



# **Competition Regulations**

**Youth League**

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## CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Article 1: Provisions and regulations

1. These Regulations apply to the Youth League.
2. All matches in the Youth League must be played in accordance with the definitions and provisions of the General Competition Regulations (AWR) and these Regulations.
3. All events in a competition tie must be played in accordance with the applicable Laws of Badminton and, where further specified in these Regulations, in accordance with Appendix 2.3 to the Laws of Badminton and Appendix 1 to these Regulations.
4. Where an article or paragraph applies exclusively to a specific part of the Youth League, this is indicated at the beginning of the relevant paragraph or article.
5. Articles or paragraphs for which an exemption may be granted are marked with a 'D' in the left-hand margin of the relevant paragraph or article.
6. The home club is responsible for organising the competition tie as set out in these Regulations.

### Article 2: Definitions and abbreviations

For the purposes of these Regulations:

| Term                             | Definition                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AWR                              | General Competition Regulations (Algemeen Wedstrijdreglement).                                                                                        |
| play-off match                   | a match played after completion of the scheduled programme and required to decide the section championship.                                           |
| category                         | a part of the Youth League determined by age group and playing strength.                                                                              |
| competition contact person (CCP) | a person who represents a club in all matters relating to the competition(s).                                                                         |
| competition application          | the computer application through which the Youth League match schedule and results are published and processed.                                       |
| competition official             | a person appointed by a home club to carry out duties for a particular competition tie.                                                               |
| competition hierarchy            | the order of playing strength of the different categories/divisions/classes in a competition season of competitions organised by Badminton Nederland. |
| competition week                 | a seven-day playing week, starting on Monday.                                                                                                         |
| CW                               | Competition Affairs Committee (Commissie Wedstrijdzaken).                                                                                             |
| DSS                              | Dynamic Playing Strength System (Dynamisch Speelsterkte Systeem).                                                                                     |

| Term                         | Definition                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| double weekend               | a competition week in which two rounds of matches are scheduled.                                                                                                         |
| overlapping competitions     | two different competitions organised by Badminton Nederland where the starting date of one competition does not fall after the ending date of the preceding competition. |
| higher team                  | a team with a lower team number than the team with which it is compared in the applicable competition hierarchy.                                                         |
| substitute player            | a participant in a tie who is not a nominated player of the team concerned.                                                                                              |
| Youth Competition Management | the persons to whom the CW has delegated the operation of the Youth League.                                                                                              |
| youth player                 | a player who has not yet reached the age of 19 on 31 December of the year in which the Youth League starts.                                                              |
| lower team                   | a team with a higher team number than the team with which it is compared in the applicable competition hierarchy.                                                        |
| violation                    | a breach of a provision of the Youth League Regulations.                                                                                                                 |
| rating                       | a number with four decimal places determined by the DSS after each event played.                                                                                         |
| reserve week                 | a week to which a competition tie may be moved.                                                                                                                          |
| circular                     | an email message to all clubs participating in the Youth League other than an Official Communication.                                                                    |
| umpire                       | the person who officiates an event.                                                                                                                                      |
| shuttle list                 | the list of approved shuttles.                                                                                                                                           |
| match date                   | the date on which a tie is scheduled.                                                                                                                                    |
| round                        | the set of matches within a section in which each team plays once or has a bye.                                                                                          |
| fixture key                  | an overview indicating the rounds in which a team plays at home and away.                                                                                                |
| playing strength             | an integer assigned by Youth Competition Management before the first competition tie.                                                                                    |
| strength order list          | a list ranking all teams within a category by playing strength.                                                                                                          |
| team                         | a group of players from an affiliated club that takes part in a competition as a team and has its own specific place in that competition.                                |
| team manager                 | the person who represents the team.                                                                                                                                      |

| Term               | Definition                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| home club          | the club listed first for a match.                                                                                              |
| away club          | the club listed second for a match.                                                                                             |
| UR                 | Implementation Regulations (Uitvoeringsregeling).                                                                               |
| U19                | age category consisting of players who are under 19 on 31 December of the year in which the Youth League started.               |
| U13                | age category consisting of players who are under 13 on 31 December of the year in which the Youth League started.               |
| U11                | age category consisting of players who are under 11 on 31 December of the year in which the Youth League started.               |
| nominated player   | a player registered by the club as a nominated player for a particular team.                                                    |
| free week          | a week to which a competition tie may be moved only with the permission of the CW.                                              |
| match official     | an official appointed as such by Badminton Nederland.                                                                           |
| competition season | the period from 1 August through 31 July.                                                                                       |
| Sunday club        | a club which, on the basis of its statutes known to Badminton Nederland, does not normally play competition matches on Sundays. |

## Article 3: Digital communication

1. Clubs are required to submit all information relating to the Youth League digitally, as specified in the Implementation Regulations on Digital Communication between Badminton Nederland and clubs.
2. Team managers, competition officials, competition contact persons and match officials are required to conduct all communication under these Competition Regulations digitally.
3. All correspondence concerning the Youth League must be sent by the CCP to [jeugdcompetitie@badminton.nl](mailto:jeugdcompetitie@badminton.nl) from the email address made available by Badminton Nederland.

## CHAPTER II ORGANISATION OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE

### Article 4: Management

1. The CW is responsible for the Youth League.
2. Operation of the Youth League is delegated to Youth Competition Management.
3. The Board of Badminton Nederland takes decisions concerning the Youth League that fall within its remit after hearing the CW.

## Article 5: Competition structure

1. Clubs enter their teams for the Youth League. Youth Competition Management classifies the entered teams by category.
2. The Youth League consists of several categories. Each category consists of one or more sections. At the end of the Youth League, each category is followed by a National Championship.

## Article 6: Category characteristics

1. Teams are classified into categories on the basis of the average rating of the two strongest players according to the Dynamic Playing Strength System.

| Category | Average rating no stronger than | Age limit |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| A-8      | 8.0000                          | U19       |
| A-6      | 8.0000                          | U19       |
| B-8      | 10.0000                         | U19       |
| B-6      | 10.0000                         | U19       |
| C-6      | 12.0000                         | U19       |
| D-6      | 13.0000                         | U19       |
| Gold     | 13.0000                         | U13       |
| Silver   | 14.0000                         | U11       |

2. D Youth Competition Management may grant an entered team an exemption to play in a lower category if the average rating of its two strongest nominated players differs by no more than 0.2 from the playing strength of that lower category.
3. The categories also differ in age limit, gender neutrality, number of events per competition tie, shuttle category, scoring system and court size.

| Category | Age | Gender-neutral | Events per tie | Shuttle category | Scoring system | Court   |
|----------|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| A-8      | U19 | No             | 8              | C                | regular        | regular |
| A-6      | U19 | Yes            | 6              | C                | regular        | regular |
| B-8      | U19 | No             | 8              | D                | regular        | regular |
| B-6      | U19 | Yes            | 6              | D                | regular        | regular |
| C-6      | U19 | Yes            | 6              | D                | regular        | regular |
| D-6      | U19 | Yes            | 6              | D                | regular        | regular |



| Category | Age | Gender-neutral | Events per tie | Shuttle category | Scoring system | Court    |
|----------|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| GOLD     | U13 | Yes            | 6              | D                | alternative    | regular  |
| SILVER   | U11 | Yes            | 6              | D                | alternative    | modified |

4. The shuttle categories refer to the current Badminton Nederland Shuttle List.
5. In the Gold and Silver categories, the scoring system in Appendix 2.3 to the Laws of Badminton applies:
  - a. An event is played as the best of three games to 15 points.
  - b. At 14-all, the game is won by the side that first gains a two-point lead.
  - c. At 20-all, the game is won by the side that scores the twenty-first point first.
  - d. In the third game, ends are changed as soon as a score of 8 points is reached.
6. In the Silver category, the court is modified as shown in Appendix 1 to these Youth League Regulations.

## Article 7: Competition hierarchy

1. The competition hierarchy within the Youth League is as follows:
  - a. Categories A through D rank below one another in that order, with A-8 equivalent to A-6 and B-8 equivalent to B-6.
  - b. Gold and Silver rank below one another, with Gold equivalent to D-6.
2. The competition hierarchy between the Youth League and the National League is as follows:
  - a. A-8 and A-6 are equivalent to the Seventh Division of the National League.
  - b. B-8 and B-6 are equivalent to the Eighth Division of the National League.
  - c. The other Youth League categories rank below the National League and other competitions organised by Badminton Nederland.

## Article 8: Allocation to sections

1. Each section consists of no more than 8 teams.
2. D If a category consists of more than one section, all sections in that category must contain the same number of teams, or differ in size by no more than one team.
3. Categories may be combined if Youth Competition Management, in consultation with the CW, considers this necessary. The following principles apply:
  - a. A category may be combined with an equivalent category or with one category immediately above or below it in the competition hierarchy.
  - b. If two unequal categories are combined, the provisions of the higher category apply.

- c. If A-8 is combined with A-6, or B-8 with B-6, six gender-neutral events are played per tie.
- 4. Where two or more teams from the same club are allocated to the same category, they are placed in different sections as far as possible.
- 5. D No more than two teams from one club may be allocated to the same section. These two teams must receive fixture keys that ensure their final match against each other takes place as early as possible in the Youth League.

## **D Article 9: Away and home matches**

A full double round-robin competition is played in each section. Teams play each other twice, once away and once at home.

