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PART 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

1.1.1 These General Competition Regulations (GCR) are established by Ghana Badminton, the National Governing Body for the sport of badminton in the Republic of Ghana, pursuant to its constitutional authority.

1.1.2 The purposes of these Regulations are:

- **a)** To provide a clear, fair, and consistent framework for the organization and conduct of all sanctioned badminton events in Ghana.
- **b)** To establish standardized policies for ranking, seeding, entry, and discipline.
- **c)** To ensure all competitions are safe, equitable, and enjoyable for players, coaches, officials, and other stakeholders.
- **d)** To align domestic regulations with the fundamental principles of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Laws of Badminton.

1.1.3 These Regulations apply to all categories of events sanctioned by Ghana Badminton, including but not limited to National Championships, Ranking Tournaments, Junior Series, Masters events, and University/College competitions.

1.1.4 In all matters not specifically addressed herein, the current BWF Laws of Badminton and BWF General Competition Regulations shall apply as the default standard.

1.1.5 All participants (players, coaches, officials, and volunteers) in Ghana Badminton sanctioned events automatically agree to abide by these Regulations, the BWF Laws of Badminton, and Ghana Badminton's Code of Conduct.

1.1.6 Please be aware that any printed copy of these Regulations may not be the current version. Always check for the current version on the official Ghana Badminton website.

1.2 DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

For the purpose of these Regulations, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned:

Term	Definition
Ghana Badminton (GBA)	The national governing body for the sport of badminton in Ghana.
BWF	Badminton World Federation.

Term	Definition
Sanctioned Event	Any tournament, championship, or competition formally approved in writing by Ghana Badminton.
Participant	Any player, coach, official, volunteer, or support staff involved in a sanctioned event.
Tournament Referee	The technical official appointed by Ghana Badminton to have overall charge of the conduct of a tournament.
Umpire	A certified technical official appointed to be in charge of a specific match, its court, and immediate surrounds.
Service Judge	An official responsible for calling service faults.
Line Judge	An official responsible for indicating whether a shuttle landed in or out on assigned lines.
Main Draw	The primary competition bracket of an event.
Qualifying Draw	A preliminary competition bracket used to determine entrants into the main draw.

Term	Definition
Walkover	A situation where a player/pair wins a match because the opponent fails to appear or is disqualified before the match begins.
Default	A situation where a player/pair is removed from a match or event due to misconduct, lateness, or violation of regulations.
Retirement	A situation where a player/pair stops playing during a match due to injury or illness.
Let	A halt in play called by the umpire to restart a rally without a point being awarded.
Fault	A violation of the Laws of Badminton resulting in a point for the opposing side.
Rally	A sequence of one or more strokes starting with the service, until the shuttle ceases to be in play.

1.3 TOURNAMENT DEFINITIONS AND CATEGORIES

Ghana Badminton recognizes the following categories of sanctioned events:

Category	Definition
National Championships	Annual events to crown national champions in Senior, Junior, Masters, and Para-badminton categories.
Ghana Ranking Tournaments	Series events open to eligible players where points are awarded for the official National Ranking System.
Junior Elite Series	High-performance events restricted by ranking or merit for junior development (U13, U15, U17, U19).
Junior Super Series	Premier junior events with higher entry requirements and prize money.
Senior Elite Series	High-performance senior events with ranking points and prize money.
Open Tournaments	Events sanctioned by Ghana Badminton but open to international participants or organized by affiliated clubs.
Multi-Sport Events	Competitions such as the African Games or National Sports Festival where badminton is included.

Category	Definition
Regional/Regional Championships	Events organized by regional associations and counted towards national ranking with adjusted weighting.

1.4 SANCTIONING OF EVENTS

1.4.1 Any organizer (affiliated club, regional association, or institution) wishing to host a sanctioned event must apply for a Sanction from Ghana Badminton no later than **twelve (12) weeks** prior to the proposed start date.

1.4.2 The application must be submitted in writing to the Ghana Badminton Secretariat and include:

- a) Proposed tournament name and dates.
- b) Venue details, including court specifications and facilities.
- c) Proposed prize money and entry fees.
- d) Organizing committee structure.
- e) Confirmation of adherence to all GCR requirements.

1.4.3 Ghana Badminton reserves the right to grant, conditionally grant, or refuse any sanction application. If refused, a written reason shall be provided.

1.4.4 Sanctioned events must use the official Ghana Badminton online entry and tournament management system (e.g., Tournament Software) as provided by GBA.

1.4.5 Failure to abide by the terms of sanction may result in revocation of sanction, fines, or suspension from hosting future events.

1.4.6 A calendar for the period Jan 1 to December 31 shall be finalized by Ghana Badminton and published on the official website.

1.4.7 Sanctioned tournament rights (commercial, television, internet, audio, film, and other media rights) shall automatically belong to Ghana Badminton, unless licenses or concessions are granted in writing to the host organizer.

1.4.8 When a player enters a sanctioned event, the creation of television or audio signals and taking of photographs is permitted at all associated venues without further need to seek the player's consent.

PART 2: TOURNAMENT OPERATION AND RANKING

2.1 GENERAL OPERATIONAL GOALS

2.1.1 The goals of this section are to:

- a) Establish a transparent National Ranking System for Senior and Junior players based on domestic results.
- b) Define seeding procedures for all Ghana Badminton sanctioned events.
- c) Provide guidelines for draw development and scheduling to ensure fairness and efficient tournament operations.

2.1.2 The purposes of the National Ranking System are to:

- a) Create a fair and merit-based method for seeding at GBA events.
- b) Identify and promote Ghana's top players.
- c) Encourage participation in GBA sanctioned tournaments.
- d) Assist players in self-promotion and sponsorship opportunities.
- e) Assist in the selection of national teams and Ghana Badminton-funded programs.

2.1.3 National Rankings will be used as a resource for:

- a) Seeding at all GBA sanctioned events.
- b) Entry into Elite and Championship Series events.
- c) Priority for Ghana Badminton funding and invitations to camps.

d) National team selection criteria.

e) Communication to BWF for placement in international event draws.

2.1.4 National Rankings do not result in automatic qualification to a national team but may be part of the selection criteria.

2.2 NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM (SENIOR)

2.2.1 Ghana Badminton shall maintain a Senior National Ranking for players in the following disciplines: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

2.2.2 The Senior National Ranking shall be based on a player's best **three (3)** results achieved in the preceding **365 days**.

2.2.3 Results included in the Senior National Ranking:

- **a)** Senior National Championships.
- **b)** Ghana Senior Elite Series tournaments.
- **c)** International tournaments hosted in Ghana.
- **d)** Regional/Regional Senior Championships (with weighting).
- **e)** Designated Regional Senior events (maximum 5 per region per year).
- **f)** University/College National Championships.

