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1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. Regional teams shall be comprised of ten (10) players who qualified at their respective CAF Regional Championships. Only after exhausting all possible alternates, may a player, who had not qualified due to operational reasons, be chosen to fill a vacant position on the team. Should this occur, the player being selected, upon approval from the respective RSMgr to augment a regional team, he/she is to be seeded as a 'singles' player, based on his/her skill level in comparison to other singles players in that category.
- 1.2. The age category of Senior and Master Players, will be based on his age as of the first (1st) January of the CAF Regional/National Badminton Championship competition year.
- 1.3. Certificates of eligibility must include player's date of birth.
- 1.4. Age categories are as follows:
 - a. Open: Open age;
 - b. Senior: Men 35 years of age and over;
 - c. Masters: Men 45 years of age and over; and
 - d. Women: Open age.
- 1.5. The team composition shall be as follows:
 - a. **Men's Categories:**
 - i. **Open:** There shall be a maximum of four (4) competitors in the Men's Open category consisting of the top four (4) players from your Regional singles event.
 - Men's Open Singles - players shall be seeded #1 to #4 based on their results from singles play.
 - Men's Open Doubles - two doubles teams shall be formed from the four (4) singles players; and seeded #1 & #2.
 - ii. **Seniors:** There shall be a maximum of two (2) competitors (35 year of age and over) consisting of the winner and runner-up from the Regional singles event.
 - Men's Senior Singles - Players shall be seeded #1 and #2 respectively;
 - Men's Senior Doubles – The players competing in the Men's Senior Singles Competition will also compete as the Men's Senior Doubles Team.
 - iii. **Masters:** There shall be a maximum of two (2) competitors (45 years of age and over) consisting of the winner and runner-up from the Regional singles event.
 - Men's Master Singles - Players shall be seeded #1 and #2 respectively.
 - Men's Master Doubles - The players competing in the Men's Master Singles Competition will also compete as the Men's Master Doubles Team.

b. Women's Category

- i. **Open:** There shall be a maximum of two (2) competitors in the Women's Open Competitions, consisting of the winner and runner-up from the Regional singles event.
 - Women's Open Singles - Players shall be seeded #1 and #2 respectively.
 - Women's Open Doubles - The players competing in the Women's Open Singles Competition will also compete as the Women's Open Doubles Team.

c. Mixed Category:

- i. **Open Mixed Doubles** - There shall be a maximum of four (4) players (two female and two male players) participating in this category. These teams shall be seeded #1 and #2.

Note: Male players can be selected from any of the age categories

2. RULES

- 2.1. Play shall be conducted in accordance with the current rules of [Badminton Canada](#) and in accordance with the [CAF Sports Championships Operations Manual](#).
- 2.2. As per the [Badminton World Federation Rules](#): "players are expected to wear appropriate attire (short, skirt or skort, t-shirt or collared shirt, shoes and socks). Tank tops are not considered appropriate attire, nor are tops that depict vulgar language or defamatory logos or designs.
- 2.3. Associated with [Part II, Section 2, Article 3.1.8 of Badminton Canada](#), the Chief Official is responsible for ensuring that players clothing conform with para 6 and that any violations are rectified as soon as being witnessed.

3. SUSPENSIONS

- 3.1. Reference [Chapter 5 – Suspensions](#), for infractions that may be applied to any sport.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 4.1. The Championship shall consist of first, a single round-robin Team Tournament followed by an Individual Single Elimination Tournament.

5. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5.1. The Team Championship consists of a single round-robin tournament where each player/team shall compete within his/her designated category and seeded position in the following categories:
 - a. **Open Singles:** first, second, third and fourth seeds
 - b. **Open Doubles:** first and second seeds;
 - c. **Senior Singles:** first and second seeds;

- d. **Senior Doubles:** first and second seeds;
- e. **Master Singles:** first and second seeds;
- f. **Master Doubles:** first and second seeds;
- g. **Women's Singles:** first and second seeds;
- h. **Women's Doubles:** first and second seeds; and
- i. **Mixed Doubles:** first and second seeds.

