



Badminton North Harbour Internal Competition Rules

These rules are effective from January 1, 2026. All previous rules are revoked.

Definitions

'Association' shall mean Badminton North Harbour

'BNH' or 'Badminton North Harbour' shall mean the person(s) overall responsible for organizing the interclub, summer league, ladder, and closed championship competition. This includes the Chief Executive, Events Manager and Association Secretary.

'Tie' shall mean the series of matches played or to be played between two teams

'Match' shall mean an individual singles, doubles, or mixed doubles match between members of opposing teams

Laws

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton as adopted by the Badminton World Federation

Eligibility

1. The Interclub and Closed Championships competitions shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association. The qualifications to play for a club shall be a 'bona fide' member of any one club who are registered to Badminton North Harbour Association.
2. The Summer League Ladder competition does not require a player to be a member of a North Harbour club.
3. A player may represent **one club only** in each competition unless, they are part of the reserve pool.
4. A player may only play for one team on any given night.

Authority

BNH shall have the authority over the competitions to legislate for and determine all matters not specifically provided for in these rules, to call for and hear evidence to determine all matters of dispute, and to disqualify or penalize any teams for breach of rules. The decision of BNH shall be final.

Competitions

BNH will conduct competitions in various grades and formats and shall call for entries in writing from all affiliated club (plus the community for Summer League). Entries will include full team lists in ranked order and will also include the team captain's name and contact details. When finalized, the draw will be displayed on the Badminton North Harbour website under 'BNH Competitions' and all clubs will be notified that the draw is available. The cost of each BNH internal competition will be detailed in the entry information that is made available.



Graded Interclub Rules 2026

1. Criteria

There will be two events as follows:

Men's League – two (2) grades

Mixed League – three (3) grades

2. Men's League

This will consist of four male players.

Up to six players only can be named and played during the competition.

A tie will include six (6) doubles matches:

Each tie will be allocated one court.

3. Mixed League

This will consist of four players, of which one must be female who must play in each tie.

Up to six players only can be named and played during the competition.

A tie will include three (3) double matches and three (mixed) matches:

Each tie will be allocated one court.

6. General

- a) The team members in all leagues will be listed in graded order as submitted by the club and approved by BNH. This order must be maintained unless a replacement player is used, and their grading is such that they alter the order of team members. BNH reserves the right to re-grade a reserve player if they are deemed to be wrongly graded.
- b) If a club has extra players that they cannot use within teams, email lisa@bnh.org.nz. BNH will endeavor to compile teams for these players.
- c) A reserve player pool may be established. All clubs can use players from this pool provided:
 - 1) They are of comparable standard to the person they are replacing
 - 2) If they play three (3) or more times for anyone (1) team, they are deemed a team member and will be withdrawn from the reserve pool
- d) All matches in all divisions to be the best of three games to 15 points with extension.
- e) The winner decided as per the BWF rules (see point 10 & 11).
- f) The entire interclub competition will extend from August to September (depending on the number of teams).
- g) All ties are to be played within the spirit of the regulations. If this is not adhered to, BNH may intervene.

7. Grading

- a) Each club is responsible for the selection and submission of teams via the online registration process.
Please note that there is a maximum number of players that can be named and played for each team.
- b) Each club is responsible for the grading of their teams based on the guidelines as detailed in the Interclub Competition Information Document. Clubs must make up teams according to a player's grade.

BNH reserves the right to assess the strength of the team(s) and re-grade them to ensure a fair and valid competition is achieved.

- c) A player must nominate one team to be their official Interclub team. Any further team they play for will classify the player as a reserve for that team and clause 7.d) will apply.
- d) Any player who plays in a grade or section above their listed grade or section more than two (2) times in a season shall be ineligible to play in their original team.
- e) If a club enters two or more teams into the same grade, these teams will be seen to be ranked by the club in strength order. I.e. if two teams are entered from one club, they will be known as team 1 & 2.

8. Commencement

- a) All courts will be available from 7pm. **Play should commence no later than 7.10pm.**
- b) If a team does not have two players available to play by 7.30pm, then the tie is defaulted.
- c) If a player from a team does not arrive by 7.45pm, then that player's matches are defaulted. The only exception is where the opposition have been advised at the beginning and agreed to accept the late arrival.
- d) Play shall be continuous throughout the evening until all matches are completed or the lights have gone out which will occur at 10.00pm. Some courts will be extended to 11.00pm in order for ties to be completed. In the event of a tie being unfinished the results of the tie will be decided on completed matches.

9. Playing of Ties

- a) The order of play shall be that as printed on the tie sheet unless otherwise agreed between the opposing teams.
- b) All matches in all events will be the **best of three games to 15 points with extension to 21** if required. We are trialing the proposed scoring system that the BWF have indicated may come into play in the near future. i.e. a match could finish at 21-20.

10. Winner per Tie – BWF Scoring System

- a) The winner shall be determined by the team who has won the highest number of matches.
- b) If matches are even, then the winner is determined by the team with the highest number of games won.
- c) If games are even, then the winner is determined by the team that has the highest point's differential (for & against).
- d) Teams will be awarded 1 point for each match won and 2 bonus points for winning the tie.

11. Competition Results – BWF Scoring System

- a) The winner of the competition shall be the team with the most competition points.
- b) If two (2) teams gain the same number of competition points the winner shall be the team that won the tie when the two teams played each other.
- c) If three or more players/pairs have won, the same number of matches ranking will be decided by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
If this leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
- d) If three or more players/pairs have won, the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, ranking will be decided by the result of the match between them.
If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- e) All results will be posted on the North Harbour website and on the Interclub notice board at the North Harbour Badminton Centre.

12. Rankings

- a) The team playing order is determined by the order the team is submitted to Badminton North Harbour.
This order must not change for the duration of the competition
- b) **Penalty for playing out of order:** Players in a team must play in the same order as submitted by the club and approved by BNH. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in all games that involved the said player being defaulted.

13. Inappropriate Grade

The following process will be followed when a team is found guilty of playing an individual in an inappropriate grade:

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| First Offence: | The team will forfeit the tie in question. |
| Second Offence: | The team will forfeit the tie. The club can request that player plays in a higher grade. BNH management must agree. Any further offences and that player is excluded from playing in a team for the remainder of the season. |

The following process will be followed when a team is found guilty of playing an individual under a false identity:

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| First Offence: | The team will forfeit the tie and the player in question will be excluded from the Interclub Competition for the remainder of the current season. |
| Second Offence: | The team will forfeit the tie and the player in question will be excluded from the Interclub Competition for the remainder of the current season. The corresponding Club will be fined \$100.00. |

BNH to conduct random team and identity checks on a regular basis.

14. Player Draft

- a) The club with the majority of players representing any one composite team will have that team play under their club name.
- b) Any draft player must have their selection ratified by the association to ensure that a player is graded correctly.
- c) If necessary, a reserve player list is to be held by BNH. If a club can't find their own reserve, they can contact BNH who will attempt to provide a reserve from the reserve list. Rule 15 (m) then applies.

15. Replacements/Reserves

- a) A list of reserve players and their grade MUST be submitted to Badminton North Harbour by emailing lisa@bnh.org.nz by Wednesday 29 July.
- b) A club may submit additional names and grades during the season only if the team has not reached their six-player limit.
- c) BNH has the right to re-grade any player submitted.
- d) A player CANNOT play in a team as a reserve unless their name and grade has previously been submitted to Badminton North Harbour and approved.
- e) The name and grade of a reserve player must be submitted to Badminton North Harbour no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the tie the player is to play in.
- f) Where a regular team member is unavailable for a tie a replacement will be permitted provided:
 - a. The replacement player(s) is bona fide member of that club or has not represented another club in that competition. Note – the Registration Fees Policy allows for a player to play one tie before they are required to be a registered player. Note – a player can only play for one club as a reserve player
- g) **The player is noted on the tie sheet as a “reserve”**
- h) The replacement must play in the team in the lowest position; except where it is felt that they are stronger than an existing player in the team. In this case; the reserve is to play in a position which is

indicative of the player's strength. BNH reserves the right to default the games played by a player where they have been played in an obviously incorrect position

- i) A player may play for more than one team from a club in a higher section or grade than their named team, i.e. if a club has two teams in a higher section then a player may reserve for both teams. This must be in accordance with rule 15 (f).
- j) Any player who plays in a grade or section above their listed grade or section two (2) times in a season shall be ineligible to play in their original team in accordance with 7(d).
- k) If a replacement cannot be found, then the players available must play in the highest positions available; i.e. the lowest position must be defaulted.
- l) A reserve player may play for more than one team from the same club in the same grade, only if the team they are a reserve in is higher than their own team. i.e. If a player's permanent team is team three they can reserve into teams one and two but not team four in that grade. A player may only play for one team per night of play.
- m) A player may only play as a reserve on two occasions. The team for whom they play for on the second occasion will become their permanent team and they can no longer be classified as a reserve player or play for their original team.
- n) Where there is a final play-off all players who play for a team in this tie must have played for the team or in the event that a reserve is required. BNH must be advised and the player approved as a fair replacement. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in any games which the player plays being defaulted.
- o) If any player or pair of players is unable to complete a match in progress through sickness or injury, substitution does not apply, and the match shall be awarded to the opposing team.

16. Default

The default rules are in force as from the times the draw is released i.e. if a club withdraws a team after the draw is published, they are liable for default fees for every tie as per (b).

- a) Any club desiring to default a tie shall notify BNH and the club captain of the opposing team. Team captain contact details to be made available.
- b) Any club that defaults a tie shall not be eligible for a part refund of the entry fee.
- c) A team who defaults their games because of failure to appear, will be charged a penalty of \$50 per tie. This amount will be invoiced to the club.

17. Captains

- a) Each team shall be under the control of a captain whose name and telephone numbers (mobile) shall be made available to BNH. These numbers will be made available to other team captains should there be a need to contact another team.
- b) The captain of each team shall complete the team sheet, listing the names of the players in their correct ranking.
- c) All matches shall be played on the court specified and in accordance with the draw.
- d) It is the duty of both captains to properly record the results of all matches on the score sheet. On completion of the tie the team captains shall sign the completed score sheet and place in the office postage slot. Failure to do this may result in a default.
- e) If a score is not written on the tie sheet, it will be deemed a 'no match' and no points will be awarded to either team.
- f) If the incorrect players name is recorded on the tie sheet, then a financial penalty of \$100.00 will be imposed on the club, the tie will be defaulted and the team captain who signed the tie sheet will be ineligible to play in any future ties in that competition. **A very hard line is taken on false information being submitted by teams.**
- g) Any changes, replacements, injuries etc must be noted on the tie sheet.

19. Fees

The team fees will be as follows:

Open League	\$240.00
Mixed League	\$240.00

Clubs will be invoiced by Badminton North Harbour for the entire competition once the draws are finalised. If a team withdraws after the draw has been published, they will not be eligible for a refund.

20. Shuttles

- a) Feather shuttles shall be used in all divisions. These will be provided by Badminton North Harbour.
- b) If teams have shuttles left at the end of the tie, it is suggested that these be kept by the team captain and used for future ties should a team find themselves short.
- c) If there are quality issues with the shuttles, please collect the shuttles in question and return them to the BNH office with a brief summary of the issues.

21. Attire

- a) Court attire must be of a type and style intended for use in racket sports in accordance with the Badminton New Zealand clothing code.
- b) Non-marking shoes must be worn.