2.2.4 Regional tournament weighting shall be calculated annually based on:

- **a)** Number of competitive members in the region.
- **b)** Number of players appearing in Ghana Badminton's Top 10 National Rankings.
- **c)** Regional weighting percentages: 100%, 90%, 80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, or 25% based on total score thresholds.

2.2.5 Senior Point Tables for all events are provided in Appendix A.

2.3 NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM (JUNIOR)

2.3.1 Ghana Badminton shall maintain a Junior National Ranking for the following age categories: U19, U17, U15, U13 and U11.

2.3.2 The Junior National Ranking shall be based on a player's best **four (4)** results achieved in the preceding **365 days**.

2.3.3 Results included in the Junior National Ranking:

- a) Junior National Championships.
- b) Ghana Junior Elite Series tournaments.
- c) Ghana Junior Super Series tournaments.
- d) International junior tournaments hosted in Ghana.
- e) Regional/Regional Junior Championships (with weighting).
- f) Designated Regional Junior 'A' events.

2.3.4 U11 events will not have a ranking system.

2.3.5 Players competing in a higher age category will carry **30%** of their existing points to the higher age category.

Example: A U15 player with 10,000 points will carry over 3,000 points when competing in a U17 event.

2.3.6 Junior Point Tables for all events are provided in Appendix B.

2.4 POINTS CALCULATION

2.4.1 If a player or pair:

- a) Had a bye in the first round and lost or withdrew in the second round – they receive first round loser's points.
- b) Had a walkover in the first round and lost in the second round – they receive second round loser's points.
- c) Had a bye in the first round, a walkover in the second round, and lost in the third round – they receive third round loser's points.

2.4.2 If Ghana hosts a BWF tournament not listed in the Point Tables, points will be awarded towards National Ranking using the same points as the BWF ranking policy.

2.4.3 Athletes may appear one time (with only the highest points to display) on National Ranking lists if they have multiple partnerships in doubles or mixed doubles.

2.4.4 For doubles events:

- a) Points awarded to a doubles pair are divided equally between both partners for individual doubles ranking.
- b) The sum of individual doubles ranking points of both partners determines the pair's total notional ranking points.

2.5 SEEDING REGULATIONS

2.5.1 Seeding for all Ghana Badminton sanctioned events shall be based on the most current National Rankings published as of the entry deadline.

2.5.2 The number of seeds for an event shall be determined by the total number of entries in that event:

Total Entries	Number of Seeds
48 or more	16 seeds
24 to 47	8 seeds
8 to 23	4 seeds

Total Entries	Number of Seeds
Less than 8	2 seeds

2.5.3 Ghana Badminton shall establish Seeding Committees as needed:

- a) A Junior Seeding Committee for junior events.
- b) A Senior Seeding Committee for senior events.
- c) Each committee shall be composed of 3 members and a chair approved by GBA.

2.5.4 For University/College National Championships, the Seeding Committee shall be composed of a panel of coaches.

2.5.5 For Masters National Championships, the Seeding Committee shall be composed of representatives from the national level.

2.5.6 Senior Seeding Regulations:

2.5.6.1 Seeding shall use points accumulated in the previous 365 days from any of the following: Regional Circuit, Regional Championship, Senior Elite Series, Senior International tournaments hosted in Ghana, or University/College Championships.

2.5.6.2 Singles seeding is determined by the player's three (3) best tournament results.

2.5.6.3 Doubles and Mixed Doubles seeding is determined by the pair's three (3) best tournament results together.

2.5.7 Notional and Adjusted Rankings for Doubles:

2.5.7.1 For a new partnership with less than 3 events played together:

- **a)** A notional ranking is calculated by averaging each player's best points with other partners in the last 365 days (up to 3 tournaments).
- **b)** This notional average is converted into total notional points by multiplying by 3 and then taking 70%.

2.5.7.2 If a pair has competed in fewer than 2 tournaments together in the previous 365 days:

- **a)** 1 tournament together: 70% of average points
- **b)** 2 tournaments together: 85% of average points
- **c)** The adjusted score is then multiplied by 3 to get the adjusted ranking.

2.5.8 The Senior Seeding Committee may alter seeding under the following circumstances:

- **a)** A singles player has a BWF ranking of 150 or better at the date of seeding.
- **b)** A doubles or mixed doubles pair has a BWF ranking of 100 or better at the date of seeding.
- **c)** A player/pair may be seeded based on international results in the last 5 years, comparing BWF rankings and head-to-head results.

2.5.9 Junior Seeding Regulations:

2.5.9.1 Seeding shall use points accumulated in the previous 365 days from Regional 'A' Circuit, Regional Championship, Junior Elite Series, Junior Super Series, Junior International tournaments hosted in Ghana, or Junior National Championships.

2.5.9.2 Singles seeding is determined by the player's three (3) best tournament place finish results within singles events regardless of age category.

2.5.9.3 Doubles and Mixed Doubles seeding is determined by a team's total combined points:
Player A's top 4 results (regardless of partner) + Player B's top 4 results (regardless of partner)
= Team Seeding Score.

2.5.10 If players or pairs have a tie in points:

- a) Points difference
- b) Head-to-head results will be reviewed.
- c) The player/pair with the winning head-to-head record will be seeded higher.
- d) If no head-to-head results exist, the player/pair with the most recent higher place finish at a National Tournament will be seeded higher.

2.6 DRAWS

2.6.1 Ghana Badminton or the Host Committee shall create draws using the official Tournament Software program, which shall then be approved by the Tournament Referee.

2.6.2 Draws shall be posted no later than **1 (1) day** prior to the first day of competition.

2.6.3 Seeds, M & Q shall be posted **two (2) days** prior to the first day of competition.

2.6.4 Draws shall be carried out in accordance with BWF General Competition Regulations (Sections 11.8, 11.9, and 11.10) with exceptions as listed in these Regulations.

2.6.5 Seeded players shall not be separated by region.

2.6.6 Players/teams shall not play a player/team from the same region in the first round unless the number of players from that region exceeds 50% of the draw. Priority will be given to seeded players/teams to avoid playing the same region.

2.6.7 Consolation Draws:

2.6.7.1 Consolation draws shall ONLY be conducted if:

- a) They do not interfere with the scheduling of main round matches.
- b) There is sufficient time to conduct consolations in all events.
- c) Priority is given to tournament entries over consolation draws.

2.6.7.2 Consolation draws shall consist of first-round losers of the main draw.

2.6.7.3 Players defaulting their first-round match or a round robin match are not eligible to participate in the consolation round of that event.