5.2. Draw

- a. The competition draw shall be established by CAFSO and/or the Chief Official/Host Base staff, prior to the start of the CAF National Championship.

5.3. Team Scoring

- a. One (1) point shall be awarded for each match won during the round-robin competition. A match shall consist of the best two out of three games. A defaulted game shall be scored 21- 0, against the player/team defaulting. The scores of each game played within a match during the round-robin event shall be recorded on the Round-Robin Match Results sheet.

5.4. Tie-Breaking

- a. Ties in Team Standings, at the end of the round-robin competition, shall be broken as follows:
 - i. If two (2) teams are tied, the teams with the higher number of match wins between the two teams shall be declared the team champion; or
 - ii. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the champion shall be decided by applying the win/loss record during the games played between the tied teams, in the following manner:
 - The team with the least number of losses shall be declared the champion; or
 - If the tie still remains, each team's total number of points scored for is divided by the total points scored against, for all the games played during the round-robin. The team with the highest quotient shall be declared the champion.

6. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1. Separate Championships shall be conducted in the following categories:

- a. Men's Open Singles;
- b. Men's Open Doubles;
- c. Men's Senior Singles;
- d. Men's Senior Doubles;
- e. Men's Master Singles;
- f. Men's Master Doubles;
- g. Women's Singles;

- h. Women's Doubles; and
- i. Mixed Doubles.

6.2. Draw

- a. The Chief Official/Host base staff are responsible for the single elimination draws of the Individual Championships. All players shall participate in the elimination round. Each competitor will be placed into the elimination draw based on his/her performance from the Team Championship as follows:
 - i. Men's Open Singles - All competitors shall move forward into the elimination draw where a total of four (4) players shall be seeded.
 - ii. Men's Open Doubles, Men's Senior Singles, Men's Senior Doubles, Men's Master Singles, Men's Master Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles – All competitors/teams shall move forward into the elimination draw where a total of two (2) competitors/teams shall be seeded.
- b. Placing of Seeds
- c. Seeded players will be placed into the elimination draw as follows:
 - i. First and second seeds are placed at the top and bottom of the draws respectively;
 - ii. In the Men's Open Singles Draw, the third and fourth seeds are drawn in either position #5 or #12; and
 - iii. All other competitors/teams are placed into the draws based on their performance during the round-robin event.

7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. The official shuttle of the championship shall be a feather shuttle (speed 78) and may be any of the various models; Black Knight SH6850, Li Ning A+90, Li Ning A+100, RSL Tourney #4, RSL Tourney #5, Victor Tourney, Victor Champion, Yonex Aerosensa 20, or Yonex Aerosensa 30.
- 7.2. All member's must wear the following equipment listed in the table below:

MANDATORY	RECOMMENDED
Players	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protective Eyewear when three (3) or more players are on the same court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protective Eyewear is <u>highly</u> recommended, for single play.

8. INJURY PREVENTION

- 8.1. It is important that injury prevention strategies are reviewed by all members of the team, coaches, officials, athletic trainers, and organizers. Refer to [Chapter 6](#), for future injury prevention.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. The winner of the Team Championship shall be awarded a banner. Members of the winning team and runner-up team shall be presented with individual medals.
- 9.2. Individual medals shall be awarded to both winners and runners-up from each of the Individual categories.
- 9.3. At the end of the National Championship, members may nominate a player that has exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship including ethical & responsible behaviour, fair play, integrity and respect combined with a high standard of playing ability. The Jury of Appeal and/or Chief Official will select the recipient based on the nominations brought forward.
- 9.4. See awards breakdown in the table below:

<u>Awards / Recognition</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nationals</u>	<u>Regionals</u>
Championship Banner	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Gold Medals (team)	10	✓	✓
Silver Medals (team)	10	✓	✓
Gold Medals (Individual) ref para 6.1	14	✓	✓
Silver Medals (Individual) ref para 6.1	14	✓	✓
Sportsmanship	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Officials	5	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Trainers	1-2	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Jury of Appeal	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
VIP's / Patrons	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution