



Competition Format and Rules

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Competition Format

The badminton competition at GC2018 consists of men's, women's and mixed events:

Men's medal events: two	Women's medal events: two	Mixed/Open medal events: two
Singles	Singles	Mixed doubles
Doubles	Doubles	Mixed team

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Individual events (singles/doubles):

The individual events are straight knockout competitions. The number of rounds will depend on the number of entries. The winner of each match advances to the next round, and then to quarterfinals, semifinals and a bronze medal final and a gold medal final. The only time a losing player/pair or team will contest another match is when the losing semifinalists meet in the bronze medal match.

Each match is the best of three games with the winner of each game being the first player/s to reach 21 by two clear points. At 20-all, the side which scores two consecutive points shall win that game. At 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game.

Seeding and draws:

For the individual singles and doubles events, seedings will be provided by the BWF according to the world rankings as of 29 March 2018.

Mixed team event:

A team consists of a minimum two men and two women, with a maximum of five men and five women. No player can play in more than two matches in a tie – that is, a man or a woman could not play singles and both doubles matches.

The mixed team event is conducted in two stages, beginning with a round-robin group stage and a knockout stage.

The referee will determine the order of matches in a tie. No player may play in two consecutive matches or play doubles before singles. In line with Sudirman Cup regulations, the following order of matches will be used in priority order:

- A.MD – WS – MS – WD - XD
- B.MS – WS – MD – WD - XD
- C.XD – MS – MD – WS - WD
- D.XD – MS – WS – MD - WD
- E.XD – WS – MS – WD - MD
- F.WS – MS – WD – MD - XD
- G.MD – WD – MS – WS – XD

KEY: MD, mixed doubles; WS, women's singles; MS, men's singles



Seeding:

For the mixed team event, eight teams will be seeded according to BWF world rankings as at 4 January 2018.

Group play stage:

Teams will be divided in the group stage of the competition into groups of four teams. All teams within a designated group play each other (ties) to establish a final ranking order, based on the total number of matches won.

A tie consists of five matches: men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. A team must win three matches in a tie to be successful.

Each match is the best of three games played to 21 points, by two clear points. At 20-all, the side which scores two consecutive points shall win that game. At 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game.

All five matches in a tie will be played during group stages.

Group play ranking:

Ranking will be established by the number of ties won.

- If two teams have won the same number of ties, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher
- If three or more teams have won the same number of ties, ranking will be established by the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the tie between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more teams have won the same number of ties and are equal in the difference between total ties won and total ties lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total matches won and total matches lost, with greater difference ranked higher. If this still leaves two teams equal, the winner of the ties between them will be ranked higher.
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- If three or more teams are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots

The top two teams from each of the four groups progress to the knockout stage, teams from the same group can't play each other in the quarterfinals.

Knockout stage:

A draw will take place prior to the quarterfinals for the knockout stages of the competition. Winning teams move on to the quarterfinals, semifinals, and then to the bronze medal final or gold medal final.

For the knockout stage of the mixed team event, the first team to win three matches within the tie will be declared the winner and progress to the next round. If a team achieves three wins before all matches have been played, the remaining matches will not be played.



Dead rubbers:

All five matches in a tie will be played during group matches. During the knockout stage, dead rubbers will not be played.

Tiebreak rules:

Tied results are not possible in the knockout stage of any competition

Disqualification, retirement and substitutions:

If a team is unable to complete all their group ties, all the results of that team shall be deleted.

If a team is unable to complete a match in a tie (e.g. retiring or conceding a match due to illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance), the result of that match shall count as if completed without the conceding side scoring another point.

In the individual events, if a player retires from a match, it will not be considered a withdrawal. However, should a player be entered in more than one event, by retiring or withdrawing from that one event, the player must be withdrawn from all other events in which they are nominated. All previous matches in previous rounds will stand.

Award of medals:

In the unlikely case where there are fewer than five competitors in an event, rule SPT38 of the CGF Sport Manual will be invoked, which dictates that, for both individual and team events, medals will be awarded according to the following scale:

- Events with four contestants – only gold and silver medals awarded
- Events with three or two contestants – only gold medals awarded