2.6.8 The Host Committee shall publish tournament results online every 2 hours (minimum) during the event and send a copy of the final Tournament Software file to Ghana Badminton within 10 hours following the completion of the event.

2.6.9 Bronze medal matches (3rd/4th place play-offs):

- **a)** Shall always be conducted for Junior National Championships, Junior Elite events, Junior Super Series events, University/College Championships, or Senior Elite events.
- **b)** Shall always be conducted for Senior National Championships and Para National Championships.

2.6.10 If a player/pair withdraws during the Final, Ghana Badminton and the Host Committee reserve the right to withhold the respective prize money.

2.7 SCHEDULING

2.7.1 It is the responsibility of the Host Committee to provide experienced personnel to run the draw desk. Personnel directly involved with the running of the event should not be participants in the tournament.

2.7.2 Ghana Badminton, the Host Committee, and the Tournament Referee shall work collaboratively on the timing and scheduling to ensure adequate flow of play.

2.7.3 A tentative tournament schedule shall be posted in the tournament regulations prior to the entry deadline.

2.7.4 Rest Periods:

- a) Athletes shall be provided with a minimum of **5 minutes** rest between matches unless waived by the athlete.
- b) 5-minute rest is not required for consolation matches.

2.7.5 No match may be called to court after:

- a) **11:00 PM** for U13, U15, and U17 events.
- b) **2:00 AM** for U19 and OPEN/Senior events.

2.7.6 The match schedule for semi-finals and finals shall be established by the Referee, typically in the order of Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The Referee reserves the right to adjust this schedule based on participants to ensure continuous flow.

2.7.7 Scheduling of main rounds shall take precedence over scheduling of any consolation rounds.

2.8 GENDER INCLUSION

2.8.1 Ghana Badminton recognizes Ghana's human rights laws regarding gender identity and expression and is committed to gender equity, diversity, inclusion, and safe sport for all.

2.8.2 Ghana Badminton welcomes transgender participants in all aspects of badminton in Ghana.

2.8.3 Ghana Badminton prohibits discriminatory practices and recognizes the right of all individuals to participate in badminton in the gender with which they identify.

2.8.4 Gender Identification:

2.8.4.1 At both recreational and competitive levels, an individual shall participate in the gender category with which they identify.

2.8.4.2 Individuals are not required to disclose their transgender identity or history to Ghana Badminton or any of its representatives.

2.8.5 All athletes are subject to doping control testing pursuant to the National Anti-Doping Program. Transgender athletes undergoing hormone therapy are encouraged to contact the relevant anti-doping authority to determine any requirements for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

PART 3: EVENT-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1.1 Venue Requirements:

- a) Minimum of 2 courts.
- b) Venue must be available for a minimum of 5 days of play.
- c) Minimum ceiling height: 10.2 meters (33 feet), entirely free of girders and other objects.
- d) Minimum distance between back wall/curtain and baseline: 2 meters (6.5 feet).
- e) Minimum space between courts: 1.2 meters (4 feet) for umpires.
- f) Court lines must be clearly distinguishable from any other lines.
- g) Lighting shall be non-glare, indirect, shaded, or diffused.
- h) Internet access required for media reporting and participant use.
- i) An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be available with easy access from the field of play.

3.1.2 Eligibility:

- Must be a Ghanaian citizen and resident (verifiable by passport or birth certificate).
- Must be a registered licensee of Ghana Badminton.

- Must not have played in any badminton championships restricted to another country within one calendar year of the event date.

3.1.3 Individual Events:

- a) Events shall be held for all 5 disciplines: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.
- b) Athletes may compete in up to three events.
- c) BWF updated and current scoring rules apply (best of three games to 21 points, rally point system until 4 January 2027).

3.1.4 Seeding and Draws:

- a) Seeding done by GBA in collaboration with the Senior Seeding Committee.
- b) Seeds posted 1 days prior to start of play.
- c) Draws published 1 days prior to start of play.
- d) Play-off between semi-final losers for third and fourth place.
- e) Qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

3.1.5 Officials:

- a) Referee and Deputy Referee appointed by GBA.
- b) Minimum 16 umpires in addition to Referee and Deputy Referee.

- c) All main round quarter-finals, semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs, and finals shall be officiated by an umpire and service judge.
- d) Minimum 12 trained line judges for quarter-finals, semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs, and finals.

3.1.6 Trophies and Prizes:

- a) GBA shall supply gold, silver, and bronze engraved medals for winners, finalists, and third place.
- b) Perpetual awards shall be returned to GBA within two weeks of the event.
- c) Prize money, if available, shall be distributed evenly across all five disciplines for men and women alike.

3.2 PARA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.2.1 Venue Requirements:

- a) All requirements as for Senior National Championships.
- b) Additional requirement: Venue must be wheelchair accessible.
- c) Accommodations and facilities must be fully accessible (washrooms, showers, venue access, field of play, etc.).

- d) If the venue is not fully accessible, an additional second facility may be used with GBA approval.

3.2.2 Eligibility:

- a) Same as Senior National Championships.
- b) Para athletes must meet BWF classification requirements.

3.2.3 Individual Events:

3.2.3.1 Singles shall be held for all 6 classifications: WH1, WH2, SL3, SL4, SU5, SH6.

3.2.3.2 Doubles combinations permitted:

- a) WH1/WH2 combined for maximum point class of 3 (Men's, Women's, Mixed).
- b) SL3/SU5 combined for maximum point class of 8 (Women's and Mixed).
- c) SL3/SL4/SU5 combined for maximum point class of 10 (Men's).
- d) SH6 within own sport class.
- e) SL3/SL4 combined for maximum point class of 7 (Men's).

3.2.3.3 Athletes may compete in up to three events.

3.2.3.4 Consolation draws may be held for events with 8 players/pairs or more.

3.2.3.5 GBA and the Tournament Referee reserve the right to alter draw and round robin format depending on number of entries.

3.2.4 The BWF regulations for international events respecting colour of clothing shall act as supporting policy.

3.2.5 There shall be no limit to the number of players entering Para events.

3.2.6 Play-off between semi-final losers for third and fourth place in each event.

3.3 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (U11, U13, U15, U17, U19)

3.3.1 Venue Requirements:

- a) Minimum of 3 courts.
- b) Venue must be available for a minimum of 6 days of play.
- c) All other technical requirements as per Senior National Championships.

3.3.2 Eligibility:

- a) Must be a Ghanaian citizen or permanent resident of Ghana for a minimum of 1 year.
- b) Must be a registered member of Ghana Badminton.
- c) Must not have played in any badminton championship restricted to another country within one calendar year of the event date.

3.3.3 Age Restrictions (as of January 1 of the year of the Championship):

Age Category	Born on or after
U11	January 1, 2016
U13	January 1, 2014
U15	January 1, 2012
U17	January 1, 2010
U19	January 1, 2008
U23	January 1, 2004

3.3.4 Individual Events:

- **a)** Events for all 5 disciplines in all 4 age categories (U13, U15, U17, U19).
- **b)** Athletes may compete in a maximum of one singles, one doubles, and one mixed doubles event.
- **c)** BWF scoring rules apply.

3.3.5 Seeding done by GBA in collaboration with the Junior Seeding Committee.

3.3.6 Seeds posted 14 days prior to start of play; draws published 7 days prior.

3.3.7 No limit to number of players entering.

3.3.8 Qualifying for any draws with more than 64 entries.

3.3.9 Officials:

- **a)** Minimum 16 umpires in addition to Referee and Deputy Referee.
- **b)** Minimum 24 trained line judges for quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals.
- **c)** All main round quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals officiated by umpire and service judge.

3.3.10 No prize money for Junior National Championships.

3.4 MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.4.1 Venue Requirements:

- **a)** Minimum 2 to 8 courts depending on entries.
- **b)** Recommended minimum 1 days of play.
- **c)** Internet access with sufficient bandwidth required.

3.4.2 Eligibility:

- **a)** Must be a member in good standing of Ghana Badminton.

- **b)** International players must be members of their National Association and have a GBA international player membership.

3.4.3 Age Categories (as of first day of competition):

35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+

3.4.4 Individual Events:

- **a)** All 5 disciplines in all 11 age categories.
- **b)** Round robin format for events with 3 or 4 players/pairs.
- **c)** Events with only 2 players played as a final.
- **d)** Consolation draws for draws containing 5 or more players/pairs.

3.4.5 Maximum events per player:

- **a)** 30-34: maximum 3 events.
- **b)** 35-64: maximum 4 events.
- **c)** 65+: maximum 5 events (three must be in own age category if available).

3.4.6 Clothing Regulations:

- **a)** Participants must wear appropriate athletic attire.

- **b)** Follow any specific club policies (e.g., white attire).
- **c)** Doubles players encouraged to match colours.
- **d)** Shorts below the knee are considered inappropriate.

3.4.7 Coaching: No specific coaching regulations. Officials should allow coaching between rallies and at intervals. Players may act as coaches without certification.

3.4.8 Withdrawals: Withdrawing from one event does not require withdrawal from other events.

3.4.9 No bronze medals; only gold and silver awarded. Consolation winners receive engraved medals (bronze coloured).

3.4.10 No prize money.

3.4.11 Social Events:

- **a)** Host Committee must provide two dinner/evening events: Closing Banquet and a Theme Night banquet midweek.
- **b)** Opening Welcome Social on the night prior to competition start.

3.5 UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.5.1 Venue Requirements:

- **a)** Minimum 3 courts.
- **b)** Minimum 4 days of play.

- **c)** AED or sought after medical must be available.

3.5.2 Entry Deadline: Maximum 7 days prior to first day of event.

3.5.3 Events:

- **a)** Team Event.
- **b)** Individual Events: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

3.5.4 Eligibility (Individual Event):

- **a)** Ghanaian citizens holding a Ghanaian passport.
- **b)** Full-time student at a Ghanaian post-secondary institution (university, college, technical school).
- **c)** Must confirm full-time status with authorized document from registrar.
- **d)** Must be at least 15 and no more than 30 years of age as of December 31 of the event year.
- **e)** Must be a registered member with GBA holding a valid National Level license.

3.5.5 Team Event Regulations:

- **a)** 8 athletes minimum (4 Men / 4 Women) required to play all 5 matches in a tie.
- **b)** Minimum 6 athletes (4 Men/2 Women or 2 Men/4 Women) to compete.

- **c)** Teams must have a designated team manager.
- **d)** Team list (with proof of full-time status) due 14 days prior to competition.

3.5.6 Pool Play and Knockout as specified in detailed regulations.

3.5.7 Each tie consists of: 1 Men's Singles, 1 Women's Singles, 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles, 1 Mixed Doubles.

3.5.8 No player shall play in more than one match per tie.

3.5.9 Individual Events:

- **a)** Athletes may compete in up to three events.
- **b)** Consolation draws: 1 game to 21 points (30-point cap).
- **c)** Maximum 64 entries – no qualification draw.

3.5.10 NO play-off between semi-final losers for third and fourth place.

3.5.11 No prize money.

3.6 ELITE SERIES EVENTS (JUNIOR & SENIOR)

3.6.1 Goals:

- **a)** Showcase and create interest in badminton in Ghana.
- **b)** Provide high-performance competition opportunities.
- **c)** Provide prize money (Senior Elite Series only).
- **d)** Use results for National Rankings and National Team selection.

3.6.2 Registration and Entry:

- **a)** Notice of Competition must be sent to GBA at least 12 weeks prior to event.
- **b)** Online entry system (Tournament Software) mandatory.
- **c)** Entry deadline: 28 days prior to first day of competition.
- **d)** Late entries (up to 21 days prior) subject to additional fee.
- **e)** All players must be affiliated with a club in good standing with their regional association.

3.6.3 Age Groups:

- **a)** U23: born on or after January 1, 2004
- **b)** U19: born on or after January 1, 2008
- **c)** U17: born on or after January 1, 2010
- **d)** U15: born on or after January 1, 2012
- **e)** U13: born on or after January 1, 2014

3.6.4 Players may enter a maximum of 3 events.

3.6.5 Entry Fees:

- **a)** Junior Elite Series: minimum GHS equivalent to specified amount.
- **b)** Senior Elite Series: minimum GHS equivalent to specified amount.
- **c)** GBA retains a portion per entry; Host Committee retains remainder.

3.6.6 Technical Requirements:

- **a)** Minimum ceiling height: 33 feet.
- **b)** Minimum distance back wall to baseline: 4 feet.
- **c)** Non-glare lighting.
- **d)** AED must be available.

3.6.7 Officiating:

- **a)** Referee must be nationally certified.
- **b)** 1-6 courts: 2 umpires minimum.
- **c)** 7-9 courts: 3 umpires minimum.
- **d)** 9+ courts: 4 umpires minimum.
- **e)** Minimum one nationally certified umpire; all umpires at least regionally certified.

3.6.8 If an line judge is not available, scorekeeping and timing devices must be provided. The non-winner of a match is required to stay on-court to score keep and time the next match (Rock-Paper-Scissors for doubles).

3.6.9 Prize money for Senior Elite Series only.

3.6.10 Medals: Gold for winners, silver for finalists. Bronze medals ONLY for U13 and U15 semi-finalists.

3.6.11 Live streaming of finals recommended.

3.6.12 Photographer must provide Criminal Record Check and image portfolio.

3.7 SUPER SERIES EVENTS (JUNIOR)

3.7.1 Entry Fee: minimum GHS equivalent to specified amount.

3.7.2 Entry Priority System:

Priority 1 – Regional Representation:

- **a)** Singles: 1 representation per region (Western, Central, Greater Accra, Eastern, Volta, Ashanti, Brong-Ahafo, Northern, Upper East, Upper West).
- **b)** Doubles: 1 representation per regional grouping.

Priority 2 – Merit Based Entry: Based on current National Rankings.

3.7.3 No reallocation of entries if specific events are under capacity.

3.7.4 All semi-finals and finals must be officiated.

3.7.5 Live streaming of finals mandatory through GBA's YouTube or social media platforms. All livestream must include GBA logo.

3.7.6 Display 2 GBA A-board signs per competition court.

PART 4: ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL, AND FINANCE

4.1 ENTRY PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

4.1.1 The Host Committee shall provide Ghana Badminton with necessary information (official hotel, social functions, local transportation) at least 13 weeks before the event.

4.1.2 Ghana Badminton shall distribute entry information to regional associations and post to the GBA website at least 12 weeks prior to the Championship.

4.1.3 Entry deadline shall be a maximum of 30 days prior to the first day of the event.

4.1.4 All entries and payments must be made online through the approved GBA Tournament Software program.

4.1.5 If deemed necessary due to unusual circumstances, the President or Executive Director of GBA may extend the entry deadline.

4.1.6 All players must be part of an affiliated club in good standing with their regional association to be eligible to participate in national level tournaments.

4.2 ENTRY FEES

4.2.1 Entry fees are determined and approved by Ghana Badminton.

4.2.2 Standard entry fees for National Championships:

Championship	Minimum Entry Fee	GBA Retains
Senior Nationals	GHS equivalent	GHS equivalent
Junior Nationals	GHS equivalent	GHS equivalent
Masters Nationals	GHS equivalent	GHS equivalent
Para Nationals	GHS equivalent	GHS equivalent
University/College Individual	GHS equivalent	GHS equivalent
University/College Team	GHS equivalent	0 (all to Host Committee)

Note: Specific monetary amounts shall be published annually in the Notice of Competition for each event.

4.2.3 To receive their portion of entry fees, the Host Committee must submit an invoice to GBA. GBA shall provide the number of entrants and total entry fees collected within 14 days of the entry deadline.

4.3 REFUNDS

4.3.1 Refunds are provided to participants, less a 25% administration fee, who withdraw prior to the entry deadline of the competition.

4.3.2 After the entry deadline but before draws are made, refunds are provided less a 50% administration fee.

4.3.3 Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals after the draws have been made.

4.3.4 Full refunds will be provided if a player/pair does not make it into the main draw due to capacity.

4.3.5 Full refunds will be provided in the case of injury prior to the start of competition, provided a physician's letter or medical certificate is submitted to GBA.

4.3.6 All administrative fees will be kept by Ghana Badminton.

4.4 WITHDRAWAL AND DEFAULT POLICY

4.4.1 Preamble:

Ghana Badminton believes that in entering a tournament, a player accepts the responsibility to follow through and compete in all events. This Policy protects the integrity of the tournament and protects players affected by withdrawals.

4.4.2 Application:

This Policy applies to Ghana Badminton sanctioned tournaments only, not to BWF, African Badminton Federation, or continental multi-sport games.

4.4.3 Withdrawals:

4.4.3.1 Players must withdraw before any draws are posted. Withdrawal must be accepted and confirmed by GBA Staff prior to draws being posted.

4.4.3.2 If a player withdraws after draws are posted or fails to appear for a scheduled match:

- **a)** Should a player be entered in more than one event, by retiring or withdrawing from one event, the player must be withdrawn from all other events.
- **b)** For doubles, if one player withdraws, the partner will not be penalized.

4.4.3.3 A player can withdraw from a consolation event only if:

- **a)** The player is still competing in another main draw event.
- **b)** The player provides the Referee 1 hour's notice prior to the scheduled consolation match.

4.4.4 Medical Exceptions:

If a medical professional provided by the host is available, a player who retires from a match due to illness or injury may continue to play another event if the condition has improved and is approved by the medical professional.

4.5 PROMOTIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4.5.1 Promotions and substitutions for all Ghana Badminton sanctioned events will follow BWF Junior Tournament Regulations (Sections 5, 6, and 7).

4.5.2 Players registered on the reserve list for an event but included in the main draw for other events will be automatically accepted for promotion or substitution without requiring confirmation.

4.5.3 If a player is on the reserve list for ALL events, confirmation will be required to accept the promotion or substitution.

4.6 PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION

4.6.1 Prize money may be awarded to players in specified events as approved by Ghana Badminton.

4.6.2 The following division of prize money shall apply for National Championships:

Event	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists (x2)	Quarter finalists (x4)	Total %
Men's Singles	7.50%	3.80%	2.90%	2.40%	19.40%

Event	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists (x2)	Quarter finalists (x4)	Total %
Women's Singles	7.50%	3.80%	2.90%	2.40%	19.40%
Men's Doubles*	7.90%	3.80%	2.80%	2.90%	20.40%
Women's Doubles*	7.90%	3.80%	2.80%	2.90%	20.40%
Mixed Doubles*	7.90%	3.80%	2.80%	2.90%	20.40%

*Per pair

4.6.3 No taxes shall be deducted from prize money unless required by law.

4.6.4 Prize money shall be given directly to the player concerned on self registration

4.6.5 For Junior events with multiple age groups, the ratio of prizes shall be:

- **a)** U19 and U17: 60% and 40% respectively
- **b)** U15 and U13: 60% and 40% respectively

4.6.6 Boys and Girls shall be paid prize money without any difference in gender inequality

PART 5: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND OFFICIALS

5.1 VENUE AND COURT REQUIREMENTS

5.1.1 Court Dimensions (per BWF Laws):

- **a)** Court shall be a rectangle marked with lines 40mm wide.
- **b)** Diagonal length of full court: 14.723m.

5.1.2 Posts:

- **a)** Height: 1.55 metres from court surface.
- **b)** Shall remain vertical when net is strained.
- **c)** Placed on doubles side lines.

5.1.3 Net:

- **a)** Made of fine cord, dark colour, mesh 15mm to 20mm.
- **b)** Depth: 760mm.
- **c)** Top of net: 1.524 metres at centre, 1.55 metres over side lines for doubles.

5.1.4 General Venue Requirements for National Championships:

- **a)** Minimum ceiling height: 10.2 metres (33 feet) free of obstructions.
- **b)** Minimum distance back wall/curtain to baseline: 2 metres (6.5 feet).
- **c)** Minimum space between courts: 1.2 metres (4 feet).
- **d)** Court lines clearly distinguishable from other lines.
- **e)** Lighting: non-glare, indirect, shaded, or diffused.
- **f)** Internet access required.

- **g)** AED must be available with easy access from field of play.

5.2 SHUTTLE SPECIFICATIONS AND TESTING

5.2.1 Shuttle Specifications:

5.2.1.1 Feathered Shuttle:

- **a)** 16 feathers fixed in base.
- **b)** Feather length: 62mm to 70mm.
- **c)** Circle diameter: 58mm to 68mm.
- **d)** Base diameter: 25mm to 28mm, rounded on bottom.
- **e)** Weight: 4.74 to 5.50 grams.

5.2.1.2 Non-Feathered Shuttle:

- **a)** Skirt of synthetic materials.
- **b)** Same measurements and weight as feathered shuttle.

5.2.2 Testing a Shuttle for Speed:

5.2.2.1 A player shall use a full underhand stroke by contacting the shuttle over the back boundary line, hitting at an upward angle parallel to the side lines.

5.2.2.2 A shuttle of correct speed will land not less than 530mm and not more than 990mm short of the other back boundary line.

5.2.3 Ghana Badminton shall approve one brand of shuttlecocks for each sanctioned event.

5.2.4 The Host Committee shall provide 9 shuttles per competitor in the event.

5.2.5 Two speeds of shuttles should be available: normal speed and one speed slower.

5.3 RACKET SPECIFICATIONS

5.3.1 Overall length: not exceeding 680mm.

5.3.2 Overall width: not exceeding 230mm.

5.3.3 Stringed area:

- **a)** Flat, crossed strings.
- **b)** Length not exceeding 280mm (or 330mm with extended throat area).
- **c)** Width not exceeding 220mm (or 35mm extended).

5.3.4 The racket shall be free of attached objects and protrusions except those used solely to limit wear and tear, vibration, or to secure the handle.

5.3.5 The racket shall be free of any device that allows changing the shape of the racket.

5.4 OFFICIATING PANELS

5.4.1 Referee:

- **a)** Appointed by Ghana Badminton for all National Championships.
- **b)** Must be nationally certified.
- **c)** Shall be on site at least 24 hours prior to commencement of play.

5.4.2 Minimum Umpire Requirements:

Event	Minimum Umpires (plus Referee)
Senior Nationals	24
Junior Nationals	16
Masters Nationals	12
University/College	24
Elite/Super Series (1-6 courts)	24
Elite/Super Series (7-9 courts)	24
Elite/Super Series (9+ courts)	24

5.4.3 All umpires must be at least regionally certified. Minimum one nationally certified umpire per event.

5.4.4 Line Judges:

- **a)** Senior Nationals: minimum 12 trained line judges for quarterfinals, semi-finals, third/fourth playoffs, and finals.
- **b)** Junior Nationals: minimum 24 trained line judges.
- **c)** Masters: minimum 8 line judges for semi-finals and finals.

5.4.5 Scorekeeping:

- **a)** All matches must be monitored by a scorekeeper if an umpire is not available.
- **b)** Scorekeeping and timing devices provided by Host.
- **c)** Scorecards printed directly from Tournament Software.
- **d)** The non-winner of a match is required to stay on-court to score keep and time the next match.
- **e)** For doubles: Rock-Paper-Scissors decides which non-winning player stays.
- **f)** Any player unable to cooperate must find a replacement.

5.5 OFFICIALS' DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.5.1 Referee Duties:

- **a)** Ensure conduct is in accordance with Laws of Badminton and GBA Regulations.
- **b)** Approval of programme of play.
- **c)** Overall control and ensuring adequate panel of court officials.
- **d)** Submit post-event report to GBA within 14 days of completion.

5.5.2 Umpire Duties:

- **a)** Uphold and enforce Laws of Badminton.
- **b)** Call faults or lets.
- **c)** Give decisions on appeals before next service is delivered.
- **d)** Record and report matters relating to misconduct.

5.5.3 Service Judge Duties:

- **a)** Call service faults made by the server (Laws 9.1.2 to 9.1.8).

5.5.4 Line Judge Duties:

- **a)** Indicate whether shuttle landed 'in' or 'out' on assigned lines.

5.5.5 Official's decision is final on all points of fact for which that official is responsible, except:

- **a)** If the umpire believes beyond reasonable doubt a line judge has made a wrong call, the umpire shall overrule.
- **b)** If an Instant Review System is in operation, that system decides line call challenges.

5.6 OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION AND FACILITIES

5.6.1 The Host Committee shall provide:

- **a)** Per diem allowance (minimum GHS equivalent) for each full day scheduled.
- **b)** Additional per diem for travel days.
- **c)** Accommodation (maximum 2 per room unless otherwise agreed).
- **d)** Local transportation between venue and host hotels.
- **e)** Meals when officials are required to work during meal times.
- **f)** Transportation to and from airport.

5.6.2 Ghana Badminton shall pay for:

- **a)** Officials' travel costs between home city and host city.

5.6.3 Officials shall submit expense reports to the Host Committee immediately following the event. The Host Committee shall compensate officials within 2 weeks of receiving expense reports.

5.6.4 One of the duties of officials shall be to advise the Host Committee of recommendations for the female and male sportsperson to receive the True Sport Award.

PART 6: CONDUCT, DISCIPLINE, AND SAFETY

6.1 EVENT DISCIPLINE POLICY

6.1.1 Purpose: Ghana Badminton is committed to a competition environment in which all participants are treated with respect.

6.1.2 Application:

- **a)** This Policy applies to all events sanctioned by Ghana Badminton.
- **b)** If an event is sanctioned by another organization (e.g., BWF), that organization's discipline procedures apply.

6.1.3 Misconduct During Events:

6.1.3.1 Incidents that violate the Code of Conduct shall be reported to the designated person (Referee or Event Chairperson).

6.1.3.2 The designated person shall convene a jury of three (3) people (GBA representative, Local Organizing Committee member, Referee) to determine whether a violation has occurred.

6.1.3.3 Penalties may include but not limited to:

- **a)** Oral or written warning.
- **b)** Oral or written reprimand.
- **c)** Suspension from future competitions at the event.
- **d)** Ejection from the event.
- **e)** Other appropriate penalty.

6.1.3.4 The jury does not have authority to determine a penalty that exceeds the duration of the event.

6.1.3.5 Decisions made pursuant to this Policy may not be appealed.

6.2 FIELD OF PLAY DISCIPLINE POLICY (CARD SYSTEM)

6.2.1 Preamble: Cards are very rare in badminton. At national level tournaments, tournaments often finish without a single card being issued.

