



REGULATIONS FOR THE PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS (Updated January 2025)

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1. Definition

1.1. **Pan Am Individual Championships**, will be promoted annually, and events will include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

1.2. **The Pan Am Male & Female Cup** shall be promoted every even-numbered year, and shall be valid as a qualifying event for the final stage of the Thomas & Uber Cup. BWF Statutes [5.2.1: MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS](#)

1.3. **Pan American Cup**, will be promoted every odd year, **will be a mixed team competition** and will be valid as a qualifying event for the final stage of the Sudirman Cup Finals [According to BWF Statutes 5.2.1: MAJOR EVENTS TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS](#)

1.4. **Pan Am Junior Championships**, will be promoted annually, and will **include men's singles and doubles; women's singles and doubles** and mixed doubles events in each category (U13, U15, U17, U19), with the **U11 category being optional**.

1.4.1. It also includes a mixed team competition event at the U-19 level.

1.5. Any Member Association may apply to host a Continental Pan American Championship and such application shall be sent to BPAC's email addresses in accordance with the bidding documents.

1.6. Continental Para badminton tournaments are under the control of BWF/BPAC.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To participate in a Continental Pan American Championship, the athlete must have a passport from the country to which he or she is represented.

2.2. The Member Associations French Guiana, Guadeloupe and Martinique may register players in a Continental Event provided that their **BWF ID** is registered in the name of the Associate Member and they were born in one of the Associate Members' Territories.

3. Pan Am Individual

3.1. It will award points towards the World Ranking as a BWF Grade 2 Level 5 event ([BWF Statutes 5.3.3.1: World Ranking System](#)).

3.2. The entries fee is **USD \$75.00 (one event), USD \$90.00 (two events) and USD \$100.00 (three events)** per athlete.

3.3. All entries must be made through the BWF Online Entry System.

3.3.1. Each Member Association (except the host country) may register its players as follows:

3.3.1.1 Singles (MS/WS), Up to 4 players in each event.

3.3.1.2 Doubles (MD/WD), Up to 2 pairs in each event.



3.3.1.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 4 pairs.

3.3.2 Number of entries for the host country: The host Member Association may register its players as follows:

3.3.2.1 Singles (MS/WS), up to 6 players in each event.

3.3.2.2 Doubles (MD/WD), Up to 3 pairs in each event.

3.3.2.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 6 pairs.

3.3.3 The formation of pairs between two (2) different Member Associations is allowed, however, the formation of pairs between two (2) Member Associations will count as one of the available places and not as an extra. (That is, a pair MD that forms between country A and country B will use one of the two available quotas)

3.4 All deadlines will be managed as Grade 3 Events – Individual Continental Championship ([BWF Statutes 5.3.1: Tournament Timeline](#)) as follows:

3.4.1 Registration deadline: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.

3.4.2 M&Q Report: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament

3.4.3 Withdrawal without penalty: Monday, 8 days before the start of the tournament (From week 27 of 2025).

3.4.4 Main and qualifying draw seeding report: Tuesday, 7 days before the start of the tournament. (From week 27 of 2025).

3.4.5 Draw date: Tuesday, 7 days prior to the start of the tournament. (From week 27 of 2025).

4. U19 Junior Pan American Championship event

4.1. This tournament is part of the Junior Pan American Championship and Junior World Ranking Points will be awarded as stated in the [BWF Statutes 5.3.3.2: Junior World Ranking System](#).

4.2. The entries fee is USD \$75.00 (one event), USD \$90.00 (two events) and USD \$100.00 (three events) per athlete.

4.3. Age Eligibility: Each player must be under the age of 19 for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is held.

4.4. Registrations: All registrations must be made through the BWF Online Registration System.

4.5. Number of entries: Each Member Association (except the host country) may register the following number of players:

4.5.1 Singles (MS/WS), up to 4 players per event.

4.5.2 Doubles (MD/WD), up to 2 pairs for each event.

4.5.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 4 pairs.

