



SOUTH AFRICAN STAVRIDIS CUP BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The Association shall be called the South African Stavridis Cup Badminton Association and the Association badge is shown in Annexure B. The South African Stavridis Cup Badminton Association shall be affiliated to Badminton South Africa.

2 JURISDICTION

A Stavridis Cup player is a player who has not played in his Provincial or Country District Association's top league(s) that year. All players at the South African Stavridis Cup need to be registered with either a Province or Country District Association.

- A. If a Provincial has a single league, then the players must be graded in order of strength. Players graded in the top twelve (12) would be excluded from being selected for Stavridis Cup. Players graded from thirteen (13) onwards would be eligible for Stavridis Cup.
- B. If a Provincial has two leagues in their Association, then a Stavridis Cup player is someone who is playing in the second league. The top 6 players in the second league will be eligible for Woodroffe Cup and the remaining players will be available for Stavridis Cup.
- C. If a Province has three leagues in their Association, then Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the third league.
- D. If a Province has four leagues in their Association, then Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the third and fourth league.
- E. If a Province has five leagues in their Association, then Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fourth and fifth league.

- F. If a Province has six leagues in their Association, then Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fifth and sixth league.
- G. If a Province has seven leagues in their Association, then Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fifth, sixth and seventh league.
- H. Provinces with leagues in excess of seven should contact the Chairman for guidance as regards which players are eligible for selection for Stavridis Cup.

Players who play in the top league for the major part of the league season and then suddenly drop down to a lower league to enable themselves to be available for selection for the Tournament will not be entitled to play at the South African Stavridis Cup. A player who has played more than 30% of the local domestic league matches in a higher league cannot be selected for the Tournament.

Country District Associations may not select their South African Country District A team member to play at Woodroffe Cup. Country District Associations Constitution should be followed when determining which players are eligible for Woodroffe Cup. Country District Association players should be graded in order of strength by the Country District Association. Players graded from seven (7) onwards would be eligible for Stavridis Cup.

If there is any doubt about which players can be selected for the Woodroffe Cup these matters need to be raised with the Chairman who will ask his Committee for guidance.

3 OBJECTIVES

To promote, encourage and advance badminton throughout South Africa.

These objectives are in line with the World Badminton Federation and Badminton South Africa.

The Association is in place to provide an opportunity to those players who are not able to represent their Association at various South African National Tournaments to play at a National Tournament with players of similar strength.

4 HONESTY

As only the Committee will be able to query the team selections made by the various Provinces or Country District Associations, it is hoped that a high standard of honesty will prevail with regard to the correct people being selected for the correct team and Individual Championships. If Associations disregard this rule then we are not meeting the goals we have set ourselves.

5 COMMITTEE

At each South African Stavridis Cup Tournament an Annual General Meeting will take place. A Committee whose function will be to manage the Association will be elected at the Annual General Meeting and these persons will hold office for a period of two (2) years.

If a Committee member resigns during their two year term in office there will be election for a replacement at the next Annual General Meeting. Committee members so elected will only serve until the next Annual General Meeting where election for the full Committee shall take place. Currently the Committee elections are held in even years – 2008, 2010, etc.

The Committee will comprise the following members:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members – minimum three and maximum five persons

At the Annual General Meeting each Province or Country District Association present in person will have two votes – these votes will be recorded by the Secretary prior to any issues requiring a vote. Each member of the South African Stavridis Cup Committee will also be entitled to vote.

6 ELIGIBILITY

The South African Stavridis Cup Tournament will be the final tournament of the Badminton South Africa calendar each year.

A player who has represented his or her Provincial or Country District Association during the previous year in any of the following South African Tournaments as part of their Province or Country District team is not eligible to play in the South African Stavridis Cup Tournament.

Players who enter the Individual Championships of the below mentioned National tournaments and still meet the league requirements of the South African Stavridis Cup Badminton Association are eligible to play at the Stavridis Cup Tournament.

These South African Tournaments are:

- South African Under 15
- South African Under 17
- South African Under 19 – Kerr Cup
- South African Country Districts
- South African Inter-Provincial Tournament – Melvill Cup
- South African Veterans
- South African Masters

Players who represent any Association team (for example (but not limited to): South African Police Services, South African National Defence Force or South African Student Sports Union) at the Melvill Cup Tournament are not eligible for selection for Stavridis Cup – Individual Championships and Inter-Provincial Tournament.

Players who attend any one of the above tournaments, playing for their Association's "B" or lower team are still eligible to play in the Stavridis Cup Tournament, as long as the league requirements as per Clause 2 above have been met.

