

**SINGAPORE SCHOOL SPORTS COUNCIL
NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The game shall be conducted;

- 1.1 according to the laws/rules established by the Badminton World Federation.
- 1.2 in the event that the rules and regulations are modified for safety developmental reasons to suit the level of our students, it must be clearly stated in the respective sports/games rules and regulations and
- 1.3 as governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Schools Sports Council.
- 1.4 adhering to the Baseline Safety Standards for National School Games.

2 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISING COMMITTEE

2.1 COMPOSITION

2.1.1 The Championship Organising Committee shall consist of the following:-

- a) The National Convenor,
- b) The Game Advisor,
- c) The Zone Convenors,
- d) Organising Secretaries and
- e) Any other co-opted members deemed necessary.

2.1.2 The Championship Organizing Committee and the Zone Convenors are empowered to appoint sub-committees and individual members to assist in the organization and running of the championship as and when required.

2.2 DUTIES

The Championship Organizing Committee shall have the following roles and responsibilities:-

- 2.2.1 to draw fixtures;
- 2.2.2 to fix venues, dates and times;
- 2.2.3 to arrange for equipment and facilities, and perform any other tasks for conducting the championships;
- 2.2.4 to conduct RAMS for the championships;
- 2.2.5 to ensure that venue managers conduct RAMS for the respective championship venues;
- 2.2.6 to appoint judges/referees/umpires/linesman /officials;

- 2.2.7 to organise training/upgrading officiating courses for judges/referees/umpires/linesman/officials (where applicable);
- 2.2.8 to incur expenditure within the allocated budget approved by the SSSC;
- 2.2.9 to select players to represent SSSC in approved local and overseas competitions; and also to appoint coaches to take charge of the teams
- 2.2.10 to nominate players for SSSC's Colours Award
- 2.2.11 to deal with matters pertaining to discipline, protest and other aspects of the championship;
- 2.2.12 to source for coaching and officiating courses to upgrade the technical knowledge and expertise of teachers;
- 2.2.13 to implement the Baseline Safety Standards in the organisation of the National School Games;

3 DIVISION

3.1 All students shall compete in their respective divisions according to their year of birth as follows:

A Division* 2 Jan 1997 --- 31 Dec 1997
 1 Jan 1998 --- 31 Dec 1998
 1 Jan 1999 --- 31 Dec 1999
 1 Jan 2000 --- 31 Dec 2000
 1 Jan 2001

B Division* 2 Jan 2000 --- 31 Dec 2000
 1 Jan 2001 --- 31 Dec 2001
 1 Jan 2002 --- 31 Dec 2002
 1 Jan 2003

C Division* 2 Jan 2003 --- 31 Dec 2003
 1 Jan 2004 --- 31 Dec 2004
 1 Jan 2005

Except for the following conditions:

- 3.1.1 All students in the Junior Colleges and Centralised Institute must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 3.1.2 Year 1 to Year 4 students in the Integrated Programme (i.e. Through-Train Programme) and International Baccalaureate Programme will compete in their respective age group. Those in Year 5 (equivalent to JC 1) and Year 6 (equivalent to JC 2) must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 3.1.3 All students in Secondary Schools must compete in the 'B' or 'C' Division according to their year of birth.

- 3.1.4 All students in Secondary Schools not born in the stipulated year for 'B' or 'C' Division must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 3.1.5 All students in the 'C' Division will not be able to opt to represent the school in the 'B' Division, in all individual and team sports/games.

4 ENTRIES

- 4.1 Each school is eligible to enter one boys' and/or girls' team for:
 - i the A Division
 - ii the B Division
 - iii the C Division
- 4.2 When Zone championships are used as qualifying rounds for the National championships, the top 4 teams of each division from each zone will proceed to compete in the National championships.
- 4.3 All entries must be submitted through the SSSC e-Registration portal on or before the stipulated closing date. This includes details of players along with the necessary supporting documents.
 - a) Express of Intent (EOI)
 - b) Baseline Safety Standards Acknowledgement Form
 - c) Supporting documents for Special/Transfer case students
 - d) Other forms as determined by the respective Games Organising Committee

5 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1 Each competing team shall register not less than 7 and not more than 12 players without necessarily specifying who shall play the Singles or Doubles. The list of deemed to be cleared by the Principal and the final submission is the registration submitted on the first day of the competition.
 - 5.1.1 The School Acknowledgement Form for Baseline Safety Standards has to be submitted on the first day of the competition.
- 5.2 Teams, which have qualified from Zone championships to the National round, may register a new team list at the time of registration.
- 5.3 The date of posting in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) of students announced by MOE shall be the day in which a student would be deemed as a bona fide member of the school or JC or CI.
- 5.4 Students requesting for a transfer after the Joint Admission Exercise may not represent their new school until the transfer has been officially effected.

- 5.5 Only in the event that any of the player(s) registered is/are transferred or has/have to leave school during the preliminary rounds, schools shall be allowed to replace the affected player(s).
- 5.5.1 Schools must write in to inform the Convenors of the replacement at least one (1) working day before the next match.
- 5.5.2 However, no replacement of player is allowed once the championship reaches the semi-final stage or after 2 games have been played in the round league.
- 5.6 If a school chooses not to register the maximum number of players allowed by the sports/game, at the time of submitting the registration form to the Convenor, the school shall not be permitted to register additional players subsequently.
- 5.7 International students can only be registered to play for their school **after** they have been issued with the student passes by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.
- 5.8 International students who are in the schools/junior colleges/centralised institute on exchange programme are not allowed to represent the school.
- 5.9 Students granted Leave of Absence (LOA) by MOE will be allowed to represent the school.
- 5.10 Registration constitutes representation, that is, once a student is registered to play for a school/junior college/centralised institute, he or she is deemed to have represented his or her school/junior college/centralised institute. Hence, the student is not allowed to represent another school/junior college/centralised institute in the same game.

6 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 6.1 There must be a minimum of **3 registered teams** from **3 different schools** before a team championship can be organised.
- 6.2 The championships at the preliminary rounds shall be organised on an inter-school league. Where entries are grouped, each group shall have a minimum of **four (4)** teams. (Please refer to ANNEX A.)
- 6.3 The Zone championships of badminton will be used as qualifying round for the National championship.
- 6.4 For the semi-finals, the champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross competition. The winner of group I will meet the runner-up of group II and vice-versa.
- 6.5 The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th positions.

6.6 Any deviation from the championship format requires approval from the Council or the Standing Committee.

6.7 Tie

Each Tie shall consist of 5 matches, with 3 singles and 2 doubles. **All matches must be played off.**

6.8 On each day of play, 15 minutes before the commencement of a Tie, the teacher i/c shall submit his/her team's line-up form together with photocopies of student's EZlink Card or Student Pass to the Convenor/Court Manager. The Convenor/Court Manager reserves the right to decide a walk-over in the case of non-compliance. All players are required to produce valid identification documents with photos to the Convenor/Court Manager when required.

6.8.1 If the line-up form has not been submitted after 15min before the game commences, a walkover is awarded to the other team.

6.8.2 All 7 players named in the line-up form on the day of play must be present before the tie commences. They must be present throughout the 5 matches unless permitted by the venue manager to do so.

6.8.3 On the day of play there shall be no repetition of players either in Singles or Doubles.

6.9 Order of play

Each Tie shall be played in the following order:

1st Singles
1st Doubles
2nd Singles
2nd Doubles
3rd Singles

The Convenor /Organising Secretary reserves the right to commence the next match in the order of play should there be another court available.

6.10 Interval (In accordance with 21 points scoring system)

6.10.1 When the leading score reaches 11 points, players have a 60 second interval. Players are not allowed to leave the court during the interval without Umpire's permission.

