

GBAS Inter-Club Competition

Rules and Conditions

1. The Team

- A club may enter one or more teams. A player may represent only one team or club for the duration of the tournament unless agreed by the tournament organiser. Ladies are allowed to play in the men's team down a lower grade..
- A team may be composed of a maximum of 8 players. The players in the team are to be submitted to the organiser for endorsement. No changes are allowed after the team has played its second round except in special circumstances. (*Note: you are advised to enter up to eight players to allow for withdrawals, injuries, illness etc*).

2. Tournament Format

- One or more pools in a division may be formed depending upon the number of teams entering.
- Teams (or teams in the same pool) will play each other in a round robin format in a home and away arrangement.
- Each round is composed of four (4) doubles matches.
- A player may not play in more than 2 matches in a round. Players can be paired only once in each round. (*Note: The result of this rule requires a team to have at least four players for each round. If you have three players, you may play only three matches and forfeit one match*).
- The team captain pairs and ranks the team players at the beginning of each round based on the entry form ranking of the players in the team. A pair with a higher ranked player (or players) is deemed to rank higher irrespective of the ranking of the partner. Players of equal round ranking from each team are to play each other. *For example, the highest ranked pair from team A plays the highest ranked pair from team B, and so on.* Pairing and ranking cannot be changed after the round has started. Replacement is allowed only in the case of injury.
- Each match is made up of two games, each game is played to 21 points with no setting.
- Where a round has to be terminated before all matches are completed due to hall hire limitation, scores for partly finished games will stand with the games awarded to the leading team. Games not started are not awarded any game points. Note that this does not apply where a team requests early termination of the round. In this instance, normal forfeiture rule on the unplayed games applies.

3. Deciding the Winner

- The winning team of each round is the one that wins the most number of games.
- In the case of finals and semi-finals rounds, if both team wins the same number of games, points won and lost will be used to determine the winner. Failing that, the number of points won and lost from all the rounds will be used.

- Two tournament points are awarded to the winning team of each round. In the event of a draw, each team is awarded one tournament point. If a team forfeits the round, two tournament points are awarded to the opposing team, all games are treated as 21-0.
- The winning team of the pool is the one with the most number of tournament points. In the event of two top teams with the same number of points, the one with the most number of games won is the winner, failing that, the most point won, failing that, the least points lost.
- Semi-finals and Finals
 - Semi Finals - If there are three or more pools the winning teams of each pool will play in a semi-final knockout with the winners playing in the final. The venues will be decided by the team with a higher tournament point (or games and scores). *(Note that where there are three pools, the winners of each pool plus the team with the next highest tournament points etc will play in the semi-final).*
 - Finals is played if there is a semi-final or one pool of 5 or more teams. No finals will be played in the case of only one pool of 3 or 4 teams. Venue may be designated by GBAS.
- Captains of the semi-final and final teams are to liaise with each other for the round and then notify the organiser.
- A maximum of six trophies are awarded to the winning team on the day of the final. Additional trophies are posted later. Runner-up trophies are awarded at the discretion of the organiser.

4. Courtesy Rules

- A team is allowed one postponement in the case of a pool of 3 or 4 teams, and two postponements in the case of more than 4 teams, for the duration of the tournament. Further postponements are deemed to be forfeiture of the round.
- You must communicate postponements or changes to the opposing team captain no less than five days before the round is to commence. This allows the players of the other team to be notified. Late notification or no show result in automatic forfeiture of the round by the team. It is the responsibility of the requesting team captain to ensure that the other team captain is appropriately notified.
- In the normal round, the home team provides the shuttles. The visiting team is not to be charged attendance fee. In the semi-final and final rounds, the visiting team provides the shuttles
- The winning team (or the home team in the event of a draw) is to fax the results to the inter club organiser.

In the event of disputes, the GBAS tournament organiser's decision is final.