The above rule does not apply to the South African Inter-Provincial Tournament and all Junior tournaments – all these players who play in the team event of these tournaments are excluded from Stavridis Cup, even if they meet the league requirements.

Country District Association players are able to play in more than one National tournament in a single year – so long as the rules above have been complied with.

If a player represents the South African Stavridis Cup Badminton Association at any of the above mentioned tournaments (excluding the South African Inter-Provincial Tournament and all Junior tournaments) they are still eligible to play at Stavridis Cup – so long as they meet their Associations league requirements as stated above.

It must be clearly understood that the onus is on the Associations to ensure that any player selected for their Provincial or Country District Association are in fact eligible to play, especially new players to their Association. There is also a responsibility on the Provincial or Country District Associations to also check the member of their Association who enter the Individual Championships for eligibility.

If any Association has any doubts about a player's eligibility, they should contact the Chairman for resolution.

7 DATES

By 31 July each year the South African Stavridis Cup Committee will have asked each Province or Country District Association what leagues they are running that year – as per Annexure A.

8 SECTIONS

The Associations entered at the South African Stavridis Cup will be divided into sections depending on strength and number of teams entered. The number of sections will be decided by the Committee each year.

The strength of each Section will be determined by the previous year's results. The Committee will have the final say in the composition of each section. There will be automatic promotion to the higher Section for Section winners, losers of a Section will be relegated to the lower Section.

Provinces or Country District Associations who enter the South African Stavridis Cup Inter-Provincial Tournament and were not represented in the previous year will be placed in a section by the Committee.

9 INTER-PROVINCIAL FIXTURES

All fixtures will comprise of seven (7) matches, each to the best of three (3) sets. The seven (7) matches will comprise of:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles – B
- Women's Doubles – B
- Men's Doubles – A
- Women's Doubles – A
- Mixed Doubles

A team may comprise a minimum of three and a maximum of six men and women. A player may not play in more than two matches in any one fixture.

The Inter-provincial fixtures will be played on a round-robin series of matches against each other. The Committee may amend the format of play slightly to allow each team entered the maximum amount of matches during the Inter-Provincial Tournament.

10 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the course of the Tournament, an individual player's championship will take place.

There will be Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. All matches will be on a knock-out basis and each match being the best of three (3) sets. Depending upon the number of entries, and if time permits, a plate event for first time losers will take place.

11 SELECTORS

At the Managers Meeting held at the beginning of the week, selectors for the various sections will be agreed. The duties of these selectors will be to grade the players in the various sections.

These gradings will be made and based on the player's performance in both the Individual and Inter-Provincial segments of the Tournament. A convenor for the various selection committees will be

appointed at the Managers Meeting. The gradings will be given to the Chairman and Committee who will announce the names and grading during the course of the final function.

12 VENUES

The Tournament will take place at a venue which the Committee feels can adequately stage the Tournament. When deciding on a host for the Tournament, the number of courts and the type of accommodation that is available will also be considered.

13 TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

The tournament will be staged over a one week period and a provisional programme will be sent out with the entry forms.

It was agreed at the 2002 Annual General Meeting that it would be compulsory for all teams to attend the Semi-finals and Finals of the Individual Championships. It was further agreed that any team failing to do so would result in that team being fined an amount of R 500-00.

14 PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the South African Woodroffe and Stavridis Cup will, along with two other elected members, comprise the Lower League President's Committee. From the four members a President will be elected. The Chairman of both the Associations will request the two additional members to join the President's Committee, with the approval of their respective Committees.

The President's Committee will assist the two Associations when there are issues that need to be dealt with at a higher level or where decisions affect both Associations. The President will assist in the running of Tournaments where the Association's Chairman is not available. The President will assist with continuity across the Associations.

15 TROPHIES

Floating trophies have been donated for the Individual Championships and the Inter-Provincial Tournament and these, as well as prize money and miniatures will be presented to the various winners at the final function.

All floating Trophies awarded to individuals or teams will need to be returned the following year to the Committee, correctly engraved and cleaned. Any trophies that are not returned will be replaced / updated by the Committee at the expense of the Provincial or Country District Association that the player played for when he or she was awarded the trophy.

16 SOUTH AFRICAN STAVRIDIS CUP REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The South African Stavridis Cup is divided into two (2) separate sections:

- Individual Championships
- Inter-Provincial Tournament

Whilst it is preferable for players to play in both sections of the Tournament, for some players it is not a feasible or practical proposition. If players choose to only play in one section of the Tournament, and want to be eligible for selection for the South African Stavridis Cup Team, the section they have to play in is the Inter-Provincial Team Event.