4.6. Number of entries for the host country: The host Member Association may register its players as follows:

4.6.1 Singles (MS/WS), up to 6 players per event

4.6.2 Doubles (MD/WD), up to 3 pairs per event

4.6.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 6 pairs



4.7. Key **dates** will be managed as described for the BWF Junior Championships [\(BWF Statutes 5.3.1: Tournament Timeline\)](#) as follows:

4.7.1 Registration deadline: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.

4.7.2 M&Q Report: Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament.

4.7.3 Withdrawal without penalty: Monday, 8 days before the start of the tournament (From week 27 of 2025).

4.7.4 Main and qualifying draw seeding report: Tuesday, 7 days before the start of the tournament. (From week 27 of 2025).

4.7.5 Draw date: Tuesday, 7 days prior to the start of the tournament. (From week 27 of 2025).

5. U13 to U17 Junior Pan American Championships, optional U11

5.1 The age of eligibility for players to participate in an age category is as follows:

5.1.1. Under 11 years of age: Must be under 11 years of age for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is held.

5.1.2. Its implementation is optional and subject to the approval of the BPAC Executive Committee.

5.2. U-13 years: They must be under 13 years of age for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is held.

5.3. U-15 years: They must be under 15 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the tournament is held.

5.4. U-17 years: Be under 17 years of age for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is held.

5.5. An athlete may play in a higher category, if he/she does not play that/those (events) in his/her own category.

5.6. The entry fee is USD \$75.00 (one event), USD \$90.00 (two events) and USD \$100.00 (three events) per athlete.

5.7. The registration deadline is 28 days before the start of the tournament.

5.8. Number of entries: Each Member Association (except the host country) may register the following number of players:

5.8.1 Singles (MS/WS), Up to 4 players per event.

5.8.2 Doubles (MD/WD), Up to 2 pairs for each event.

5.8.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 4 pairs.

5.9. Host Country Number of Entries: The host Member Association may register the following number of players:

5.9.1 Singles (MS/WS), Up to 6 players per event

5.9.2 Doubles (MD/WD), Up to 3 pairs for each event.

5.9.3 Mixed Doubles (XD), Up to 6 pairs.

5.10. Seeding will be in accordance with the results of the previous year.



5.11. Withdrawal Date: Seven (7) days before the draw takes place.

5.12. The draws will be processed during the Team Delegates Meeting.

5.13. All entries must be made through the BWF Online Entry System.

6. Pan Am Male & Female Cup

6.1. It will award points towards the World Team Ranking System ([BWF Statutes 5.3.3.3: World Team Ranking System](#)).

6.2. It is a qualifying event for the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals.

6.3. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 28 days before the start of the tournament. The seeding will be in accordance with the results of the last edition.

6.4. Deadlines for team registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament in the prospectus.

6.5. The withdrawal date without penalty is the Monday before the Team Managers Meeting.

6.6. The draw will be held during the Team Managers Meeting.

6.7. Participating Teams may have a maximum of 10 players of each gender and must have a minimum of 4 active players of each gender to participate.

6.8. BWF's regulations for the Thomas & Uber Cup will apply to this tournament unless otherwise stated herein.

6.9. A match between two teams will consist of playing 5 modalities: three (3) singles matches, and two (2) doubles matches.

6.10. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00 per Men's team (6 players) and USD\$300.00 per Women's team (6 players)**, plus **UDS \$75.00** for each additional player.

6.11. Competition system:

6.11.1 The number of seeding and the number of groups will be in accordance with the number of registrations received as follows:

6.11.1.1. **Up to 4 entries:** One group. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 2 finishing teams play each other again in the final.

6.11.1.2. **5 entries:** One painting. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 4 ranked teams advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.3. **6 entries:** Two (2) groups of three (3) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.4. **7 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), one group of 4 teams (Group B) and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).



6.11.1.5. **8 entries:** Two groups of four (4) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A and seed 2 will be placed in Group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.6. **9 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams and three (3) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

The third-placed team in each group will play each other in a subsequent group of three to determine the final three positions.

