PART III

SECTION 5B

OLYMPIC GAMES REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

- 1. The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. 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 Olympic Games Regulations for Badminton shall take precedence.
- Seeding
- 2.1 There shall be sixteen seeds in singles and four seeds in doubles of the five events in the Olympic Games Badminton competition.
- 2.2 The seeds for the 2012 Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be determined using the BWF ranking list of 3 May 2012.

3. Method of Competition

- 3.1 The competition shall be played in two stages Group Play stage and Knock-out stage
- 3.2 The draw for the Competition, at which each competing Member Association may be represented, shall be made as per the date lines set in the General Competition Regulations.

3.3 Group play stage

Initially, the players / pairs will play in groups, as below, where all players / pairs in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved (See diagram below).

Events	No. of Groups	Maximum players / pairs in each Group				
Singles	16	4				
Doubles	4	4				

Singles:

Top Half

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Bottom Half:

Group I	Group J	Group K	Group L	Group M	Group N	Group O	Group P
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

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Doubles:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

- 3.3.2 The participating players / pairs will be ranked based on the latest published World Ranking list prior to the seeding date.
- 3.3.3 <u>Draw</u>

Singles:

- 3.3.3.1 The seeded players shall be placed at top of each group as follows:
 - a) No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
 - b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group P
 - c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups E and L.
 - d) No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the top of Group C, G, J and N.
 - e) No. 9 to 16 drawn by lot at the top of the remaining groups.
 - 3.3.3.2 The remaining players shall be drawn in groups as follows:
 - a) 16 players in step 5 shall be drawn by lot with one player into each of the 16 groups.
 - b) The remaining players shall be distributed in groups by lot in a step by step manner in the serial order until all players in the draw are placed (Step 6 to 8).

No. of		Group															
players	players placed	A	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	О	P
Step 1 (3.4.3.1)	2	1															2
Step 2 (3.4.3.1)	2					3/4							3/4				
Step 3 (3.4.3.1)	4			5/8				5/8			5/8				5/8		
Step 4 (3.4.3.1)	8		9/ 16		9/16		9/16		9/16	9/16		9/16		9/16		9/16	
Step 5	16		Players are drawn into the 16 groups by lot.														
Step 6	6				4		6		2	1		5		3			
Step 7	10	10	2	6		8		4			3		7		5	1	9
Step 8	16	16	8	12	4	14	6	10	2	1	9	5	13	3	11	7	15

Doubles:

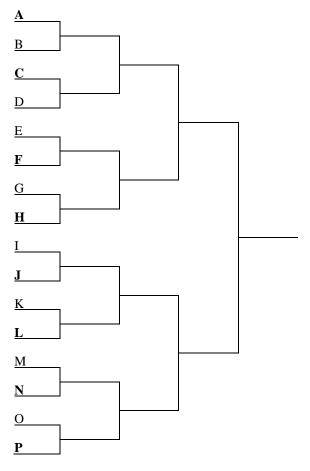
- 3.3.3.3 The seeded players shall be placed at top of each group as follows:
 - a) No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
 - b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group D
 - c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C.
- 3.3.3.4 The remaining players shall be distributed in groups by lot.
- 3.3.4 In all group play, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

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3.4 Knock-out stage

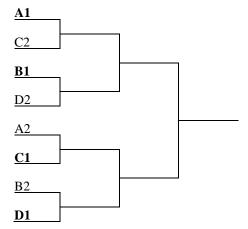
Singles:

- 3.4.1 Top ranked player from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.
- 3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be, as below, and the winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:



Doubles

- 3.4.3 Two top ranked pairs from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.
- 3.4.4 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be, as below, and the two top ranked pairs in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:



4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries from any one NOC shall be drawn as follows:
- 4.1.1 the first and second ranked entries by lot in opposite halves of the draw;
- 4.1.2 the third ranked entry by lot in one of the two remaining quarters / groups;
- 4.1.3 the ranking of entries from an NOC can be amended by the seeding. If this is done a new ranking order is implicitly established and should be used for the purposes of Regulation 4.1.
- 4.2 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Olympic Games Organising Committee or in line with the IOC's late replacement policies.

5. Substitutions

5.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered. Where the disqualified player is part of a doubles pair, that pair will be disqualified and receive no ranking points for the event entered.
- 6.2 Any beaten player / pair will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as loser(s).

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