## **Article 10: Events per tie**

- 1. A tie in categories A-8 and B-8 consists of:

Two men's singles

Two women's singles

One men's doubles

One women's doubles

Two mixed doubles

- 2. A tie in the other categories consists of:

Three singles

Three doubles

Teams may be gender-neutral.

## **Article 11: Publication of competition allocation**

- 1. Youth Competition Management is responsible for drawing up the competition allocation, i.e. filling categories and sections with teams and assigning fixture keys.
- 2. No later than four weeks after the entry deadline, Youth Competition Management publishes in a circular the binding team advice (see Article 20) for all entered teams.
- 3. No later than eight weeks after issuing the circular containing the binding team advice, Youth Competition Management publishes the competition allocation, including identification of teams from Sunday clubs and the fixture key assigned to each team.
- 4. After the competition allocation has been set, Youth Competition Management may still make changes as long as the first match in the relevant section has not been played. In the event of a serious imbalance in sections due to withdrawals or other circumstances, Youth Competition Management may make adjustments without consulting the teams concerned and will subsequently inform the affected clubs.

## **Article 12: Publication of club information**

No later than 1 August, Youth Competition Management sends each club participating in the Youth League:

- a. a list of contact details (name, email address, telephone number) of the competition contact persons of the participating clubs;
- b. a list of venues (name, address, telephone number) where the participating clubs' Youth League matches are played;
- c. a list of the shuttle(s) used by each participating club for Youth League matches;
- d. notification that the section allocation by category and the fixture key assigned to each team are available online.

## **Article 13: Publication of the match schedule**

1. Youth Competition Management publishes the complete match schedule on <https://badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl/> no later than 1 August.
2. Youth Competition Management may make changes after publication. Changes must be communicated to the clubs concerned no later than 48 hours before the start of the relevant section(s).

# **CHAPTER III CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION**

## **Article 14: Eligible players**

1. A player who represents a club in a competition tie covered by these Regulations must at that time:
  - a. be registered with Badminton Nederland as a member of that club and have a valid Badminton Nederland membership number for that club. The date of entry of the registration in Badminton Nederland's online membership administration is decisive;
  - b. comply with the provisions of the AWR;
  - c. comply with the age limits set out in Article 6.
2. D For the Gold and Silver categories, an exemption from the age limit may be requested from Youth Competition Management:
  - a. for a player who is no more than one year older than the permitted age on the reference date;
  - b. when granting an exemption, the intended playing strength for each category under Article 6 is taken into account;
  - c. no more than one exempted player may be fielded by a team in any tie.

## **Article 15: Medical examination**

Players are deemed medically fit to play badminton. They are responsible for this themselves.

## **Article 16: Change of club**

1. If a player who has represented a particular club in one competition season does not wish to represent that club in the following season, the player must notify the current club before 1 May.
2. If paragraph 1 is not complied with and the current club refuses permission, the new club may appeal to the CW.

# **CHAPTER IV OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

## **Article 17: Submission of club information**

1. Clubs entering the competition must submit the following to Youth Competition Management at the time of entry:
  - a. the information for each club and each team referred to in Article 12;
  - b. for each venue used by the club during the Youth League, the number of courts available for competition ties. If the venue does not comply with the venue requirements, an exemption must be requested as part of the submission in accordance with Article 24;
  - c. the brand, speed and type of shuttle as listed on the approved shuttle list.

## **Article 18: Team naming**

1. Team names must comply with the provisions laid down in:
  - a. General Regulations, Article 3, paragraph 3(j) and (k);
  - b. General Competition Regulations, Article 22.
2. A team is identified by the name of the club it represents followed by the team number, unless the following provision applies.
3. Where the club name does not contain a sponsor name, a sponsor name may be included as part of the team name. Only one sponsor name may appear in a team name. Different teams may have different sponsors.
4. The sponsor name must be placed immediately before the club name. The team number closes the team designation.
5. An application for a sponsor name may be submitted throughout the year.
6. The CW assesses the application and, after approval, the sponsor name is added to the team. If rejected, the CW informs the club and states the reason.
7. In assessing requests for name association under paragraph 4, the refusal criteria stated in Article 3, paragraph 3(j) of the General Regulations apply.

8. A name association under paragraph 4 is valid for the entire competition season.
9. To change a name association under paragraph 4, a new request must be submitted to the CW. To terminate such a name association, notification to the CW is sufficient. Any change to a team designation takes effect from the competition season in the year in which the request or notification is made.

## **Article 19: Withdrawal of teams**

1. To withdraw a team after publication of the Youth League on [badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl](http://badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl), the club must submit a request by email to Youth Competition Management stating the reason for withdrawal.
2. Youth Competition Management fills the vacant place where possible. A vacancy may only be filled if no matches have yet been played in the relevant section.
3. If a team is withdrawn after publication of the Youth League on [badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl](http://badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl), the club will be charged the team entry fee.
4. If a club submits a withdrawal request after the competition has started, a fine may also be charged in addition to the entry fee.

## **Article 20: Submission of team composition**

1. A club participating in the Youth League must submit a provisional player list for each team when entering its teams.
2. No later than four weeks after the entry deadline, Youth Competition Management issues binding advice for each team based on the DSS.
3. A club may lodge an objection with the CW within two weeks of the date on which the binding advice was sent.
4. A club may nominate each player as a nominated player for no more than one team in overlapping competitions.
5. The player list may be amended up to the deadline stated in Article 11 paragraph 2.
6. No later than two weeks before the start of the Youth League, Youth Competition Management enters the nominated players for each team in the competition application on the basis of the binding team advice.

## **Article 21: Team composition**

1. In categories A-8 and B-8, a team consists of at least two boys and two girls. The boys play the men's events, the girls play the women's events, and mixed doubles are played by one boy and one girl.
2. In the other categories, a team consists of at least three nominated players. These may be:
  - 3 boys;
  - 3 girls;

2 boys and 1 girl; or  
2 girls and 1 boy.

## **Article 22: Clothing**

Clubs must ensure that players taking part in events governed by the Youth League Regulations wear clothing that complies with the Implementation Regulations on Clothing and Advertising at Badminton Matches.

## **D Article 23: Completion of the competition**

A club team is required to complete all matches in the match schedule through to the end of the competition.

## **D Article 24: Venue requirements**

1. The venue must comply with the Implementation Regulations on Venue Requirements.
2. If the venue does not comply, an exemption must be requested from the CW as part of the submission referred to in Article 17, specifying the points on which the venue does not meet the requirements.
3. If no exemption is granted for a venue, the club will be informed within two weeks after receipt of the submission.

## **Article 25: Playing days and times**

1. Matches must be played at the weekend, or on a Friday evening with the opponent's consent.
2. On Saturday the starting time must be between 09:00 and 18:00; on Sunday between 09:00 and 15:00.
3. Starting new events after 20:00 on Saturday in the Gold and Silver categories, after 21:00 on Saturday in the other categories, and after 18:00 on Sunday in all categories is permitted only with the opponent's consent.
4. D An exemption for moving matches to days other than those in paragraph 1 and/or a time outside paragraph 2 may be requested by email from Youth Competition Management, provided the request includes the opponent's approval.

## **Article 26: Officials**

1. Every club participating in the Youth League appoints a competition contact person (CCP).
2. The CCP maintains contact with the CW, Youth Competition Management and other clubs.
3. No match officials are appointed in the Youth League unless the CW decides otherwise for a specific match.

## **Article 27: Submissions and information**

Clubs are required to provide information or submissions relating to the organisation of the Youth League in the manner specified by the CW or Youth Competition Management.

## **CHAPTER V DURING THE YOUTH LEAGUE**

### **D Article 28: Match date**

1. A tie must be played in full on the date shown in the match schedule, or on the amended date in accordance with Article 13 or Article 29.
2. If the scheduled date is changed without permission from Youth Competition Management, Youth Competition Management may declare the match invalid and order it to be replayed.

### **Article 29: Change of match date at a club's request**

1. In the event of illness, injuries or for other reasons, a match may be moved by mutual agreement if:
  - a. home and away fixtures are exchanged; or
  - b. the match is moved to a date within the same half of the competition.
2. Without mutual agreement to move the match, it must be played on the date set by Youth Competition Management.
3. Youth Competition Management must be informed of all changes under paragraph 1 no later than 24 hours before the original match date.
4. Permission from Youth Competition Management is required to move a match to a free week, to another half of the competition and/or where the deadline in paragraph 3 cannot be met.
5. Without mutual agreement, matches may be moved in consultation with and with the approval of Youth Competition Management if:
  - a. the sports hall unexpectedly becomes unavailable on the original or newly scheduled date for demonstrable reasons;
  - b. player safety cannot be guaranteed due to extreme weather conditions;
  - c. an unforeseen circumstance is of such a nature that rescheduling is necessary.

### **Article 30: Starting time**

1. A match must start at the scheduled starting time.
2. A match that, for whatever reason, has not started 45 minutes after the scheduled starting time does not have to be played that day.

## Article 31: Courts

1. The home club must ensure that the court(s) are ready at least 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time, including cleaning of the court(s), and that the away team has timely access to the venue.
2. The home club determines the court(s) on which the match is played.
3. If only one court is available, play must continue without interruption. A player is always entitled to a 15-minute rest after an event, as described in Article 39.

