition Committee.
- 12.3. Permit applications should be addressed to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee (contact details in Appendix F).
- 12.4. The Competition Committee will accept or reject a permit in writing. The Competition Committee's decision will be final.

13. Protests

- 13.1. Protests can be made by one team against another team whom they believe has broken a rule of the By-Laws, or has done something they consider not in the intended spirit of the game. Protests are dealt with by the Competition Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 13.2. Protests must be submitted in writing, using the standard form prescribed by the Competition Committee, within 2 days of the incident in question. They must be accompanied by the protest fee (see Appendix B), which will be refunded if the protest is upheld or considered reasonable.
- 13.3. Protests should be addressed to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee (contact details in Appendix F).
- 13.4. Once a protest has been received, the Chairman of the Competition Committee will immediately notify the opposition captain and seek any additional information that may be required for the Competition Committee to make a decision.
- 13.5. The Competition Committee will uphold or decline a protest in writing within 7 days and the Chairman of the Competition Committee will communicate the outcome to both team captains. If a team remains unsatisfied, they may choose to lodge a *dispute* with the Badminton Players Committee (BPC); this must be accompanied by the fee described in Appendix B, as per Section 13.6 of the SABA Constitution.

14. Finals

- 14.1. Finals are contested in each grade by the teams finishing on top of the premiership table. This order is determined firstly by premiership points, and then:
 - in State League and A grade by the total number of rubbers won during the season, followed by the total number of games, followed by percentage of points won.
 - in B and C grades by percentage of points won.
- 14.2. The number of teams in the grade will determine whether there are semi-finals and a final, or just a final. This is described each season in the published competition program.
- 14.3. Players must be nominated in the team, and must have played in a minimum of 30% of the ties played by their team during the season to qualify for the finals.
- 14.4. Teams playing in finals must submit a team nomination form to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee (contact details in Appendix F) or the bar-person not less than 5 days before EACH final.
 - 14.4.1. The team nomination should be on a regular score sheet, and state what players will be playing, and their playing order (singles, doubles and mixed).
 - 14.4.2. A reserve male and female must be written on the bottom of the score sheet. These players must be chosen according to the following criteria (in order):
 - a player who was nominated in the team and qualified to play in the finals
 - a player who was nominated in the team and did not qualify to play in the finals, or a player who was not nominated in the team and who played enough ties to qualify to play in the finals – a player not nominated in the team should be given preference if he or she has played more than twice the number of ties as a nominated but unqualified player
 - a player who played for the team during the season
 - any other player appropriate to the grade
 - 14.4.3. If a player or a reserve requires a permit because he/she is not automatically qualified to play in the finals, then the permit application must accompany the team nomination.
 - 14.4.4. If a listed reserve would require a permit in order to play, this should be noted on the team sheet.
- 14.5. If a team is forced to forfeit matches in a final for reason other than injury during a match on the night, the forfeits must be awarded from the lowest position upwards, and other matches slotted up accordingly.
- 14.6. In the event of a draw in any final, the final shall be awarded to the team which finished higher on the premiership table at the end of the minor rounds. If the teams were exactly even on the premiership table, the final shall be replayed the following week until there is a winner.

Appendix A – Competition Format

State League

- Team members: 4 players of any gender
Match Night: Tuesday, 7:30 pm
Format: Best of 3 games to 21 points, with setting at 20-20 as per IBF rules.
Matches: Each player shall play 1 singles and 2 doubles matches.
In total there are 4 singles and 4 doubles matches.
No two doubles combinations may be the same.
Recommended Playing Order:
Doubles followed by singles matches.

A Grade Match Format

- Team members: 3 men, 2 ladies
Match Night: Tuesday, 7:30 pm
Format: Best of 3 games to 21 points, with setting at 20-20 as per IBF rules.
Matches:
2 Mens Doubles Two men will play 1 doubles, 1 singles and 1 mixed.
2 Mens Singles One man will play 2 doubles and 1 mixed.
1 Ladies Doubles One lady will play 1 doubles, 1 singles and 1 mixed.
1 Ladies Singles One lady will play 1 doubles and 2 mixed.
3 Mixed Doubles No two doubles combinations are allowed to be the same.
Recommended Playing Order:
1. 2nd mens doubles 4. 1st mens doubles 7. 1st mens singles
2. 1st ladies doubles 5. 1st ladies singles 8. 2nd mixed doubles
3. 3rd mixed doubles 6. 2nd mens singles 9. 1st mixed doubles

