

**PART III****SECTION 3****REGULATIONS FOR THE SUDIRMAN CUP****1. DEFINITION**

The Competition for the Sudirman Cup shall be the 'World Mixed Team Championships' and every Member Association (BWF Constitution, Section 3, Clause 8) affiliated to the BWF shall be entitled to take part, subject to the conditions of General Competition Regulations 7 and 8.

**2. GENERAL ORGANISATION**

- 2.1 The Competition 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 Sudirman Cup shall take precedence.
- 2.2 Each Competition shall be managed by the BWF which shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose. The Committee of Management shall be of at least three persons, one member of the BWF Events Committee, one from the host Member Association and the Referee. The Committee of Management shall have power to co-opt other persons and also to delegate any of the duties to a Sub-committee.

**3. METHOD OF COMPETITION**

- 3.1 Teams shall play in sub-groups where all teams play each other. A final overall ranking order shall be achieved.
- 3.2 The group of the top twelve ranked teams shall play in four sub-groups of three.
- 3.3 As far as possible the remaining teams shall play in groups of eight, organised in two sub-groups of four. Some variation shall be allowed in the sizes of groups and sub-groups amongst the lowest-ranked teams to accommodate the number of entries.
- 3.4 Groups for successive competitions

The Committee of Management shall determine the groups for successive competitions as follows:

- 3.4.1 The participating teams will be ranked based on the overall strength of the team.
- 3.4.2 The overall strength of the team will be determined based on the World Ranking list as stated in the date lines in Annexure I.
- 3.4.3 Total ranking points of highest ranked one men's singles player, one women's singles player, one men's doubles pair, one women's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair from each country shall be compared to determine the overall strength of the team. Where no world ranking is available the ranking points will be taken as zero.
- 3.4.3.1 World ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs ranking points shall not be included in the team ranking.
- 3.4.3.2 General competitions regulations 12.5.1 shall be applied for the next ranked pair of the same nationality in replacement of a Mixed nationality pair in the world ranking.
- 3.4.4 On such determination, all the teams will be ranked in their order of strength.

- 3.4.5 The top twelve teams play in group one, the next eight in group two, the next eight in group three and so on.
- 3.5 Ranking order in the sub-groups
- In all group play, the team ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.
- 3.6 A match conceded due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.
- 3.7 All results of any team that has been disqualified or withdraws before completing the group ties shall be entirely deleted.
- 3.8 Ranking and play-offs in the top group
- 3.8.1 The top group shall play in two stages - group play off and knock-out stage.
- 3.8.2 Two top ranked teams from each sub-group will qualify for knock-out stage.
- 3.8.3 The result of the knock-out stage shall decide the overall winner and runner-up.
- 3.8.4 The losing semi-finalist teams of the knock-out stage shall be ranked joint third.
- 3.8.5 The losing quarter-finalist teams of the knock-out stage shall be ranked joint fifth.
- 3.8.6 The teams finishing third in each sub-group shall be ranked joint ninth.
- 3.8.7 There shall be no play-offs in the top group to determine the team rankings.
- 3.9 Ranking and play-offs in other groups
- 3.9.1 The winning teams in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the first and second ranked teams in that group.
- 3.9.2 The teams finishing second in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the third and fourth ranked teams in that group.
- 3.9.3 The teams finishing third in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the fifth and sixth ranked teams in that group.
- 3.9.4 The teams finishing bottom in each sub-group shall play each other to determine the seventh and eighth ranked teams in that group.

#### **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1 The BWF shall send to all Member Associations an invitation to compete as stated in the timelines in Annexure I.
- 4.2 Entries must be received by the BWF not later than the closing date notified in the invitation to compete (Annexure I).
- 4.3 Only entries reaching the BWF by the closing date shall be accepted.
- 4.4 Each Member Association may promulgate qualification standards for entry of teams and nomination of players
- 4.5 The Committee of Management shall have power to reject the entry of any Member Association:
- 4.5.1 which contains a condition unresolved at the time entries close;

- 4.5.2 whose entry is considered against the interest of the Competition or the game; or
- 4.5.3 which is in arrears in payment of subscriptions or which has any other debts to the BWF.

## 5. DRAW

- 5.1 The group play off stage draws for all groups, at which each competing Member Association may be represented, shall be made as per the timelines as specified in the Annexure I.

### Group Play off Stage

- 5.2 Draw for Group One

- 5.2.1 The top two ranked teams in that group shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) No. 1 placed at the top of Sub-group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Sub-group D

- 5.2.2 The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:

- c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Sub-groups B and C.
- d) No. 5 to 8 drawn by lot at the second position of the sub-groups.
- e) No. 9 to 12 drawn by lot at the third position of the sub-groups.

- 5.3 Draw for Group Two onwards

- 5.3.1 The top two ranked teams in that group shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) No. 1 placed at the top of Sub-group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Sub-group B

- 5.3.2 The other ranked teams shall be dealt with as follows:

- c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the second position of the sub-groups.
- d) No. 5 and 6 drawn by lot at the third position of the sub-group.
- e) No. 7 and 8 drawn by lot at the fourth position of the sub-groups.

### Knock-out Stage:

- 5.4 The draw for the knock-out stage of the Competition shall be done immediately after the last match of the group play off is over.
- 5.5 The top teams of each sub-group will be ranked in order of their strength in the manner described in Regulation 3.4 based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the draw. These teams will be considered as Seed No. 1 to 4 for the draw.
- 5.6 The four seeded teams will be placed in the draw as per General Competition Regulation 12. Remaining teams will be placed in the draw by lot.
- 5.7 Full details of the draw at every stage shall be notified forthwith to each competing Member Association.
- 5.8 Any team withdrawing from the Competition or defaulting after the draw has been made shall:
  - 5.8.1 immediately give a written explanation to the Chief Operating Officer; and
  - 5.8.2 render themselves liable to such action as shall be decided by BWF.

## **6. RIGHTS**

All commercial, television, Internet, webcasting, audio, film and other rights of like nature at all venues, and other rights associated primarily with the event shall belong exclusively to the BWF. In determining the financial arrangements at each venue with the organising Member Association, the BWF may grant licences and concessions in respect of such rights, including the direct grant of all or part of such rights to the organising Member Association and / or commercial organisations.

## **7. FINANCE**

- 7.1 BWF shall allocate responsibility for hosting the Competition on organisational, financial and commercial terms and conditions it agrees with the hosting Member Association.
- 7.2 The BWF may require the promoting Member Association at the final stage venue to submit a proper statement of accounts.
- 7.3 The BWF shall be entitled to make grants to Member Associations who enter teams in the Sudirman Cup Competition on such terms and conditions as the BWF may decide.
- 7.4 Every Member Association taking part in the Sudirman Cup Competition shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its players and officials including travel, hotel accommodation and other expenses.
- 7.5 The BWF shall advise all competing Member Associations of any payments to be made in accordance with the Competitions or any other financial matters and any conditions pertaining thereto.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE**

- 8.1 BWF shall appoint a Referee and Deputy Referee(s) for the Competition.
- 8.2 The additional responsibilities of the Referee in this Competition are:
  - 8.2.1 to ensure that the stipulated procedure and order of play is adhered to and that all teams comply with the Regulations for play at the venue;
  - 8.2.2 to make the final decision on any matter upon appeal being made by a Team Manager; and
  - 8.2.3 to confer with the Team Managers and make it known that the Referee is permitted to suspend or abandon play if the spirit of competition is not as it should be.
- 8.3 There shall be no appeal against the decision of a Referee.

## **9. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

Players shall be qualified to represent a Member Association in accordance with General Competition Regulation 8.

## **10. TEAM MANAGER**

- 10.1 Each Member Association concerned shall appoint a manager of its team within the stipulated time as per Annexure I.
- 10.2 In default of such appointment, a team shall forthwith choose its own manager.
- 10.3 As soon as appointed, the name of the manager shall be notified to the Referee.

- 10.4 From the time of arrival at the venue, the manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the Member Association and team concerned in connection with the conduct of the Competition.
- 10.5 The Team Manager shall attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee and / or Committee of Management. (Refer Part III Section 1A - GCR – Regulation 31.2).

## 11. CONSTITUTION OF TIES AND TEAMS

- 11.1 Each tie shall be decided by the results of
- One Men's Singles;
  - One Women's Singles;
  - One Men's Doubles;
  - One Women's Doubles;
  - One Mixed Doubles.
- 11.1.1 In group play, all five matches of each tie shall be played.
- 11.1.2 In non-group play, each tie shall be stopped when the tie is decided.
- 11.2 No player shall play in more than two matches.
- 11.3 The size of the team shall be as per Regulation 12.2.
- 11.3.1 If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only one male or one female player, that player may play in only one match, and the remaining two matches involving that player's sex shall be conceded to the opposing side.
- If, for the above reasons, the team is reduced to two players only, either both of the same sex, or one of each sex, the whole tie shall be conceded.

## 12. NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 12.1 Each competing Member Association is responsible for determining the criteria and method of selecting players for nomination, and for nominating players, to represent its Association.
- 12.2 Each competing Member Association shall nominate to the BWF, not fewer than two male and not fewer than two female players; and not more than total 20 players, from whom its team will be selected for a tie, within the stipulated time as per Annexure I.
- 12.3 Nomination of team for a tie
- 12.3.1 Each manager shall hand to the Referee within stipulated time fixed (Annexure I) before the start of any tie the composition of the team for each tie in order as stated in Regulation 11.1.
- 12.3.2 These players shall be selected from those previously nominated (Regulation 12.2)

## 13. ORDER OF PLAY

- 13.1 The following are permissible orders of play:
- 13.1.1 Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Men's Singles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- 13.1.2 Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- 13.1.3 Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Singles – Women's Doubles
- 13.1.4 Mixed Doubles – Men's Singles – Women's Singles – Men's Doubles – Women's Doubles

- 13.1.5 Mixed Doubles – Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles
- 13.1.6 Women’s Singles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Doubles – Mixed Doubles
- 13.1.7 Men’s Doubles – Women’s Doubles – Men’s Singles – Women’s Singles – Mixed Doubles
- 13.2 Determining order of play
  - 13.2.1 Orders of play 13.1.1 to 13.1.7 will be considered in turn and the first order of play will be used which has no player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles.
  - 13.2.2 If all six orders of play, 13.1.1 to 13.1.7 result in a player playing in two consecutive matches or playing doubles before singles, order of play 13.1.2 will be used.
- 13.3 Any player participating in two matches is entitled to a minimum interval of 30 minutes between them.

#### **14. SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 14.1 The Referee may sanction a substitute or substitutes for a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance provided that the substitute player / pair is lower ranked than the player / pair being replaced.
- 14.2 The ranking of player / pair shall be based on the most recently published World Ranking immediately preceding the date of the competition.
- 14.3 For a substitution after the first match of the tie has started due to any illness or injury has been sustained since the teams were nominated any pair unaffected by the need for substitution is left unchanged.
- 14.4 The ranking of the players / pairs not ranked in the World Ranking shall be at the discretion of the Referee, who will use General Competition Regulations 12.6.1 and 12.6.2 where they apply.
- 14.5 A substituted player shall not take part in that tie.

#### **15. DISQUALIFICATION**

- 15.1 The Referee may disqualify any team which fails to report its arrival for the Competition within stipulated time as stated in Annexure I or such other period as may have previously been agreed with the Referee.
- 15.2 The Referee has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its required programme, or whose team manager fails to attend any briefing meeting called by the Referee.
- 15.3 The Referee shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the Competition:
  - 15.3.1 any team which has failed to carry out its obligations or breaches the Rules and Regulations of the BWF; or
  - 15.3.2 a player, or a team that includes a player, breaching the Anti-Doping Regulations.

#### **16. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

BWF has power to make and publish amendments to the Sudirman Cup Regulations.

## Annexure I

## Timelines for Sudirman Cup

Timeline	Action	Responsibility	Regulation Reference
1 August of previous calendar year of the Competition	Send Letter of Invitation	BWF	4.1
1 January	Appointment of Committee of Management.	BWF	2.2
1 January	Appointment of Referee and Deputy Referees	BWF	8.1
31 January	Sending the Entry for the Competition	Member Associations	4.2
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of March	Seeding Date - World Ranking Date for the purpose of deciding the groups and Seeding for Group Play	BWF	3.4.2
Immediately following the seeding date	BWF will decide the date of the draw	BWF	5
1 May to 30 June	Conduct of Competition	BWF	3
Fourteen days prior to the start competition	Nominate Team players	Member Associations	12.2
Fourteen days prior to the start of competition	Appointment of Manger by participating Teams	Member Associations	10.1
Thursday immediately preceding the date of Knock-out stage draw	Use World Ranking for the deciding the strength of the teams qualified for Knock-out stage	BWF	5.5
On completion of Group Play of the Competitions	Decide the Seeding of the qualified team for Knock-out stage	BWF	5.5
	Conduct the Draw for Knock-out stage	BWF	5.4
Forty-eight hours prior to first schedule tie	Arrival of participating Teams	Member Associations	15.1
Four hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee except Semi-Finals and Finals of Top group	Hand over the composition of the team for that time	Team Manager	12.3.1
Eight hours prior to the time fixed for a tie or such other period as decided by the Referee for Semi-Finals and Finals of Top group	Hand over the composition of the team for that time	Team Manager	12.3.1