

2024 First International Formosa Cup Badminton Championship

Competition Regulations

1. Advisory Organizations: Badminton Association of the Republic of China; Sports Development Bureau of Kaohsiung City Government

2. Organizers: Taiwan Badminton Development Association

3. Co-organizers: AP Recreation Center

4. Sponsors: JNICE Sports Enterprise Co., Ltd.

5. Supporting Sponsors: Healthful Wafer Roll, Zhai Zhai Good Things, Chiyang Coffee

6. Competition Dates: December 14, 2024 (Saturday) to December 15, 2024 (Sunday)

7. Competition Venue: AP Recreation Center (No. 113, Xuefu Road, Xiaogang District, Kaohsiung City, TAIWAN)

8. Competition Categories:

For the Student Group, participants must register according to their actual age and gender (they can register for an older age group but not a younger one; however, participants cannot register for two similar categories, e.g., if registering for 9-year-old Boys' Singles, they cannot register for 10-year-old Boys' Singles).

✧ Each participant in the Student Group can register for up to two events.

All groups are divided by age (according to BWF regulations), and identification (ID card, passport, health card, or student ID) must be provided as proof (e.g., 2024 - 2015 equals 9 years old, which means they must register for the U10 age group, not the U9).

(1) Student Group: Includes seven age categories: U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U15, and U17.

Each group will take the top eight among 64 teams. If fewer than 64 teams participate, refer to rule 15 for implementation. (If the U17 group has 16 or more participants/teams, the top two will be awarded prize money.)

1. U09 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
2. U10 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
3. U11 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
4. U12 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
5. U13 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
6. U15 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles
7. U17 Age Group: ① Boys' Singles ② Boys' Doubles ③ Girls' Singles ④ Girls' Doubles

(2) Social Group:

Participants must provide proof of birth year (ID card or passport, e.g., 2024 - 1999 equals 25 years old).

- **Social Professional Group:** If fewer than 3 teams inclusive register for each category, the event will be canceled. Prize money will only be awarded if 8 or more teams participate.
① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
- **Social Amateur Group:** (Former athletic students are not allowed in A or B categories)
A. Under 29 years old: ① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
B. 30-39 years old: ① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
C. 40-49 years old: ① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
D. 50-59 years old: ① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
E. 60 years and above: ① Men's Singles ② Men's Doubles ③ Women's Singles ④ Women's Doubles ⑤ Mixed Doubles
F. Junior High School Parent-Child Group: ① Father-Son Doubles ② Mother-Son Doubles ③ Father-Daughter Doubles ④ Mother-Daughter Doubles
G. Elementary School Parent-Child Group: ① Father-Son Doubles ② Mother-Son Doubles ③ Father-Daughter Doubles ④ Mother-Daughter Doubles

(3) Invitation Group: Teams are invited by the organizers. The Invitation Group is scheduled for December 14th.

1. VIP Individual Event
2. VIP Team Event

9. Eligibility:

The organizing committee does not review the eligibility of participants. Athletes are expected to comply with relevant regulations. If any discrepancies or complaints arise, the organizing committee reserves the right to make the final decision. Participants found to be ineligible will have their participation revoked without a refund. There are no nationality restrictions for registration. Participants must join voluntarily and be in good health. Any injuries during the competition, except those covered by insurance provided by the organizing committee, are the participant's responsibility.

- (1) Each person can participate in up to two events.

- (2) For Professional and Amateur groups, each person is limited to registering for one event in similar categories. Registration must be within the same age group and cross-age registrations are not allowed.
- (3) Professional athletes, national team members, or players from the Badminton Association of the Republic of China (level A) must register in the Social Professional Group. Participants in the Professional Group cannot also register in the Amateur Group.
- (4) Athletic students are defined as those who have been admitted to school via badminton proficiency exams from junior high school and above, regardless of graduation status.
- (5) In the Social Group, participants may register for a younger age category but not an older one.
- (6) The Invitation Group competition is a team competition, consisting of three doubles teams per group. The winner will be decided by winning two matches. In the VIP Team Group, each team is limited to one level A player from the Badminton Association of the Republic of China, and this player must play in the first match. Invitations for participants in each group are as follows:
 1. VIP Individual Event: Individuals passionate about promoting badminton, invited by the committee.
 2. VIP Team Event: Teams from organizing units, co-organizers, sponsors, and the Sports Journalists Association, invited by the committee.
- (7) If fewer than three teams (inclusive) register for a group, the organizing committee will either merge groups or cancel the event.
- (8) Participants must bring photo identification. Failure to provide proper ID will result in disqualification.
- (9) For the Parent-Child Group, participants must provide relevant parent-child documentation.

10. Registration Process:

Personal data provided for this competition will only be used for purposes related to the event and participants agree to its use for organizing the event.

- (1) **Registration Period:** From now until November 1, 2024 (Friday) at 23:59.
- (2) **Registration Portal:** <https://tbda.ef-info.com/>
- (3) **For registration inquiries, please contact Mr. Henry Cheng:**
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- **(4) Registration Fees (Currency: NTD):**
 1. For one event: NT\$800 per person; for two events: NT\$1,400 per person.
 2. Banquet fee: NT\$1,000 per person (December 14th).
 3. Airport transfer fee: NT\$500 per person (limited to transportation between Kaohsiung Xiaogang Airport and designated hotels; advance reservation required. Transfer services are available from December 13th to December 16th, between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM).
*Note: If a registered participant is unable to attend, they must provide legitimate and relevant documentation.
- **(5) Payment Method:** Payment must be completed by November 5, 2024 (Tuesday). Failure to pay by this date will be considered an incomplete registration, and the participant will not be included in the draw or allowed to compete.
- **(6) Refund Policy:**
 1. Refund requests must be submitted before the registration deadline. Late requests will not be processed.
 2. Approved refunds will be processed after deducting a NT\$200 handling fee.
*For refunds due to personal reasons, any transfer fees will be borne by the participant.

11. Competition Format:

The latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules (rally scoring system) will be used. All matches will be played as one game to 31 points, with a court change at 16 points. The first player/team to reach 31 points wins. There is no additional scoring if the score reaches 30-30.

12. Competition Shuttlecock: YONEX AEROCLEAR-30

13. Competition Regulations:

- **(1) Scoring for Team and Individual Round-Robin Matches:**
 1. In team competitions, once the winner of the match has been determined, the remaining games will not be played, as decided by the referee.
 2. Each match victory earns 2 points, while a loss earns 1 point. Rankings are determined by total points. Teams that withdraw midway will not be ranked, and their prior results will not be counted.
 3. In the case of a tie, rankings will be determined in the following order:

- (1) If two teams are tied, the winner of their head-to-head match will be ranked higher.
- (2) If three or more teams are tied, rankings will be determined by: A. The team with the greater difference between total games won and total games lost. B. The team with the greater difference between total sets won and total sets lost. C. The team with the greater difference between total points won and total points lost. D. If still tied, a draw will be conducted by the chief referee.
- ******(2) If a player does not show up within 5 minutes of the scheduled match time, they will be considered to have forfeited (based on the court clock). If a player has back-to-back matches, they will be given a 5-minute rest period (players must inform the competition committee in advance).
- ******(3) The organizing committee reserves the right to adjust match times and court assignments, and participants cannot dispute these adjustments.

14. Match Schedule Announcements:

- **(1)** The list of registered participants will be posted online on November 8th. If there are any issues or omissions, please contact the committee by November 15th to confirm.
- **(2)** The first version of the schedule will be posted on November 20th (subject to change and for reference only). If there are any issues or omissions, please contact the committee by November 23rd; no changes will be made after this date.
- **(3)** The final version of the schedule will be posted on November 29th (this version is final, and no changes will be made thereafter).

15. Prizes and Penalties:

- **(1) Social Professional Group:** Certificates and cash prizes will be awarded. Prize money is subject to tax in accordance with the tax laws of the Republic of China (as noted in Remark 1).

- **(2) Student and Social Amateur Groups:**

For 8 or more registered groups, the top 4 finishers will receive certificates and prizes from the organizers.

For 4–7 registered groups, the top 2 finishers will receive certificates and prizes.

For 3 registered groups, the top finisher will receive a certificate and prize.

- **(3) Social Professional Group Prize Distribution:**

For 8 or more registered groups, the top 4 finishers will be awarded, with cash prizes

for the first and second place and prizes for the third and fourth place.

For 4–7 registered groups, the top 2 finishers will receive prizes, but no cash prizes will be awarded.

For 3 registered groups, the top finisher will receive a prize, but no cash prize will be awarded.

- **(4)** All participants will be eligible for a raffle and will receive a commemorative event T-shirt.
- **(5) Protest Procedures:**
 1. Complaints regarding participant eligibility or impersonation must first be raised verbally. Within 30 minutes of the match's conclusion, a formal written protest (as per the provided attachment) must be submitted to the chief referee. Protests submitted beyond this time limit will not be accepted.
 - (1) Age issues: Protests must be raised with the on-site referee, and the participant's photo ID will be checked. Failure to provide ID or an age discrepancy will result in forfeiture.
 - (2) Eligibility issues: Protests must be raised with the on-site referee, and the protester must provide supporting evidence. If the protest is upheld, the participant will be disqualified.
 2. A deposit of NT\$3,000 must be submitted with the protest. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is unsuccessful, the deposit will be forfeited and added to the event fund.
- **(6)** Participants found to be ineligible, impersonating another player, or registered for more than 3 events will have their results nullified and be banned from the competition for one year.
- **(7)** Participants or team leaders exhibiting improper behavior, causing delays, or obstructing the competition will have their results nullified and be banned from the competition for one year.

16. Event Insurance:

The event has taken out public liability insurance of NT\$3 million, with the coverage details as follows:

- **(1)** The insured is covered for bodily injury, death, or property damage suffered by third parties during the event, for which they are legally liable. The insurance company handling the event will provide compensation under the following conditions:
 1. The insured or staff members suffer an accident at the designated venue during

the event period.

2. Accidents occurring in structures, pathways, machinery, or other facilities along the competition route.
3. Maximum individual bodily injury or death compensation: NT\$3 million per person; NT\$15 million per incident; maximum property damage compensation: NT\$2 million per incident; maximum total insurance coverage: NT\$34 million.

- **(2) Exclusions:**

1. Injuries caused by personal medical conditions (e.g., knee sprains, Achilles tendon ruptures, etc.).
2. Symptoms caused by personal cardiovascular conditions (e.g., shock, heart attack, etc.).

- **(3)** The event's public liability insurance does not cover personal illnesses. Participants are encouraged to arrange personal accident insurance as needed.

The organizing committee retains the final right of interpretation for these competition regulations. All rulings will be made fairly based on the actual situation. Any unresolved matters will be announced and implemented by the committee.

Taxation of Prizes: Winnings from the competition are subject to a withholding tax of 10% for Taiwanese citizens and 20% for foreigners.

Professional Group Prize Money:

1. Men's Singles: 1st place: NT\$10,000; 2nd place: NT\$5,000
2. Men's Doubles: 1st place: NT\$15,000; 2nd place: NT\$8,000
3. Women's Singles: 1st place: NT\$10,000; 2nd place: NT\$5,000
4. Women's Doubles: 1st place: NT\$15,000; 2nd place: NT\$8,000
5. Mixed Doubles: 1st place: NT\$15,000; 2nd place: NT\$8,000

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