6.11.1.7. **Up to 10 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), one group of four (4) teams (Group C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.8. **Up to 11 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups B and C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.9. **Up to 12 entries:** Four groups of three (3) teams and four (4) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.10. **Up to 13 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams (Groups A, B and C), one group of four (4) teams (Group D) and four (4) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.11.1.11. **Up to 14 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups C and D) and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

6.12. In this tournament, teams will play until all positions (from first to last place) are filled.

7. Pan American Cup (Mixed Team Competition)

7.1. It will award points towards the World Team Ranking System ([BWF Statutes 5.3.3.3: World Team Ranking System](#)).

7.2. Seeding will be in accordance with the results of the last edition.

7.3. Deadlines for team registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament in the prospectus.

7.4. The date of withdrawal without penalty **of the team** applies for the two adult team championships will be Monday 15 days before the start of the tournament.

7.5. The draw will be held during the meeting of Team Delegates.



7.6. A participating team may consist of a maximum of 10 male players and 10 female players.

7.7. The minimum team size is 2 male and 2 female players.

7.8. The [BWF Regulations for the Sudirman Cup](#) shall apply to this tournament unless otherwise stated herein.

7.9. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00 per team (6 players), plus UDS \$75.00 for each additional player.**

7.10. Competition system:

7.10.1 The number of seedings and the number of groups will be in accordance with the number of registrations received as follows:

7.10.1.1. **Up to 4 entries:** One group. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 2 finishing teams play each other again in the final.

7.10.1.2. **5 entries:** One painting. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 4 ranked teams advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.3. **6 entries:** Two (2) groups of three (3) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.4. **7 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), one group of 4 teams (Group B) and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.5. **8 entries:** Two groups of four (4) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A and seed 2 will be placed in Group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.6. **9 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams and three (3) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

The third-placed team in each group will play each other in a subsequent group of three to determine the final three positions.

7.10.1.7. **Up to 10 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), one group of four (4) teams (Group C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.8. **Up to 11 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups B and C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.9. **Up to 12 entries:** Four groups of three (3) teams and four (4) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.10.1.10. **Up to 13 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams (Groups A, B and C), one group of four (4) teams (Group D) and four (4) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).



7.10.1.11. **Up to 14 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups C and D) and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

7.11. In this tournament, teams will play until all positions (from first to last place) are filled.

8. Junior Pan American Team Event

8.1. **It will NOT award points for the World Junior Ranking.**

8.2. Deadlines for team registration and player nomination will be set for this tournament in the prospectus.

8.3. Seeding will be in accordance with the results of the previous year.

8.4. The deadline for withdrawal without penalty is Monday, 15 days before the start of the tournament.

8.5. The draw will be made during the Team Managers meeting.

8.6. A participating team may consist of a maximum of 10 male players and 10 female players. The minimum team size is 2 male players and 2 active female players.

8.7. [The BWF Regulations for the Sudirman Cup](#) will apply to this tournament.

8.8. The entry fee for this event will be **USD \$300.00 per team (6 players), plus UDS \$75.00 for each additional player.**

8.9. Competition system:

8.9.1 The number of seedings and the number of groups will be in accordance with the number of registrations received as follows:

8.9.1.1. **Up to 4 entries:** One group. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 2 finishing teams play each other again in the final.

8.9.1.2. **5 entries:** One painting. Each team plays against all the other teams once. The top 4 ranked teams advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.3. **6 entries:** Two (2) groups of three (3) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.4. **7 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), one group of 4 teams (Group B) and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in group A and seed 2 will be placed in group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.5. **8 entries:** Two groups of four (4) teams and two (2) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A and seed 2 will be placed in Group B. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.6. **9 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams and three (3) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other



teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

The third-placed team in each group will play each other in a subsequent group of three to determine the final three positions.

8.9.1.7. **Up to 10 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), one group of four (4) teams (Group C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.8. **Up to 11 entries:** One group of three (3) teams (Group A), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups B and C) and three seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.9. **Up to 12 entries:** Four groups of three (3) teams and four (4) seeded teams. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.10. **Up to 13 entries:** Three groups of three (3) teams (Groups A, B and C), one group of four (4) teams (Group D) and four (4) seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B and seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.9.1.11. **Up to 14 entries:** Two groups of three (3) teams (Groups A and B), two groups of four (4) teams (Groups C and D) and four seeds. Seed 1 will be placed in Group A, seed 2 will be placed in Group B, seed 3 will be placed in Group C and seed 4 will be placed in Group D. The other teams will be placed by lottery. The top two ranked teams from each group will advance to the main draw (knockout stage).