6.10.2 A two (2) minute interval between each game is allowed. Players are not allowed to leave the court during the interval without the Umpire's permission.

- 6.10.3 In the third game, players change ends when a side scores 11 points.
- 6.10.4 Coaching will only be allowed during all intervals and when the shuttle ceases to be in play.
- 6.10.5 Only a maximum of two (2) persons (Teacher, Students & Coach only) are allowed to be at the court of play during intervals.
- 6.10.6 Please refer to ANNEX B at the end of this document for brief explanation of the 21 points scoring system.

6.11 Fixture

- 6.11.1 All Ties shall be played off according to the fixture arranged by the Badminton Organising Committee.
- 6.11.2 When a team has won the tie at the Finals, the Referee/Convenor has the discretion to call off the remaining matches and declare the winner.

6.12 Change of Shuttlecocks

- 6.12.1 The official shuttlecock for the Championships 2017 shall be **Victor Gold**.
- 6.12.2 A change of shuttlecocks during a game shall be permitted only if the umpire is fully satisfied that a change is necessary. The umpire has the right to refuse a change of shuttlecocks even if both players agree to it. Any player deliberately tampering with a shuttlecock when a change is refused may be disqualified by the convenor if he upholds the umpire's decision.

7 **GRACE PERIOD**

- 7.1 Fifteen minutes (15 min) grace is allowed. The Convenor or his representative may at his discretion extend this grace period if he/she thinks the extension of grace period is justifiable (e.g. in special cases when delay may be caused by traffic jams, floods, etc). The decision of the Convenor or his representative shall be final.

8 **POSTPONEMENT**

- 8.1 However, the Convenor or his representative shall, at his discretion, decide to postpone a match if he thinks the venue is unfit for play, or for any other valid reasons for which he/she deems a postponement is in order. Teams must abide by the decision of the Convenor or his representative.

9 **WITHDRAWAL AND WALK-OVER**

- 9.1 Any withdrawal or walk-over by a team is considered contrary to the spirit of the game.
- 9.2 Schools participating in the championship should not withdraw or give walk-over. In the event of both teams failing to turn up, neither team is entitled to a walkover. The Organising Committee will take appropriate action against the two teams.
- 9.3 A team which fails to turn up or turn up late or turn up with less than 7 players after the grace period is up, shall concede a walkover to the opposing team.
- 9.4 For each withdrawal or walk-over, a written explanation duly endorsed by the Principal shall be submitted to the Convenor and the Game Adviser within two working days.
- 9.5 A walk-over or withdrawal is a game lost. Winner shall be awarded five points and loser zero points in the score for the grouping.
- 9.6 In play-off for top 4 placing, any walk-over will disqualify the team from being placed.

10 SUSPENDED MATCH

- 10.1 The referee/umpires are required to note the cause of suspension of match on the scoresheet.
- 10.2 The match shall be resumed as soon as possible.

10.3 INJURY

- 10.3.1 In the event of an injury, player has three (3) minutes of injury time before play is resumed. After three (3) minutes, the player has to continue the match or retire from the match. Umpires will start the timing once the play is stopped for injury. When the Injury occurs for the 2nd time, it will be mandatory for the player to retire.
- 10.3.2 The Convenor/court manager may at his discretion extend this injury time he/she thinks the extension is justifiable. The decision of the Convenor shall be final.

11 PROTEST

- 11.1 *Any clarification on points of Laws of the game and not on 'a matter of fact', i.e. not whether the shuttle is 'in' or 'out' or if the service delivered is a 'fault-service', must be lodged immediately by the*

teacher-in-charge only to the Convenor/Organising Secretary. Any decision taken by the Convenor/Organising Secretary will be final.

- 11.2 All protests shall be referred to the Championship Organising Committee. The protest(s) must reach the Committee within two (2) working days following the match to which it relates. The protest must be in writing and duly signed by the principal. A protest fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) plus GST* will be charged. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will not be required. If it is overruled, the protest fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) plus GST* will be deducted from the protesting school's account, via IFAAS.
- 11.3 The Championship Organising Committee will meet to deliberate on the protest within seven (7) working days. The decision will then be made known in writing to the schools concerned.
- 11.5 In the event that the National and Zonal Championship Organizing Committees are involved in a protest, the affected school concerned will inform the SSSC Secretary and shall not be involved in any further deliberations on the matter.

12 APPEAL

- 12.1 Upon the release/disclosure of the decision of the Championship Organising Committee, only schools may appeal to the Council.
- 12.2 Notices of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Zone/Main Council within two (2) working days upon receiving the Championship Organising Committee's Decision. The appeal must be in writing and duly signed by the principal.
- 12.3 Upon receiving the notice of appeal from the school, the appeal fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) plus GST* shall be deducted from the school's account via IFAAS.
- 12.4 The Board of Appeal will deliberate on the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final. (Please refer to Annex C)

13 SUSPENSION

A player suspended by any one of the following bodies is barred from participating in SSSC championship for that sport /game for the period of suspension:

- i the School
- ii the Zone Council
- iii the Schools Sport Council
- iv the National Association of the sport/game

14 AWARD OF LEAGUE POINTS

The following scoring system shall apply:

- i 2 points for a win
- ii 1 point for a loss
- iii 0 point for conceding a walk-over

15 TIE IN LEAGUE POINTS

- 15.1 In the league championship, the winner shall be the team with the highest number of points scored from all the ties played.
- 15.2 If two teams have won the same number of points, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 15.3 If three or more teams have won the same number of points, ranking order will be established by (Total Matches Won) only between the teams involved.
- 15.4 If Rule (15.3) leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 15.5 If Rule (15.3) leaves three or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the (Difference Between Total Games Won and Total Games Lost) only between the teams involved.
- 15.6 If Rule (15.5) leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 15.7 If Rule (15.5) leaves three or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the (Difference Between Total Points Won and Total Points Lost from all games played) only between the teams involved.
- 15.8 If Rule (15.7) leaves two (2) teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- 15.9 If Rule (15.7) leaves three or more teams equal, ranking order will be established by the (Drawing Lots) only between the teams involved.

16 PRIZES

The number of prizes and plaques (for team championships only) to be awarded at the Zone and National Championship shall be as follows :

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| i | 3 teams | - | 2 team prizes |
| ii | 4 teams | - | 3 team prizes |
| iii | 5 or more teams | - | 4 team prizes |

17 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF TEAM

- 17.1 Each participating team must be accompanied by a teacher who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play. (Please refer to Annex D)
- 17.2 Teachers-in-charge are not allowed to interfere with the final decision taken by the referee/umpire/judge on points of laws/rules after clarification has been sought. If such interference results in disruption of any match/game, a report shall be made by the Convenor and the matter brought to the attention of the Championship Organising Committee for appropriate action.
- 17.3 The teacher-in-charge shall be an Education Officer or a Contract Adjunct Teacher only.

18 REFEREE / UMPIRES / LINE JUDGES

- 18.1 Referee
The Referee shall be appointed by Singapore Badminton Association and approved by the council.

- 18.2 Umpire
All participating schools must provide a umpire or make payment for a umpire arranged by the Convenor for the preliminary rounds.

Umpires are requested to bring stop-watches to ensure accurate timing for the break given during the intervals.

Schools will still have to make payment for umpires when they receive or concede a walk-over.

- 18.3 Line Judges
Players of both teams will be asked to act as line judges. All schools must perform their line judge duties as assigned by the convenor.

- 18.4 Schools have to ensure that their umpires/line judges are present to fulfill their duties as scheduled by the convenor. Teams that receive walk-overs must also honour their umpiring/line judging commitments.