## Article 32: Shuttles

1. All events in a competition tie must be played with shuttles of one brand, speed and type listed on the Approved Shuttle List. The home club must ensure that sufficient shuttles are available.
2. In categories A-8 and A-6, feather or hybrid shuttles from at least shuttle category C must be used.
3. In all other categories, shuttles from shuttle category D must be used.

## Article 33: Amended registration of nominated players

1. A club may register a player who is not a nominated player, or is a nominated player of a lower team, as a nominated player of a higher team, stating the competition week from which the change is to take effect.
2. A nominated player may be registered as a nominated player for the next lower team if the player has not taken part in a match in the Youth League or an overlapping competition for at least three months.
3. A submission under paragraph 1 or 2 must be received by Youth Competition Management no later than 24 hours before the start of the relevant competition tie.

## Article 34: Playing for multiple clubs or teams

1. D A player may not represent more than one club in the Youth League and other overlapping competitions, even if that club has withdrawn from one of those competitions.
2. A nominated player of a Youth League team may play for another team during the Youth League, provided the substitute-player rules are satisfied.

## Article 35: Substitute-player rules

1. The competition hierarchy in Article 7 applies to substitute appearances. A player may substitute only in an equivalent or higher category.
2. A player may not substitute for another team that plays in the same section as the team for which the player is nominated.
3. In the Youth League, only players with a playing strength established by Youth Competition Management may act as substitutes. For players without an initial playing strength, a playing strength



may be requested from Youth Competition Management before their first substitute appearance. That initial playing strength determines the categories in which they may substitute.

4. A team fielding one or more substitutes must continue to meet the strength requirements in Article 6.

5. All events played by a substitute who does not comply with this article are declared lost by the maximum score.

6. If a match is rescheduled, it is deemed to have been played in the competition week in which it is actually played.

### **Article 36: Playing for different teams in one competition week**

1. A player may not play for two different teams in one competition week unless the following paragraph applies.

2. A player may substitute once for one team in a competition week; in addition, the player may also represent the team for which the player is nominated in that competition week.

3. If a player substitutes for a team for which a double weekend is scheduled in that competition week, the player may substitute in both scheduled matches of that team in that competition week.

4. If a scheduled match is moved to another date, that new date applies for determining the double-weekend provision.

5. A player may take part in multiple matches of the club only if the matches are not played simultaneously, i.e. the scheduled starting time of a later match must not be before the finishing time of the previous match; the finishing time entered on the match form is decisive.

6. If a player substitutes for more teams within one competition week than permitted under paragraph 2 or 3, the chronological order of the matches determines from which match onward the substitute's events are declared lost by the maximum score.

### **Article 37: Playing in different events in one tie**

1. In categories A-8 and B-8, a player may play in no more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles event in a tie.

2. In the other categories, a player may play in one singles and no more than two doubles events. A second doubles event must be played with a different partner from the first.

3. If paragraph 1 or 2 is not complied with, the lowest-ranked events are declared lost by the maximum score. These are the singles and doubles with the highest sequence number.

### **Article 38: Exchange of line-ups and completion of the match form**

1. Before the match starts, the team managers exchange the line-up for all events in the tie. If a match official has been appointed by Badminton Nederland, the exchange takes place through that official.

2. Before the match starts, the home club completes the line-up for all events on the match form in full; for each player and each event, the details requested on the form must be entered as shown in the competition application.
3. If a player and/or club cannot demonstrate that the player is eligible, a declaration signed by the player and team manager must be drawn up stating that the player is eligible.
4. The home club is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the data on the match form. The away team is jointly responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the match form.

### **Article 39: Order of events and rest period**

1. Events are played in the order shown on the match form unless a different order is set in supplementary match provisions or by mutual agreement.
2. A tie in categories A-8 and B-8 is played in the following order:  
men's doubles  
women's doubles  
1st men's singles  
1st women's singles  
2nd men's singles  
2nd women's singles  
1st mixed doubles  
2nd mixed doubles
3. A tie in the other categories is played in the following order:  
1st singles  
3rd doubles  
2nd singles  
2nd doubles  
3rd singles  
1st doubles
4. A player is entitled to a 15-minute rest period after an event.

### **Article 40: Change of line-up**

1. In the event of an accident or illness after the match has started, the line-up referred to in Article 38 may be changed. In events still to be played, the unavailable player may be replaced by another player, subject to Article 37 and all eligibility provisions.
2. When a player is replaced under paragraph 1, the positions of the other players on the match form may not be changed.

## **Article 41: Match form after the tie**

1. After the match, the match form must be signed by the team managers of both teams and by any appointed match official.
2. If the home team is absent, the CCP of the away club must report this to Youth Competition Management.
3. A digital or other copy of the match form, including any notes concerning alleged violations, must be provided to the away team manager. The original match form and the copy must be retained by the home and away clubs respectively until the end of the competition season.
4. The home club must enter and submit the match form through the competition application on [badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl](http://badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl) before the deadline stated below.
5. For weekend matches, the entered form must be submitted by 20:30 on the Sunday evening following the match. For weekday matches, the form must be submitted within 24 hours after the match has ended.
6. During the following week, the away club checks whether the match form has been entered correctly so that any errors can be addressed as quickly as possible. If the match form is incorrect, a comment must be added to the match form on [badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl](http://badmintonnederland.toernooi.nl). The comment may be explained further in an email to [jeugdcompetitie@badminton.nl](mailto:jeugdcompetitie@badminton.nl). Youth Competition Management will correct the form in the competition application where necessary.
7. If a violation may have occurred, the CW and Youth Competition Management may request an electronic copy of the original match form from both the home and away club up to the end of the competition season.

## **Article 42: Eligibility for play-off matches**

To take part in play-off matches for a team, a player must have played in at least two competition ties during that competition season for that team or a lower team of the club.

## **Article 43: Incomplete ties**

1. A team is required to appear with enough eligible players to play all events in the tie. Otherwise the team is regarded as having appeared incomplete.
2. An event is regarded as having taken place if:
  - a. all players are eligible for the event; and
  - b. the event was actually played in full or an official result has been determined under the Regulations.
3. In categories with eight events per tie, a tie is regarded as NOT PLAYED if fewer than five events have been played. In categories with six events per tie, a tie is regarded as NOT PLAYED if fewer than three events have been played. Matches not played are handled under Article 45.

- a. Where a team appears incomplete, the lowest-ranked events are declared lost by the maximum score. In categories with eight events these are one doubles, a 2nd singles and the 2nd mixed doubles. In categories with six events these are the 3rd singles, 2nd doubles and 3rd doubles.
- b. If the players of both teams fail to appear for an event, that event is regarded as not having taken place and is handled under Article 44.
4. If, due to accident or illness after a match has started, and where appropriate after applying Article 40, an event cannot be played, the event is declared lost by the maximum score by the team unable to play. If neither team can play the event, it is regarded as not having taken place and is handled under Article 44.
5. If a team concedes an event after it has started, the score at that moment is recorded. Youth Competition Management will adjust the result to the score required to win the event.

### **Article 44: Continuation of incomplete ties**

1. If not all events in a tie took place on the scheduled match date, Youth Competition Management must be notified of this and the reason. Youth Competition Management decides within 14 days whether the match is to be continued.
2. If continuation is permitted, the line-up referred to in Article 38 remains in force, taking Article 40 into account.
3. If an event must be continued, it resumes from the score at which it was interrupted.

### **D Article 45: Matches not played**

1. If a match does NOT take place on the scheduled date, the home club must place a comment on the digital match form within two days of the scheduled match date stating the reason(s). Youth Competition Management decides within one week whether the match is to be played at a later date.
2. The match will in any event be rescheduled if playing it could affect positions in the final standings that determine participation in the National Championships for Competition Teams.

### **Article 46: Costs of rescheduled matches**

1. The costs connected with subsequently playing, replaying or completing a match are borne by the club responsible, as determined by the CW.
2. The costs of matches that must be replayed because they were interrupted or not played for a valid reason (for example natural and/or weather conditions) cannot be recovered from the opponent, as determined by the CW.

## **CHAPTER VI RESULTS AND CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Article 47: Awarding match points**

The number of match points awarded for a match equals the number of events won in that match.

## **Article 48: Drawing up the standings**

1. A standings table is drawn up for each section containing the teams allocated to that section; teams excluded from further participation in the Youth League are not included.
  - a. First place is occupied by the team that has won all matches in the section; the other teams occupy the remaining positions, determined in accordance with paragraph 2.
  - b. If no team in a section has won all matches, the standings for all teams in the section are drawn up in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. The standings are based on the number of match points obtained. Where two or more teams have the same number of match points, the following criteria apply in sequence:
  - a. match points in the matches between the tied teams;
  - b. game difference in the matches between the tied teams;
  - c. point difference in the matches between the tied teams.
3. If two or more teams are still tied and the position determines the championship, one or more play-off matches are played between the tied teams.

## **Article 49: Exclusion of teams**

If a team is excluded from further participation during the Youth League, all matches already played by that team are regarded as not played. The club loses the team's place in the competition structure.

## **Article 50: Play-off matches**

1. A club is required to take part in play-off matches.
2. A play-off match is won by the team that wins more than half of the events. If the number of events won is equal, the following criteria apply in sequence: highest number of games won, point difference. If a pool system is used (a system in which a number of clubs play all the relevant teams one or more times), the criteria are, in sequence: match points, game difference, point difference.
3. Any costs of play-off matches are borne by Badminton Nederland unless a best-of-two series (home and away) is used.

## **Article 51: Section champions by category**

In each section, the team that finishes first in the standings after completion of the Youth League, as determined under Article 48, is the section champion.

## **Article 52: National Championships for Competition Teams**

1. At the start of the Youth League, the CW announces the categories for which National Championships for Competition Teams are organised. All section champions in the relevant Youth League categories take part.

2. Section champions as referred to in Article 51 are required to participate in the National Championships for Competition Teams (NKC).
3. A club may request an exemption from the obligation to participate in the NKC from the CW within one week after confirmation of the section championship. The CW decides within two weeks after receipt of the request.

### **Article 53: Unfinished Youth League**

1. If, due to interruption or early termination of the Youth League, not all rounds can be played, the Board of Badminton Nederland will take a decision after hearing the CW.
2. In an unfinished section, the final order of teams is determined by:
  - a. a team that has won all matches played is champion;
  - b. where teams are tied, the quotient of the total number of match points and the number of Youth League matches played;
  - c. where the quotient is equal, the percentage of games won;
  - d. otherwise, by drawing lots.
3. In unforeseen circumstances, the Board of Badminton Nederland may declare the season void and decide that no promotion or relegation will take place.

## **CHAPTER VII CANCELLATION PROCEDURE**

### **Article 54: Circumstances for cancellation**

1. Weather or other circumstances may arise that justify full or partial cancellation, for example a very severe storm, black ice or fog. In such circumstances, the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) issues a warning by radio/television and online advising people to travel only where necessary.
2. In general, cancellation may be decided upon when travelling is not considered responsible, either nationwide or in a particular region. Specific grounds for cancellation may include:
  - a. a national or regional weather alert by KNMI, or an announcement of extreme or dangerous weather (red or orange warning level);
  - b. the threat or execution of a terrorist attack in the Netherlands resulting in road closures or official advice to stay at home;
  - c. other warnings issued by the authorities through the media advising people to remain at home as much as possible (for example flooding).

### **Article 55: Cancellation Coordinator**

1. If one of the circumstances referred to in Article 54 occurs, Badminton Nederland may cancel the Youth League in whole or in part. After consultation with the Badminton Nederland office, the decision is taken by the Cancellation Coordinator in accordance with the procedure below. The initiative may

come from the Cancellation Coordinator or the CW. If cancellation is decided, it is communicated via Teletext and [www.badminton.nl](http://www.badminton.nl).

2. Two persons are responsible for cancellations: the Cancellation Coordinator and the deputy. One of them can be reached during every competition weekend at 06-34073776. Decision-making authority rests with the coordinator on duty. In the event of full or partial cancellation, any costs incurred by clubs are part of the normal match risk and are not reimbursed.

### **Cancellation procedure**

**Trigger: weather alert/weather warning or government advice to stay at home**



CW, Badminton Nederland office and area contact persons inform the Cancellation Coordinator



Cancellation Coordinator consults the CW and the competition officer within the Badminton Nederland office



**Cancellation Coordinator decides on full or partial cancellation of badminton competitions**



Cancellation Coordinator publishes the cancellation on [www.badminton.nl](http://www.badminton.nl) and informs Badminton Nederland Communications for a press release



Clubs with a cancelled match inform the opponent's CCP

## **CHAPTER VIII EXEMPTIONS**

### **Article 56: Articles eligible for exemption**

1. At a club's request, the CW may grant an exemption from the following provisions of these Regulations:

Chapter II, Article 9 (away and home matches);

Chapter III, Article 14 paragraph 2 (eligible players);

Chapter IV, Article 23 (completion of the competition);

Article 24 (venue requirements);

Article 25 paragraph 4 (playing days and times);

Chapter V, Article 28 (match date);

Article 34 paragraph 1 (playing for multiple teams);

Article 45 (matches not played);

Chapter VII, Article 50 paragraph 1 (participation in play-off matches).

2. At a club's request, the CW may also grant an exemption from articles in supplementary match provisions where the relevant article is identified as eligible for exemption.

## **Article 57: Procedure**

A club must submit an exemption request to the CW no later than two weeks before the date on which the exemption is to take effect. The CW notifies the applicant and other parties concerned of its decision within one week after receipt of the request.

# **CHAPTER IX VIOLATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEFAULTS**

## **Article 58: General**

1. Violations of these Regulations are handled in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
2. In respect of the same violation, an administrative measure may be imposed in addition to a disciplinary sanction, and vice versa.

## **Article 59: Administrative defaults**

Any incorrect or late submission or payment may be regarded as an administrative default within the meaning of Chapter XII, Article 40 of the Disciplinary Regulations.

