

Rules & Regulations

- I. **The 65th National Badminton Championships 2017** will be held from **1st – 5th November 2017** at **Royal college Indoor Stadium Colombo 7**.
- II. **All Events** will be **National Ranking Level 1 Events**.
- III. **Participation will be opened only to Sri Lankan Nationals**.
- IV. Entry Forms are available at SLBA office and the SLBA website & can be handed over to Sri Lanka Badminton Association Maitland place Colombo 7, from 09:00 am – 05:00 pm on week days and 09:00 am – 01:00 pm on Saturdays. Please obtain a receipt.
- V. All Entry fees should be paid with the entry form to **SLBA**. All cheques should be drawn in favour of **“Sri Lanka Badminton Association”** and crossed **“Account Payee Only”** or deposited to Account Number **0002323122** Bank of Ceylon, Torrington Branch and the deposited slip should be handed over with entry form.
- VI. Age will be calculated as at **01st January 2018** for junior events and **01st January 2017** for Veteran and Master Events.
- VII. Feather shuttlecocks of an approved brand will be used for all the events.
- VIII. In senior and junior events competitors will be allowed to take part only in **one age category** and any number of open events. **(All participants for Open events should be above 13 years of age as at 1st January 2017)**
- IX. The Championships shall consist of the events mentioned in the Entry Form.
- X. A **plate Singles** event will be played for **men’s/women’s singles**. 1st match losers of the main draw are entitled to play this event. Losers by conceding a walkover are not entitled.
- XI. **Seeded Players** in the **MS & WS** of this Championship, **former Plate Winners, Q/Finalists in National Ranking Events** are not entitled to take part in this event.
- XII. The Championships will run on a **knock out basis** and all matches will be played according to the rules and regulations of Badminton approved by the **BWF** and as **adopted by the SLBA**. All players will be subject to the **Players Code of Conduct of BWF**. Violation of same would form the basis for disciplinary action as appropriate by SLBA. It is **Mandatory** that, from **Quarter Final** onwards, the opposing players in each match wear significantly different colors from each other. It is **Mandatory** for **Doubles partners** to wear the same colors of shirts and shorts from **Quarter Final** onwards.
- XIII. If a player/ pair is disqualified for any offense within or outside the court, the result of the last match played by that player/pair will be cancelled and a walk over awarded to the opponents of that last match prior to the disqualification.
- XIV. The tournament committee **may cancel** an event in the Championships if there are **less than four (4) entries**.
- XV. Depending on the number of entries the tournament committee may conduct qualifying rounds. **And if there will be more entries matches will be started before the scheduled dates**.
- XVI. Players are entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes rest period between any two matches.
- XVII. Players must be **punctual** and any player, who does not turn up for his/her match at the time allotted, will be liable to have a walk over given against him/her. **Ten minutes (10) grace** will be allowed. No postponements shall be allowed under any circumstances.
- XVIII. Competitors shall be allowed to play with the doubles partner nominated by them in the entry form. **Partner’s name should necessarily be indicated** on the Entry Form. **Entry forms without partner’s name will be rejected at the draw**.
- XIX. A competitor will be allowed to substitute a partner if his original partner is prevented from playing through illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance. The affected player will not be allowed to play in any other event on that day. Such proposed substitute shall be notified to the tournament Referee or an appointed Official in writing before the commencement of that particular event. Such substitution **should not be of a higher rank** than the original player and the new combination should **not be of a standard higher** than the original combination. The substitute should not have entered the same event separately.
- XX. **The Referee shall be in overall charge** of the tournament of which a match forms part. The **decision of the umpire** shall be final on any matter of fact in the match of which he/she is umpiring.
- XXI. All disputes with regard to the championships shall be referred to the Referee or the Tournament Committee. On **all matters connected with the tournament** and on **any matters not provided for the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all participants**.
- XXII. If a player concedes a walk over in any event due to injury/illness or absence she/he will not be permitted to compete in any other event of the tournament on the **same day**. Exceptional circumstances will be referred to the Referee or appointed official for a decision.
- XXIII. Applicant must be fit and good health and absolutely relieve the organizers and such person involved in the organizing of the 65th National Badminton Championships 2017 of any responsibility for any injury, loss or damages to his/her property which he/she sustain in the courts or in connection to the above tournament.
- XXIV. Participants in Senior/Junior Events must produce the NIC, Passport or Birth Certificate if requested by the **TC**.
- XXV. Entry forms could be handed over to SLBA at Maitland Place, Colombo 07.
- XXVI. **Entries will be closed** on 24th October 2017 at **5.00 p.m.** at SLBA, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.
- XXVII. Entries should not be sent by fax and they will not be accepted. Uncompleted entries can be rejected at the draw.
- XXVIII. **Entry list will be published on SLBA Web Site and displayed on the notice boards at SLBA and from 25th October 2017. And all the participants should check the list and contact the Referee if there is an error.**
- XXIX. **The Draw** will be done on **27th October 2017 at 16.00 hrs at SLBA**, and published on the **SLBA Notice Board** and SLBA web site (www.srilankabadminton.lk) on or before 28th October 2017.
- XXX. If entries are **sent by post** (registered or normal) the participants shall **ensure** that the entries are **received by SLBA** before the closing date and time. The **tournament Committee will not be responsible for postal delays**.
- XXXI. Prize Money, Certificates & Trophies/Medals will be awarded to all Winners & Runner-ups and may be for semi finalist & Quarter finalist.

PRIZE MONEY OFFERED RS. 700,000.00/-

Chairman Tournament Committee

**Tournament Referee. Mr. Oliver Guruge
(077 7777997)**

**Deputy Referees: Mr. Sanjeewa Wijesekara (071 0891691)
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Entry List will be published in SLB Web site www.srilankabadminton.lk Please check the list and ensure the correctness of you entry.