19 EXTERNAL INSTRUCTORS

- 19.1 External instructors are expected to conduct themselves with decorum during championships. (Please refer to Annex E)
- 19.2 External instructors are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions. Only teachers-in-charge are allowed to approach game officials to seek clarifications.

- 19.3 External instructors will not make any representation on behalf of the school in any capacity. (Only the teacher-in-charge shall sign and endorse the Team Line-up Form and submit it to the Official in-charge of the Tie)
- 19.4 External instructors shall not be involved in any 'Side-line' coaching other than during the intervals or when the shuttle ceases to be in play.
- 19.5 Schools must ensure that their external instructors adhere to the SSSC Rules and Regulations.
- 19.6 Should the external instructors breach any of the rules mentioned above, the Court Manager, umpire-in-charge of the Tie, Referee and members of the Championship Organising Committee may take the following actions:-
- 19.6.1 A verbal warning would be issued in the first instant of the offence.
- 19.6.2 The external instructor will be asked to leave the tournament venue after the 2nd verbal warning has been issued.
- 19.6.3 Any other appropriate actions deem necessary.
- 19.7 The Championship Organising Committee may issue a written letter of complaint to the school concerned. If the problem persists, then the Sub-Committee may bar the external coach from the championship venue for a period of time to be decided at a meeting.

20 SUPPORTERS

- 20.1 Schools sending supporters to any championship shall ensure that their students are in proper school uniform and there are sufficient teachers on duty to maintain discipline.
- 20.2 Supporters are not allowed to participate in any form of sideline coaching and/or interfering during the game.
- 20.3 Participating schools must ensure that their supporters and spectators attending the game(s) conduct themselves to the best of their abilities (Refer to Annex D). In the event that unsportsmanlike behaviour is observed, the Convenor may, at his discretion, issue an eviction of the spectator from the training/competition venue.
- 20.4 All supporters are required to remain within the stipulated area for supporters throughout the championship. They are not allowed to be in the championship arena.
- 20.5 Teachers in-charge are advised to warn their supporters not to make too much noise whilst the matches are in progress.
- 20.6 Players and supporters should refrain from jeering or booing whilst the match is in progress.

20.7 Teachers are to advise their pupils/students to refrain from littering.

21 DISQUALIFICATION

20.1 A school team will be disqualified if it commits any of the following:

- a) fielding overaged player
- b) fielding unregistered player
- c) fielding an ineligible player
- d) fielding player without a valid student pass
- e) fielding a non-bona-fide student
- f) team/player not accompanied by education officer
- g) team/player which caused a game/match to be abandoned

20.2 All results involving the team which has been disqualified will be considered null and void.

22 ATTIRE

22.1 All school athletes must be suitably attired in accordance with the requirement of the game/sport. The attire should bear the school colours/logo/badge or name. Only T-shirts bearing the school colours or name are allowed.

22.2 Players not using the school team's T-shirts will be told to change before they are allowed to play.

23 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All matters not provided for in these Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with by the respective Championship Organising Committees.

24 AMENDMENTS

The Singapore Schools Sports Council shall have the right to delete, add or amend the rules and regulations laid down herein.

SBA updated rule on Overrule by Umpire over Line-Judges (Implemented in 2005)

'An official's decision is final on all points of fact for which that official is responsible. If, in the opinion of the umpire, it is beyond reasonable doubt that a line judge has made a clearly wrong call, the umpire shall change the decision of the line judge. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the line judge should be replaced, the umpire should call the referee to discuss the matter.'

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

In determining the format for the competition, Championship Organising Committees should aim to provide meaningful¹ competition experiences for participating teams, following the approved championship format in this Annex. The selected competition format should be standardised within the same sport (i.e. across zones).

One-Group Championship Format

Grouping

The Championship will be played in a one-group round robin format.