6.2.2 Application:

- **a)** This policy applies to all national level events (National Championships, Elite Series, Super Series).
- **b)** This policy does NOT apply to regional events, unsanctioned events, or international events hosted in Ghana.

6.2.3 Cards shall be given in accordance with the BWF Laws of Badminton (Law 16).

6.2.4 Monetary Penalties (per calendar year):

Card	Penalty
Yellow Card (3rd occurrence)	GHS equivalent
Yellow Card (each subsequent)	GHS equivalent
Red Card (each)	GHS equivalent
Black Card	As per Code of Conduct Policy

6.2.5 Appeals: The GBA Appeals Policy shall govern decisions. Appeal only applies to financial penalty, as the Referee's decision cannot be appealed.

6.3 UNIFORM AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

6.3.1 Preamble: Sport is entertainment. Efforts toward increasing spectator appeal contribute to the health of badminton.

6.3.2 Application:

- **a)** This Policy applies to all GBA sanctioned events in Ghana.
- **b)** Penalties apply to National Championship events but are strongly encouraged at all GBA sanctioned events.

6.3.3 General:

6.3.3.1 An article of clothing includes anything worn or carried during play except the racket: shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes, headbands, wristbands, bandages, medical supports.

6.3.3.2 All clothing shall be acceptable badminton sports clothing.

6.3.4 Colour of Players' Clothing:

6.3.4.1 Each article may be any colour or combination.

6.3.4.2 Players/pairs must wear similar colour and design of shirts and shorts throughout a match.

6.3.4.3 Opposing players must wear significantly different coloured shirts.

- **a)** Lower-ranked player changes if colours are too similar.
- **b)** If same or no ranking, coin flip determines choice.

6.3.5 Lettering on Players' Clothing:

6.3.5.1 Player's name on back is mandatory.

6.3.5.2 If used:

- **a)** Capital letters, Roman alphabet, single colour contrasting with shirt.
- **b)** Minimum height: 6cm, maximum: 10cm.
- **c)** Horizontal, near top of shirt.
- **d)** Family name plus initials if desired.

6.3.5.3 Players are prohibited from:

- **a)** Wearing another player's name.
- **b)** Wearing "GHANA" unless previously invited to represent Ghana at an international event.

6.3.6 Penalties:

- **a)** Violations reported to GBA by Referee.
- **b)** Players can be fined GHS equivalent per event and prohibited from subsequent events until fine is paid.
- **c)** Decision of event referee is not appealable.

6.4 COACH CERTIFICATION POLICY

6.4.1 Purpose: To establish minimum requirements for all coaches to enter the Field of Play.

6.4.2 Application: This Policy applies to all GBA sanctioned events except Masters and University/College Championships (exempt).

6.4.3 Certification Requirements:

Event	Certification Required
Elite Series	Competition Introduction – Regional Certified

Event	Certification Required
National Championships	Competition Introduction – Regional Certified or Competition Development Trained
National Team Coach	Competition Development + Advanced Coaching Diploma

All coaches must also complete:

- **a)** Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders or CAC Safe Sport Training module.
- **b)** Enhanced Police Information Check (within last 3 years).
- **c)** Safe Sport Program and signed Consent Form.

6.4.4 All coaches must be members in good standing with their regional association and with Ghana Badminton.

6.4.5 Monitoring:

6.4.5.1 Coaches must register through the GBA online system.

6.4.5.2 Accredited coaches receive electronic Coach Accreditation.

6.4.5.3 A GBA representative, regional association, Referee, or Host Committee member shall monitor credentials.

6.4.5.4 Unauthorized individuals on the Field of Play will be asked to leave immediately.

6.4.5.5 Consistent violators face disciplinary action including suspension or revocation of membership.

6.5 COACHING FIELD OF PLAY POLICY

6.5.1 Preamble: Ghana Badminton believes Field of Play coaching is essential to ensure players reach their full potential.

6.5.2 Application: This Policy applies to any GBA sanctioned event: Junior Elite Series, Senior Elite Series, Senior National Championships, Junior National Championships, Para National Championships, Masters, and University/College.

6.5.3 Ghana Badminton applies the BWF coaching rules for all these events.

6.5.4 Appeals: GBA's Appeals Policy shall govern all decisions.

6.6 CONCUSSION POLICY

6.6.1 Purpose: To provide a framework for a safe sport environment through education and training on concussion recognition and management.

6.6.2 Definitions:

- **a)** Concussion: A type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, face, neck, or body.
- **b)** Designated Person: Person with authority to remove an athlete suspected of having a concussion.
- **c)** Licensed Healthcare Professional: Medical doctor, nurse practitioner, physiotherapist, athletic therapist, or chiropractor.

6.6.3 Application: This Policy applies to GBA, regional associations, affiliated clubs, registrants, and participants at all times during any badminton activity.

6.6.4 Responsibilities:

6.6.4.1 Ghana Badminton will:

- **a)** Develop and maintain Concussion Policy and Management Protocols.
- **b)** Maintain records of sport-related concussions for national teams.
- **c)** Provide concussion awareness resources.

6.6.4.2 Regional Associations will:

- **a)** Adopt the GBA Concussion Policy.
- **b)** Report annually on sport-related concussions.
- **c)** Maintain records for regional teams.

6.6.4.3 Affiliated Clubs will:

- **a)** Report all suspected or confirmed concussions to the regional association.
- **b)** Keep a copy of CRT5 available to coaches.
- **c)** Implement the GBA Return-to-Sport Protocol.

6.7 CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

6.7.1 Purpose: To cover recognition, medical diagnosis, and management of players who may sustain a suspected concussion.

6.7.2 Pre-Season Education:

- **a)** All parents and athletes must review and sign a Pre-season Concussion Education Sheet.
- **b)** Education includes definition of concussion, mechanisms of injury, signs and symptoms, prevention, and return-to-sport strategies.

6.7.3 Head Injury Recognition:

6.7.3.1 A concussion should be suspected when an athlete sustains a significant impact and demonstrates ANY visual signs or reports ANY symptoms as detailed in the Concussion Recognition Tool 5 (CRT5).

6.7.3.2 RED FLAGS (call 112 immediately):

- **a)** Convulsions.
- **b)** Worsening headaches.
- **c)** Vomiting.
- **d)** Neck pain.

6.7.4 On-Site Management:

6.7.4.1 For suspected concussion without red flags, match play is suspended for a maximum of 5 minutes.

6.7.4.2 Scenario 1 – Licensed healthcare professional present: Athlete undergoes Sideline Medical Assessment using SCAT5 or Child SCAT5.