At the conclusion of the Tournament and after the announcement of the various gradings, the South African Stavridis Cup team(s) will be announced. The team(s) chosen will participate in a National tournament – currently the South African Country Districts Tournament for the South African Stavridis Cup team. The players and Manager that actually participate in these team matches will be awarded official South African Stavridis Cup Badminton Association colours. Players will qualify for colours once they have played in at least one (1) match.

17 COLOURS

The official colours of the Association will be black shorts or skirts with a green top with the Association badge on the shirt. Players selection for B or C Teams will play in black shorts or skirts with a white top with the Association badge on the shirt.

18 PLAYERS OF COLOUR

Each Provincial or Country District Association playing at the South African Stavridis Cup Tournament must include at least one (1) Player of Colour (POC) in one of their teams playing in the Inter-Provincial event. Not one (1) POC per team but one (1) POC in one of the teams from that Association.

There will be no funding for any POC from Badminton South Africa. Should an Association not have a POC in one of their teams, then such Association will not be permitted to play in the Inter-Provincial event.

The POC must play in at least two (2) matches during the Inter-Provincial event.

Players from an Association who do not have a POC to play in the Inter-Provincial event may still play in the Individual Championship.

Annexure A – Example of leagues from which an Association may select their South African Stavridis Cup players

LEAGUES FROM WHICH THE VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS CAN CHOOSE THEIR TEAMS FOR THE 2008 SOUTH AFRICAN WOODROFFE AND STAVRIDIS CUP TOURNAMENTS

Please confirm that your Association's league structure has remained unchanged as listed below:

	PROVINCE	NUMBER OF LEAGUES IN ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR	WOODROFFE CUP	STAVRIDIS CUP
1	BOLAND	LEAGUES 1 - 6	2 ND	4 TH
2	BORDER	LEAGUES 1 - 4	2 ND	3 RD
3	EASTERN PROVINCE	LEAGUES 1, -4	2 ND	3 RD
4	EASTERNS	LEAGUES 1 - 3	2 ND	3 RD
5	GRIQUA'S	LEAGUE 1	1 ST *	1 ST **
6	KZN NATAL	LEAGUES 1 - 7	3 RD	4 TH
7	NORTHERN FREE STATE	LEAGUES 1 - 3	1 ST	2 ND
8	NORTHERN GAUTENG	LEAGUES 1 - 3	2 ND	3 RD
9	FREE STATE	LEAGUES 1 - 4	2 ND	3 RD
10	MPUMALANGA	NO LEAGUE	1 ST *	1 ST **
11	SOUTHERNS	PREMIER + LEAGUES 1 - 3	1 ST	2 ND
12	VAALE PROVINCE	LEAGUES 1 - 2	2 ND	2 ND
13	WESTERN PROVINCE	LEAGUES 1 + 2 A – 2 C	2 A	2 B – 2C
14	NORTH WEST PROVINCE	LEAGUES 1 – 2	2 ND	2 ND
	COUNTRY DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LEAGUES IN ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR	WOODROFFE CUP	STAVRIDIS CUP
1	BOLAND	NO LEAGUE	1 ST *	1 ST **
2	LIMPOP PROV	NO LEAGUE	B	B
3	GRIQUA'S	NO LEAGUE	NIL	1 ST *
4	NCD	NO LEAGUE	*	**
5	NORTHERN NATAL	LEAGUES A - C	B	B
6	NORTH WEST	NO LEAGUE	A *	A **
7	FREE STATE	NO LEAGUE	A *	A **
8	SOUTHERN CAPE	LEAGUES 1 - 3	2 ND	2 ND
9	STELLALAND	LEAGUE 1	1 ST *	1 ST **

* **1 TEAM, BUT EXCLUDES THE TOP 3 MEN AND 3 WOMEN**

** **1 TEAM, BUT EXCLUDES THE TOP 6 MEN AND 6 WOMEN**

** **1 TEAM, BUT EXCLUDES THE TOP 10 MEN AND 10 WOMEN**

CORPORATE MEMBERS

1. SASSU
2. NAMIBIA
3. SAPS
4. Correctional Services
5. SANDF

The above Associations to discuss the composition of their teams with the Chairman

This Constitution replaces all previous copies thereof and was amended in April 2008.

**Nic Grobler
Chairman
SA Stavridis Cup
April 2008**

**Barry Woodroffe
President
SA Stavridis Cup
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Annexure B – South African Stavridis Cup badge

Badge from 2008



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