8.10. In this tournament, the teams will play until all positions are taken (from first to last place).

9. General organization

9.1. BPAC will be responsible for the organization of the Pan American Continental Badminton Championships, and will work close to the Host member Association to guarantee all the services are provided according to the signed "host and organization agreement"

9.2. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the Badminton regulations. The [BWF General Competition Regulations \(GCR\)](#) shall apply, except where specific provisions are contained within the regulations described herein.

9.3. The Referee and the Deputy Referee shall be appointed by BPAC, as well as a specific number of referees.

9.4. Each competition will be managed by BPAC in collaboration with the host Member Association.

10. Member Association Responsibilities

10.1. Each Member Association shall be responsible for ensuring that the players registered by them, as well as their coaches and team officials, comply with the obligations required of them.



10.2. Each Member Association shall ensure that its players, coaches and team officials adhere to the BWF "[Player Code of Conduct](#)" and the [BWF "Code of Conduct for Coaches and Educators"](#)".

11. Team Managers

11.1. Each Member Association that registers a team for one of the Continental Championship Events described herein must appoint a Team Manager.

11.2. From the moment of arrival in the host city, the Team Manager shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the Member Association and the relevant Team in participation in the competition.

11.3. The Team Manager must attend any meeting called by the Referee and/or Organizing Committee.

12. Official Coaches

12.1 Each Member Association must designate an official Coach or Coaches (maximum two) for the Continental Championship Events described herein, except for the Junior Pan American Championships that each Member Association may appoint one coach for every 8 players registered in the tournament.

12.2 Official coaches must have at least BWF Coach Level 1.

12.3. If the Member Association decides not to appoint an official coach, then the Member Association may send an official letter to BPAC and the Local Organizing Committee appointing one or maximum two of its participating players as coaches for the specific Tournament (except for the Junior Pan American Championships).

12.3.1. Players appointed as coaches by their Member Association must comply with all regulations contained in the "[BWF "Code of Conduct for Coaches and Educators"](#)".

12.3.2. Only players appointed as coaches by their Member Association for a particular Continental Championship may be on the field of play in the role of coach.

13. Team Entourage.

31.1. Each participating Member Association must include Team Entourage in its accreditation application.

13.1.1. Team Entourage comprise all persons associated with the athletes, including, but not limited to, managers, delegates, coaches, athletic trainers, medical personnel, scientists, sports organizations, sponsors, attorneys, and anyone who promotes the athlete's athletic career, including family members.

13.1.2 Team Entourage must follow all tournament guidelines as a Team Representative. Failure to comply with the guidelines could result in sanctions for the Member Association in question.



13.1.3. Local Organizing Committees may charge a fee of up to USD\$50.00 considering operating costs, except for Team Delegates and Coaches (up to four (4) coaches).

14. Team players and uniforms

14.1. For all continental events, players and teams must comply with the following regulations regarding uniforms:

14.1.1. **Team competitions**, players must wear the team colors, each player must wear the same color and design of shirts and shorts (or equivalent garments) throughout a match.

14.1.2. **Singles Matches**, each player must wear, as far as color and design is concerned, shirts and shorts (or equivalent garments) throughout the match, and no color change is permitted.

14.1.3. **Doubles matches**, each player in each pair must wear shirts and shorts (or equivalent garments) of the same color and similar design throughout the match, and no change of colors is permitted.

14.1.4. In individual and team championships, if the opposing players/pairs involved in a match do not wear clothing of a significantly different color, the player/pair with the lowest rank shall wear clothing of a significantly different color. When both players/pairs have the same rating or neither, the player or pair listed below in the latest version of the M&Q report made for the Tournament will need to change the color of the clothing.

14.1.5. In the Continental Singles Events, the players/pairs must wear significantly different colors to the opponent from the quarter-finals onwards.

15. Validity

15.1. These Pan American Continental Badminton Championships and any future amendments shall be distributed to all Member Associations and shall enter into force on the day of their publication.

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