6.7.4.3 Scenario 2 – No licensed healthcare professional present: Referee refers athlete for immediate medical assessment by medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

6.7.5 Return to Sport Protocol:

Stage	Aim	Activity
1	Symptom-limiting activity	Daily activities that do not provoke symptoms
2	Light aerobic activity	Walking or stationary cycling, slow to medium pace
3	Sport-specific activity	Running, low to moderate on-court activities
4	Higher intensity	High intensity running, progressive resistance training
5	Full practice	Participation in full practice without restriction
6	Return to sport	Normal game play

6.7.6 Medical Clearance:

- **a)** Athlete must provide a Medical Clearance Letter from a medical doctor or nurse practitioner before returning to full sport activities.

- **b)** The letter must specify that the athlete has been personally evaluated and cleared to return to sports.

6.7.7 The full Concussion Recognition Tool 5 (CRT5) is provided in Appendix G.

PART 7: APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: SENIOR POINT TABLES

A.1 Senior National Events

Rounds	Ghana Open (National)	Senior Nationals	Senior Elite	University/College Champs
Winner	4000	4000	2500	2500
Finalist	3400	3400	2130	1700
3/4	2800	2800	1750	1400
5/8	2200	2200	1370	1100
9/16	1520	1520	920	700
17/32	920	920	550	460

Rounds	Ghana Open (National)	Senior Nationals	Senior Elite	University/College Champs
33/64	530	530	210	100
65/128	240	240	100	85
129/256	100	100	70	35

A.2 Regional Championships (Weighted)

Rounds	100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	25%
Winner	1700	1530	1360	1190	1020	850	425
Finalist	1420	1278	1136	994	852	710	355
3/4	1170	1053	936	819	702	585	293
5/8	920	828	736	644	552	460	230
9/16	600	540	480	420	360	300	150

Rounds	100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	25%
17/32	350	315	280	245	210	175	88
33/64	130	117	104	91	78	65	33
65/128	60	54	48	42	36	30	15

APPENDIX B: JUNIOR POINT TABLES

B.1 Junior National Events

Rounds	Junior Nationals	Junior Int. (Ghana)	Junior Super Series	Junior Elite
Winner	4000	3500	3500	2500

Rounds	Junior Nationals	Junior Int. (Ghana)	Junior Super Series	Junior Elite
Runner up	3825	2975	2975	2130
3/4	2450	2450	2450	1750
5/8	1925	1925	1925	1370
9/16	1710	1375	1375	920
17/32	1035	835	835	550
33/64	330	330	330	210
65/128	191	160	160	100

B.2 Junior Regional Championships (Weighted - Same as Senior Regional table in A.2)

APPENDIX C: MAXIMUM DRAW SIZES

C.1 Junior Elite Series

# Courts	# Days	# Hours	Match Timing (mins)	BS	GS	BD	GD	XD
12	3	10	30	64	64	32	32	32
10	3	10	30	64	64	32	32	32
8	3	10	30	48	48	32	32	32
6	3	10	30	32	32	24	24	24

Qualifying for draws with more than 64 entries

C.2 Senior Open

# Courts	# Days	# Hours	Match Timing (mins)	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
4	3	10	30	64	32	32	32	32
3	3	10	30	48	28	28	28	28

C.3 Junior Super Series

# Courts	# Days	# Hours	Match Timing (mins)	BS	GS	BD	GD	XD
6	3	10	30	32	32	20	20	20

APPENDIX D: PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Based on total prize money of GHS 6,000 as example

Event	% of Total	Share	Prize Purse	Cheque Amount
MS Winner	10.1%	1	6000	665.40
MS Runner-up	5.5%	1	6000	332.40
MS 3/4	2.77%	2	6000	166.20 each
WS Winner	10.1%	1	6000	665.40
WS Runner-up	5.5%	1	6000	332.40
WS 3/4	2.77%	2	6000	166.20 each
MD Winner	6.0%	1	6000	360.00
MD Runner-up	2.8%	1	6000	168.00
MD 3/4	1.4%	2	6000	84.00 each

Event	% of Total	Share	Prize Purse	Cheque Amount
WD Winner	6.0%	1	6000	360.00
WD Runner-up	2.8%	1	6000	168.00
WD 3/4	1.4%	2	6000	84.00 each
XD Winner	6.0%	1	6000	360.00
XD Runner-up	2.8%	1	6000	168.00
XD 3/4	1.4%	2	6000	84.00 each
Total	100%			6000.00

APPENDIX E: NOTICE OF COMPETITION TEMPLATE

Must Include:

- Tournament name (including title sponsor)
- Tournament dates
- Host venue address
- Events, age groups, and eligibility criteria

- Estimated first round start times
- Entry and social event fees
- Entry and payment deadline and online registration link
- Maximum entry allowed
- Value proposition for players (shuttle information, souvenirs, awards, prizes, transportation)
- Rules, including dress code and consolation qualifications
- Name of tournament referee
- Tournament hotel information (name, location, web address, price per room)
- Social or special event information
- Logos of Ghana Badminton, host region, and corporate sponsors

APPENDIX F: AGE ELIGIBILITY CHARTS

F.1 Junior Age Categories (as of January 1 of competition year)

Category	Birth Year
U23	2004 or later
U19	2008 or later

Category	Birth Year
U17	2010 or later
U15	2012 or later
U13	2014 or later
U11	2016 or later

F.2 Masters Age Categories (as of first day of competition)

Category	Age Range
Masters 1	35-39
Masters 2	40-44
Masters 3	45-49
Masters 4	50-54

Category	Age Range
Masters 5	55-59
Masters 6	60-64
Masters 7	65-69
Masters 8	70-74
Masters 9	75-79
Masters 10	80-84
Masters 11	85+

APPENDIX G: CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL (CRT5)

Visible Signs of Suspected Concussion:

- Lying motionless on court
- Slow to get up after a fall
- Loss of consciousness or responsiveness
- Seizure or convulsion

- Balance problems or falling over
- Grabbing or clutching head
- Dazed, blank or vacant look

Red Flags (Call 112 immediately):

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Double vision
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Severe or increasing headache
- Seizure or convulsion
- Loss of consciousness
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Vomiting or nausea
- Increasing confusion or irritability

Symptoms Reported by Athlete:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Feeling slowed down
- Pressure in head

- Blurred vision
- Balance problems
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Nausea
- Feeling like in a fog
- Neck pain
- Difficulty remembering
- Difficulty concentrating

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

11.1 The Ghana Badminton Board of Directors shall review these Regulations at all material times.

11.2 Amendments may be proposed by any affiliated regional association or GBA committee. Proposals must be submitted in writing at least 60 days before the Annual General Meeting.

11.3 Amendments require approval by the Ghana Badminton Board of Directors through the Board Chair & President

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END OF GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS