

CONSTITUTION & RULES OF I.B.A.D INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON ASSOCIATION FOR DISABLED

Introduction

In June 1995, the International Badminton Association for Disabled was founded by Croatia, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, UK, Switzerland, Russia and Israel as the organising body for Disabled Badminton at International level. The goal of IBAD will be to promote, develop and organise disabled badminton.

REGULATIONS

1. International Badminton Association for Disabled

The organisation shall be called the International Badminton Association for Disabled (I.B.A.D) As the World Governing Body for Disabled Badminton and will be Associated to I.B.F and I.S.O.D.

Badminton shall be played according to the rules and regulations of International Badminton Federation and the International Badminton Association for Disabled, as set out in their handbook.

2. Objects

- a). To promote and develop disabled badminton throughout the world.
- b). To control the rules and Laws of Disabled Badminton in conjunction with I.B.F.
- c). To encourage participation in disabled badminton through competitions and tournaments.
- d). To encourage an association between disabled and able-bodied badminton at all levels.
- e). To Hold a European and World Championships, plus a minimum of three ranking events each year.

3. Member Countries

- a). All Countries are able to be a member of these associations, and should be affiliated to I.S.O.D and I.B.F either directly or indirectly.
- b). Each member country is entitled to have one or two accredited delegates, and shall exercise voting rights as shall be determined by resolution at an Annual General Meeting.
- c). Each Country is entitled to have one delegate on the Management Committee.

4. Subscription

- a). The subscription fee for membership shall be due on or before the first of January each year.
- b). The Management Committee will propose the amount payable for approval at the AGM
- c). An Entry Fee will be charged to each player taking part in Ranking Tournament, Fee to be set in U.S dollars by management committee.
- d). Every Player that plays in an I.B.A.D Tournament must abide by I.B.A.D and I.B.F rules.

5. Suspension of affiliation, termination of affiliation and expulsion

A member organisation or eligible individual failing to comply with the provisions of these Regulations and/or any decision of the Management Committee in any way affecting such organisation or individual shall be deemed to be in default and may be dealt with in such a manner as the Management Committee deems fit.

6. Finance

- a). Unless otherwise decided by an Annual Meeting of the Association, the financial year of the Association shall close on the 31 St December, and an annual statement of accounts shall be prepared and audited as soon as possible thereafter. The audited statement of accounts shall be submitted to the AGM.
- b). The Management Committee through the advice of the Treasurer shall control the accounts of the Association.

7. Management Committee

1. Management Committee

- a). There shall be a Management Committee which shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Technical \ Medical Officer, Assistant Technical Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Players Representative and one member from each member country, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- b). Members shall be elected for two years and shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting held two years after their election and they shall be eligible for re-election.
- c). The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy arising subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

2. Powers

Between Annual Meetings the Management Committee shall meet to carry on the Associations affairs and plan the promotion and development of disabled badminton.

3. Duties

- a). To prepare and propose on the affairs of disabled badminton including those matters specifically designated and denoted for attention by the members.
- b). To advise on the conditions, rules and regulations of disabled badminton which shall govern all competitions, tournaments, match or functions held under I.B.A.D sanction.
- c). To decide on any dispute between member organisations of the Association.

8. Annual Meeting

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at a date to be fixed by the Management Committee.
2. Each Country shall have two votes.
3. The quorum shall be 1/3 % of the member nations present at the meeting. A vote may be taken even if at any time some of the delegates of those countries have left the conference hall
4. The business of the Annual Meeting shall be: -
 - a). Apologies
 - b). To approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
 - c). Treasurers Report and receive the statement of accounts for the past year duly audited.
 - d). Notices of Motions.
 - e). Annual Fees
 - f). Elect Committee Members
 - g). Secretary's Report
 - h). Technical \ Medical Officers Report
 - I). To consider resolutions to amend the Rules of the Game
5. A member nation may give a duly authorised proxy to another member nation.
6. The Annual Meeting should take place at each year European or World Championships.

APPLICATION TO STAGE AN I.B.A.D EVENT

(a) The application must contain an assurance that the tournament can be organised according to the regulations as set out by I.B.A.D.

(b) The application must contain details of the following

1. Accommodation - suitability for wheelchairs
2. Venue - accessibility etc.
3. Equipment to be used
4. Proposed dates of Championships
5. Estimate of cost
6. Details of officials
7. Maximum number that can be accepted

CLASSIFICATION

All players should hold an I.B.A.D classification card, a copy of which will be held by the Medical Officer, players will be classified by a panel selected by I.B.A.D and will be made the day before competition starts.

PROTESTS

All classification protests about a players classification must be made before the player takes part in the competition to the I.B.A.D Medical Officer, the classification panel will reconvene with the addition of the I.B.A.D Medical Officer there findings will be final.

Purposes

1. I.B.A.D will appoint a classification panel of three (3) prior to each Tournament.
2. Medical Officer will keep the records of the classifications of all I.B.A.D players, and to be the only authorised body to issue classification cards for disabled badminton.
3. To sanction and hold "Player Classification seminars" Where prospective classifiers can learn about the system and its implementation.

PLAYER CLASSIFICATION RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. All players competing in international tournaments sanctioned by I.B.A.D must hold a classification under the I.B.A.D classification system.
2. The classification of players can only take place at I.B.A.D tournaments or at a specially organised classification event sanctioned by the classification committee.
3. All players competing in I.B.A.D tournaments should be in possession of their classification card on arrival.
4. All new players will be tested and observed during training sessions/matches by members of the classification panel prior to the commencement of the tournament.
5. Tournament organising committees must make provision to receive members of the competing teams and the members of the classification panel at least one day prior to the commencement of the tournament.

PLAYER CLASSIFICATION APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Appeals concerning players already holding a classification card are to be made to the Medical Officer who will inform the classification panel. A deposit of 25 U.S Dollars or equivalent must accompany each appeal concerning each individual player. The deposit will be refunded to the appealing nation if the appeal is upheld. This rule applies to appeals on behalf of players playing for the nation making the appeal and also against players in other teams.
2. A different classifier than the one who originally classified him or her prior to the start of the tournament and their classification will be confirmed accordingly will test players under appeal.
3. On completion of the appeals procedure the nations/players will be informed of the result. Should the appeal be upheld, the deposit will be refunded.
4. Should it be deemed that a player has deliberately misled the classifiers he or she shall be disqualified immediately.

PLAYER CLASSIFICATION - TESTING PROCEDURE

Proceedings Place/Situation

1. Observation during play Practice court

Result: first selection of
All players into there
Expected classes.

2. Information and classification Examination room with coach
Or team official present

Registration of all data on
The classification card

Result: final classification
Of all clear classes

Selection of the
Borderline cases

3. Application of tests and
Medical examination

Testing and medical examination
Of dubious cases

Result: final decisions of all Examination room with
Players or further observations examiners, player and coach/
During practice physiotherapist only

Classification Facilities

1. The classification playing area shall conform to I.B.A.D rules.
2. A room shall be available for examination.
3. In the medical examination room there shall be a medical bench, goniometer, reflex hammer and tape measure.

IBAD CLASSIFICATIONS

SITTING BADMINTON

All athletes with a minimal disability as mentioned above are eligible for playing (also athletes with a foot amputee or hand amputee of the non-playing arm).

WHEELCHAIR CLASS 1 - disability of trunk function

Trunk function is characterised by no forceful extension from forwards, side wards and back

- spinal cord lesion with motor loss complete at L4 included
- double above knee amputation till at one third from the hip

WHEELCHAIR CLASS 2 - non disabilities of trunk functions

All athletes with a minimal disability as mentioned above (from the hip) are eligible

- single above knee amputation
- double below knee amputation
- double above knee longer stump than on third from the hip

STANDING CLASS - above body disability

Non-playing arm

- muscle strength in the elbow or shoulder is not more than grade 3 on MRC scale
- the range of movement in the shoulder is not more than 25% antifixion
- the range of movement in the elbow is not more than 25% extension from maximal flexion
- in co-ordination as in spastic monoplegia or co-ordination problems in plexus brachial
- amputation through the elbow or above
- shortening of the arm like through the elbow amputation, without functional hand

Playing arm

- muscle strength not more than grade 4 on MRC's scale in hitting direction (forehand)
- range of movement loss of 30-50% for antifixion of shoulder and extension of elbow
- in co-ordination as in spastic monoplegia and atesthesia in slight degree

STANDING CLASS - below body

At least one leg has a loss in forceful push off during jumping, landing and stepping

- stiff ankle, knee or hips
 - range of movements
 - no full extension of knee: 30 degrees loss
 - no full extension of hip: 20 degrees loss
- muscle strength
 - not more than grade 3 on MRC scale in plantair flexors of ankle
 - not more than grade 3 on MRC scale in knee extensors
 - not more than grade 3 on MRC scale in hip extensors

A function loss across both legs must be compatible as written for one leg

- in co-ordination as in hemiplegia, spastic monoplegia and diplegia
- amputation below knee single BK class A4