Number of Teams	Group
3 to 7 teams	One-Group

The Championship Organising Committee may decide to adopt on one of the options listed below:

Option 1: Team ranking will be based on the league points awarded at the end of the single round robin league format.
Without play-offs or semi-finals

Option 2: At the end of the one-group round robin format, the top 2 placed teams will play-off for 1st & 2nd position and the 3rd and 4th placed teams will play-off for 3rd & 4th position
With Play-offs

Option 3: At the end of the one-group round robin format, semi-finals will be played between the teams ranked 1st & 4th and 2nd & 3rd. The winners of the semi-finals will play for the 1st & 2nd and the losers of the semi-finals will play for the 3rd & 4th positions.
With Semi-Finals

Two-Group Championship Format

Preliminary Round

Seeding

The champion and the fourth team of the preceding tournament shall be seeded in Group A. The runner-up and the third team of the preceding tournament shall be seeded in Group B.

Grouping

Except for the seeded team, grouping will be determined by the drawing of lots. The top 2 teams of each group will advance to the semi-final round. Convenor may determine the number of teams per group by drawing of lots.

¹ Each participating team should minimally play 3 matches (i.e. cumulative across Zone and National competitions; where applicable) in the course of competition.

Number of Teams	Group A	Group B
8 teams	4	4
9 teams	4	5
	5	4
10 teams	5	5
11 teams	5	6
	6	5
12 teams	6	6
13 teams	6	7
	7	6
14 teams	7	7

Semi-Final Round

The champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross championship. The winner of Group A will meet the runner-up of Group B and vice-versa.

Semi-final 1 (SF2)	A1 vs. B2
Semi-final 2 (SF2)	B1 vs. A2

Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th positions.

1 st & 2 nd Position	Winner of SF1 vs. Winner of SF2
3 rd & 4 th Position	Loser of SF1 vs. Loser of SF2

Three-Group Championship Format

Preliminary Round

Seeding

The champion of the preceding tournament shall be seeded in Group A, the runner-up and third placed teams in Group B and Group C respectively. In the event that one of the seeded team withdraws from the tournament, the fourth placed team of the preceding tournament will be seeded.

Grouping

Except for the seeded team, grouping will be determined by the drawing of lots. The top 2 teams of the groups will advance to the quarter-final round. Convenor may determine the number of teams per group by drawing of lots.

Number of Teams	Group A	Group B	Group C
12 teams	4	4	4
13 teams	4	4	5
	5	4	4
	4	5	4
14 teams	4	5	5
	5	4	5
	5	5	4

15 teams	5	5	5
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Quarter-Final Round

The quarter-final round will be played in a 2-group format. One of the groups shall consist of two (2) group champions and one (1) group runners-up, and the other group one (1) group champion and two (2) group runners-up. The groups shall be determined by drawing of lots.

The group champion and runner-up shall be placed in different groups in the quarter-final round. For example, if A1 is drawn into Group X, A2 shall be placed in Group Y.

Group X	Group Y
A1	B1
C1	A2
B2	C2

Semi-Final Round

The champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross championship. The winner of group X will meet the runner-up of group Y and vice-versa.

Semi-final 1 (SF1)	A1 vs. B2
Semi-final 2 (SF2)	B1 vs. A2

Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th positions.

1 st & 2 nd Position	Winner of SF1 vs. Winner of SF2
3 rd & 4 th Position	Loser of SF1 vs. Loser of SF2

Four-Group Championship Format

Preliminary Round

Seeding

The champion of the preceding tournament shall be seeded in Group A, the runner-up, third placed and the fourth placed teams in Group B, Group C and Group D respectively.

Grouping

Except for the seeded team, grouping will be determined by the drawing of lots. The top 2 teams of the groups will advance to the quarter-final round. Convenor may determine the number of teams per group by drawing of lots.

Number of Teams	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
16 teams	4	4	4	4
17 teams	5	4	4	4
	4	5	4	4
	4	4	5	4
	4	4	4	5
18 teams	5	5	4	4

	5	4	4	5
	4	5	5	4
	4	4	5	5
19 teams	5	5	5	4
	5	5	4	5
	5	4	5	5
	4	5	5	5
20 teams	5	5	5	5
21 teams	6	5	5	5
	5	6	5	5
	5	5	6	5
	5	5	5	6
22 teams	6	6	5	5
	6	5	5	6
	5	6	6	5
	5	5	6	6
23 teams	6	6	6	5
	6	6	5	6
	6	5	6	6
	5	6	6	6
24 teams	6	6	6	6
25 teams	7	6	6	6
	6	7	6	6
	6	6	7	6
	6	6	6	7
26 teams	7	7	6	6
	6	7	7	6
	7	6	6	7
	6	6	7	7
27 teams	7	7	7	6
	7	7	6	7
	7	6	7	7
	6	7	7	7
28 teams	7	7	7	7

Quarter-Final Round

The quarter-final round will be played in a 2-group format. Each group shall consist of two (2) group champions and two (2) group runners-up. The groups shall be determined by drawing of lots.

The group champion and runner-up shall be placed in different groups in the quarter-final round. For example, if A1 is drawn into Group X, A2 shall be placed in Group Y.

Group X	Group Y
A1	B1
C1	D1
B2	A2
D2	C2

Semi-Final Round

The champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross championship. The winner of group X will meet the runner-up of group Y and vice-versa.

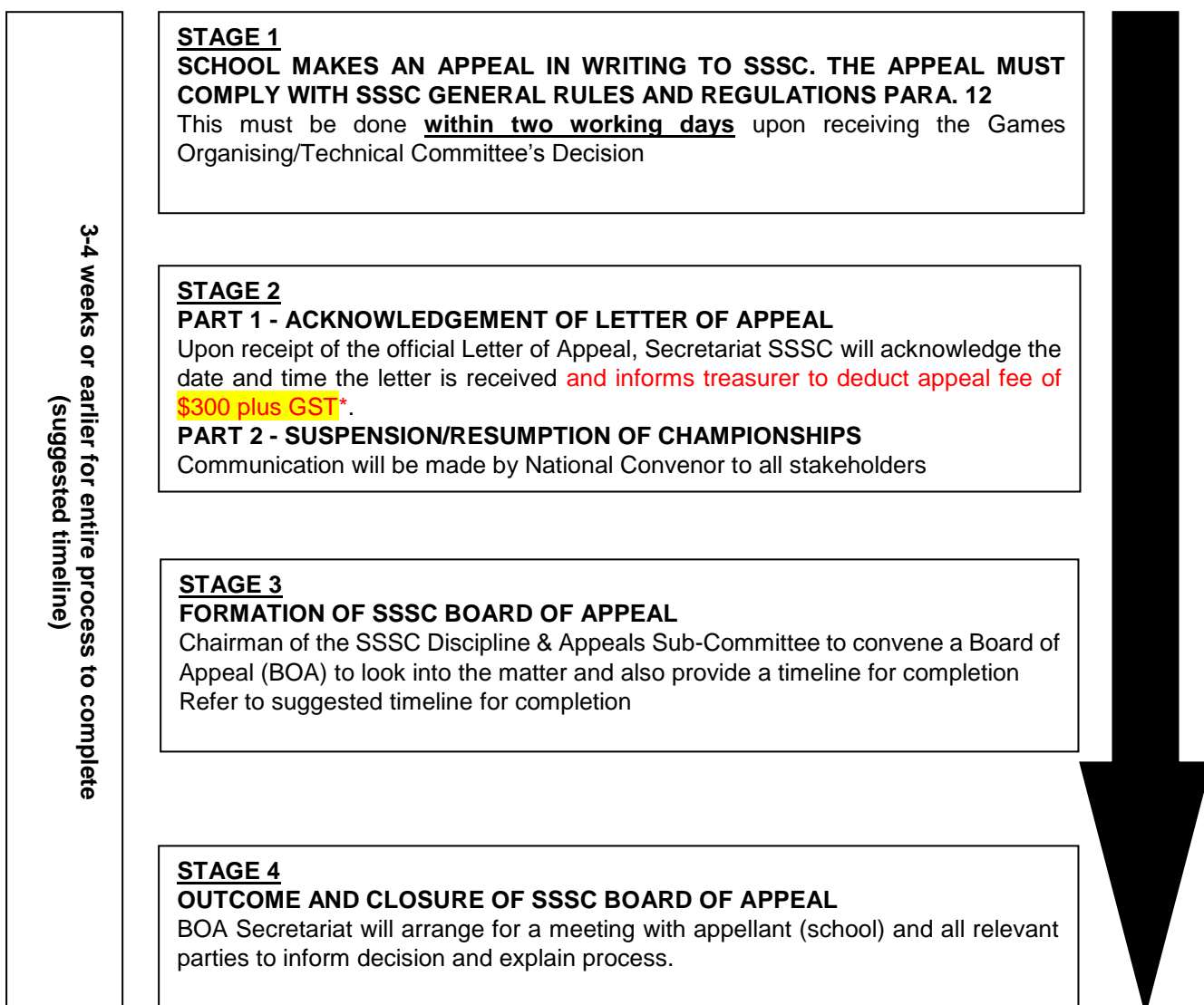
Semi-final match 1	X1 vs. Y2
Semi-final match 2	Y1 vs. X2

Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th positions.

1 st & 2 nd Position	Winner of SF1 vs. Winner of SF2
3 rd & 4 th Position	Loser of SF1 vs. Loser of SF2

SSSC PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS WORKFLOW



As in accordance with the SSSC General Rules and Regulations under para.12, the decision of the Board of Appeal or the Standing Committee shall be absolute.

SINGAPORE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL**ROLE OF THE TEACHER IN-CHARGE**

The teacher in-charge will represent the school on all matters pertaining to the administration and organisation of the tournament. He/She will do the following:

- to ensure good attendance during practice
- to take follow-up actions on absenteeism of members
- to co-ordinate training sessions with the external instructor
- to monitor and take stock of sports equipment
- to attend meetings called by the game convenor
- to submit team list
- to be responsible for the accuracy of the players' particulars in the entry forms and ensure that the pupils are not placed in the wrong division.
- to liaise between the Organising Committee (convenor school) and the Principal (school)
- to check the fixtures and schedules
- to make transport arrangements for the teams
- to accompany the schools teams for all competitions
- to remain with the team throughout the duration of play
- to be responsible for the conduct and behaviour of the external instructor, players and supporters
- to represent the school in matters pertaining to appeals/protests (as required by the sport/game)
- to accompany pupils at disciplinary board meeting
- to ensure that the team is medically covered e.g. first aid kit

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Code of Conduct for External Instructors

- External instructors are expected to conduct themselves well in carrying out their duties.
- They are to observe the rules and regulations of the school.
- They should not replace the role of the teacher in-charge.
- They will prepare the training schedule for the team, in consultation with the Principal and the teacher in-charge (i.e. 30-week programme)
- They are not allowed into the competition area except where the rule of the game requires the presence of the instructor e.g. Softball.
- They cannot represent the school in any matters.
- They must not interfere with the organisation of the tournament.
- They are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions. Only teachers-in-charge are allowed to approach game officials to seek clarifications.
- External instructors violating the above rules will be asked to leave the competition arena.
- Action will be taken against the school if the external instructors fail to comply with the tournament rules.
- The onus for the external instructors to adhere to the above rules and to be well versed with the competition rules amended to meet the needs of our pupils' lies with the school concerned.
- Ensure that the team has adequate rest and given water breaks.
- Instructors should refrain from using foul language or in a tone not becoming of proper behaviour.