## **Article 60: Violations**

1. Any act or omission that breaches a provision of these Regulations or the supplementary match provisions may be regarded as a violation within the meaning of Chapter III, Article 12 of the Disciplinary Regulations.
2. The following are among the acts regarded as violations within the meaning of Chapter III, Article 12 of the Disciplinary Regulations:
  - a. a club fields a player in an event who is not eligible to play;
  - b. a club fields a player under a false name or identity;
  - c. a player commits misconduct during a competition tie;
  - d. a club team fails to appear, as described in Articles 43 and 45;
  - e. a club provides incorrect information in the submissions required under Articles 20, 27, 40, 44 and 45.

## **Article 61: Administrative charges and maximum fines**

- a. Repeated administrative default: €25
- b. Repeatedly appearing with an incomplete team: €40



- c. Failure to appear: €75
- d. Entering fictitious results when a team fails to appear or appears incomplete: €100
- e. A player taking part in a match under another name: €100
- f. Deliberately entering an incorrect result in order to influence the course of the competition: €100
- g. One person participating in overlapping Badminton Nederland competitions under different membership numbers: €75
- h. Withdrawal before the start of the first competition week: €75
- i. Withdrawal during the Youth League: €100 in addition to the entry fee
- j. Failure to complete the Youth League: €100 in addition to the entry fee

## Article 62: Other sanctions

| Violation                                                                                                  | Sanction                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fielding an ineligible player.                                                                             | The ineligible player's event is declared lost by the maximum score.                                                                                                                 |
| Failure to appear.                                                                                         | Deduction of 1 match point per event.                                                                                                                                                |
| Entering fictitious results where a team fails to appear or appears incomplete.                            | Deduction of 2 match points per fictitiously entered event for both teams.                                                                                                           |
| Deliberately entering an incorrect result in order to influence the course of the competition.             | Deduction of 1 match point per event for both teams.                                                                                                                                 |
| A player taking part in a match under another name.                                                        | Deduction of 2 match points per event played and the event is declared lost by the maximum score; the sanction applies to the team for which the player competed under another name. |
| One person taking part in overlapping Badminton Nederland competitions under different membership numbers. | All events played are declared lost by the maximum score.                                                                                                                            |

## CHAPTER X PROTEST AND APPEAL

### Article 63: Right and manner of submission

1. Clubs participating in a competition may lodge a protest with the CW against decisions of Youth Competition Management taken under the Competition Regulations.
2. A protest is considered only if the following conditions are met:

- a. the protest must be received by the Badminton Nederland office no later than one week after receipt of the decision; where the decision was published only in an Official Communication, the day after the date of that communication is regarded as the day on which the decision was communicated;
- b. the protest must state the reasons;
- c. the protest is considered only after receipt of a fee of €15. If the protest is upheld wholly or in part, the fee is refunded. If the fee has not been received within two weeks after expiry of the protest period, the protest is inadmissible.

## **Article 64: Handling**

- 1. In the case of a protest against a sanction as referred to in Articles 61 and 62, or against another type of decision of the CW, the CW decides within one month after all parties concerned have been heard.
- 2. Depending on the nature of the protest, the CW may depart from the one-month period, provided a decision is made within one month after expiry of the period referred to in paragraph 1.
- 3. If the period in paragraph 1 is extended, the parties concerned are informed.
- 4. The CW notifies the parties concerned of its decision and states the grounds on which it is based.

## **Article 65: Appeal**

- 1. An appeal may be lodged with the Board of Badminton Nederland against a decision of the CW as referred to in Article 64, provided that the decision does not concern a sanction as referred to in Articles 61 and 62.
- 2. An appeal is considered only if the following conditions are met:
  - a. the appeal must be received by the Badminton Nederland office no later than one week after the CW decision;
  - b. the appeal must state the reasons;
  - c. the appeal is considered only after receipt of a fee of €50. If the appeal is upheld wholly or in part, the fee is refunded. If the fee is not received within 14 days after expiry of the appeal period, the appeal is inadmissible.
- 3. For an appeal as referred to in Article 63, the Board of Badminton Nederland decides within one month. Depending on the nature of the appeal, the Board may depart from this period, provided that a decision is made within one month after expiry of the period. If the period is extended, the club lodging the appeal is informed.
- 4. The Board of Badminton Nederland notifies the club lodging the appeal and the other parties of its decision and states the grounds on which it is based.

## **Article 66: Further appeal**

No appeal is possible against a decision of the Board of Badminton Nederland.

## CHAPTER XI FINAL PROVISIONS

### Article 67: Unforeseen cases and interpretation

1. In cases not provided for by these Regulations, the Board of Badminton Nederland decides after hearing the CW, in accordance with the Statutes.
2. The Regulations Committee advises on the interpretation of the articles of these Regulations, in accordance with the Statutes.

## APPENDIX 1 MODIFIED COURT

**Modified court for singles in the Silver category.**



**Modified court for doubles in the Silver category.**