B & C Grade Match Format

- Team members: 4 men, 2 ladies
Match Night: Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Format: 2 games to 21 points with *no setting*.
Matches:
3 Mens Doubles Two men will play 1 doubles, 1 singles and 1 mixed.
3 Mens Singles One man will play 2 doubles and 1 singles.
1 Ladies Doubles One man will play 2 doubles and 1 mixed.
1 Ladies Singles One lady will play 1 doubles, 1 singles and 1 mixed.
3 Mixed Doubles One lady will play 1 doubles and 2 mixed.
No two doubles combinations are allowed to be the same.
Recommended Playing Order:
1. 3rd mens doubles 5. 1st mens doubles 9. 1st mens singles
2. 1st ladies doubles 6. 3rd mens singles 10. 2nd mixed doubles
3. 2nd mens doubles 7. 1st ladies singles 11. 1st mixed doubles
4. 3rd mixed doubles 8. 2nd mens singles

Appendix B – Fees

Club affiliation fee, per year	\$ 30.00
Team nomination fee, per season	\$ 40.00
Protest fee	\$ 5.00
Dispute fee (refer section 13.6 Constitution)	\$ 10.00
Door entry fees, per player per tie	
State League and A Grade	\$ 10.00
B and C Grades	\$ 9.00
SABA registration fees per player (see table below)	

	Adult	Junior
1 Apr – 30 Jun	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00
1 Jul – 30 Sep	\$ 25.30	\$ 20.90
1 Oct – 31 Dec	\$ 20.70	\$ 17.10
1 Jan – 31 Mar	\$ 16.10	\$ 13.30

Appendix C – The Cooper’s Cup

The Cooper’s Cup is awarded to an individual player at the end of each winter season. At the conclusion of each tie, each team must nominate an individual player from the opposing team who has displayed high levels of sportsmanship and on court performance in that tie. At the end of the winter season the votes from all grades will be tallied by the Competition Collators, and the player who has received the most votes from any grade will be awarded the Cooper’s Cup. Votes for the Cooper’s Cup will only be counted if the player is participating in a tie for their nominated team. A player not nominated in a team is not eligible to receive the Cooper’s Cup.

Appendix D – The Cadd Trophy

The Cadd Trophy is awarded to the highest ranked eligible male and female from each grade. In the case of a unisex competition the trophy for that particular grade will be awarded to the highest ranked player. The ranking list is as determined by the Competition Collators and published with the grade’s ranking ladder. To be eligible for the Cadd Trophy a player must have been nominated in a team for the season and have played in a minimum of 65% of the ties played by that individual’s team.

Appendix E –BPC Members

Badminton Players Committee Members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
David Olsson	Chairperson
Paul Zanker	Member
Pauline Arthur	Member
Chris Thirlwell	Member
Simon Oaten	Member
Cheryl Ley	Member

Appendix F – Competition Committee Members

Competition Committee Members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Simon Oaten	Chairperson
<i>Phone:</i> 0439 470 997	<i>Email:</i> s.oaten@hillebrandgroup.com
Chris Thirlwell	Member for PAOC
Helen White	Member for Glenelg
Cheryl Ley	Member for Adelaide Uni
Caroline Argent	Member for Sturt
Kym Strelan	Collator
Sharon Riggs	Collator

Permit applications, protests and team nominations for finals should be addressed to:

Simon Oaten
Competition Committee Chairperson
s.oaten@hillebrandbulk.com

or Handed to the barperson on a match night.

Appendix G – Approved Shuttles

Shuttles approved for all grade competitions:

Yang Yang 300B (77)
RSL Classic (speed 78,79)
RSL Tourney 1 (speed 78,79)
RSL Silver Feather (speed 78,79)
RSL Official (speed 78,79)
Epsilon 808 Gold (speed 50,51)
Epsilon 728 Orange (speed 50,51)
Epsilon Pink (speed 50,51)
Sea Lion C1130 (speed 4.9, 5.0)
Ashaway Tournament (speed 78,79)

Shuttles approved for B & C grade competition:

Yang Yang 30A (speed 77)

Shuttles approved for C grade competition:

any of the above list, plus:

RSL Standard (speed 78,79)
Epsilon 606 Green (speed 50,51)

Operational Guidelines:

1. If unlisted shuttles are used in a match without agreement of the team captains involved, the match will be forfeited.
2. Unlisted shuttles not on the current list may be submitted to the Badminton Players Committee for testing and approval if appropriate. Not less than three shuttles should be submitted, at the expense of the submitter.
3. The approval and review process for the use of shuttles within the competition is overseen and governed by the Badminton Players Committee.