



# **BADMINTON SOUTH AFRICA CONSTITUTION: BYE-LAWS ANNEXURE J: BYE-LAWS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WOODROFFE CUP BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

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## **1 NAME**

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

## **2 LEAGUE CRITERIA**

A Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe Cup need to be registered with either a Province or Country District Association.

- A. If a Province has a single league, then the players must be graded in order of strength. Players graded in the top six (6) would be excluded from being selected for Woodroffe Cup. Players graded from seven (7) to twelve (12) could be selected for Woodroffe Cup and the remaining players would be eligible for Stavridis Cup.
- B. If a Province has two (2) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the second league. The top six (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 (3) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the second league, Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the third league.
- D. If a Province has four (4) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the second league, Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the third and fourth leagues.
- E. If a Province has five (5) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the second or third leagues, Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fourth and fifth leagues.

- F. If a Province has six (6) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the second and third leagues, Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fourth, fifth and sixth leagues.
- G. If a Province has seven (7) leagues in their Association, then a Woodroffe Cup player is someone who is playing in the third and fourth leagues, Stavridis Cup players will be selected from the fifth, sixth and seventh leagues.
- H. Provinces with leagues in excess of seven should contact the Chairman for guidance as regards which players are eligible for selection for Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe 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.

As most Country District Associations have no league structures, or at best a single league, the following rules will apply:

- A. All Country District Associations are required to submit a list of all their players in order of strength. This list must be submitted with the Associations' South African Country District team entries by 31 May each year. This list will be used to ensure that players play in the correct tournaments
- B. Copies of this list will be obtained from the South African Country District Chairman
- C. The top three (3) men and women can play in the South African Country District Tournament
- D. The players graded four (4) to six (6) can play in the South African Woodroffe Cup Tournament
- E. The players graded seven (7) and above can play in the South African Stavridis Cup Tournament

If a player in the top three (3) is not available and a player graded as number four (4) or above plays in the Country District's 'A' team at the South African Country District Tournament, then that player may not participate in the South African Woodroffe Cup Tournament because they have played in the 'A' team at the South African Country District Tournament. However, players graded four (4) and above can play in their Country District Association 'B' team at the South African Country District Tournament and will still be available to play either South African Woodroffe Cup or South African 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 Senior 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 Woodroffe 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.

In the event of the Chairman resigning the Vice Chairman will immediately assume the role of Chairman. He/she will remain in office until such time as a Special General Meeting can be called or until the next year's Annual General Meeting of the Association.

If any other Woodroffe Cup Committee member resigns, the vacancy can be filled by a nominee from the Woodroffe Cup Committee. The new appointment will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

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 Woodroffe Cup Committee will also be entitled to one vote.

## **6 ELIGIBILITY**

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

A player who has represented his or her Province during the current year in any of the following South African Tournaments as part of their Provincial team is not eligible to play in the South African Woodroffe 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 enter the Individual Championships of the above mentioned National tournaments and still meet the league requirements of the South African Woodroffe Cup Badminton Association are eligible to play at the Woodroffe Cup 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 Woodroffe 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 players who play in the team event of these tournaments are excluded from Woodroffe Cup, even if they meet the league requirements. Country District players who are Juniors and are not part of their Country District's A team to The South African Country District Tournament and not graded as one of the top three (3) men or woman in that Country District are allowed to play at the South African Woodroffe Cup Tournament.

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.

Players who represent any Corporate Association team (for example (but not limited to): South African Police Services, South African National Defence Force or University Sport South Africa) at the Melvill Cup Tournament are not eligible for selection for Woodroffe Cup – Individual Championships and Inter-Provincial Tournament. Corporate Association teams may not select their top three (3) men and women – similar to the Country District Associations – for participation at the South African Woodroffe Cup Tournament, even if these players play in the required league structure within a Province or Country District.

If a player represents the South African Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe 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 30 June each year the South African Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe 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 seven (7) matches, each to the best of three (3) sets. The seven (7) matches will comprise:

- 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 and Vice Chairman of both the South African Woodroffe and Stavridis Cup will comprise the President's Committee. The four members will elect a President who has a knowledge and understanding of the aims and goals of lower league badminton.

The post of President is purely an honorary position and the duties of the incumbent will be to 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. The President will try to attend both the South African Woodroffe and Stavridis Cup Tournaments.

## **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 WOODROFFE CUP REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

The South African Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe Cup Team and be eligible for a grading, 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 Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe Cup team. The players and Manager that actually participate in these team matches will be awarded official South African Woodroffe Cup Badminton Association colours. Players will qualify for colours once they have played in at least one (1) match. Teams selected to play in the South African Country District Tournament must include at least one player of colour in the teams chosen. The Manager of South African Woodroffe Cup side will include the wording MANAGER embroidered onto his/her colours.

## **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 Woodroffe 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 Woodroffe Cup players

	PROVINCE	NUMBER OF LEAGUES IN ASSOCIATION	WOODROFFE CUP	STAVRIDIS CUP
1	BOLAND	5	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>
2	BORDER	<b>NOT YET RESPONDED</b>		
3	EASTERN PROVINCE	<b>NOT YET RESPONDED</b>		
4	EASTERNS	1	Players 7 to 12	Players 13 and above
5	FREE STATE	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6	GRIQUA'S	<b>NOT YET RESPONDED</b>		
7	KZN NATAL	5	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>
8	NORTH WEST PROVINCE	<b>NOT YET RESPONDED</b>		
9	NORTHERN FREE STATE	1	Players 7 to 12	Players 13 and above
10	NORTHERN GAUTENG	<b>NOT YET RESPONDED</b>		
11	SEDIBENG	1	Players 7 to 12	Players 13 and above
12	SOUTHERNS	Premier + 2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
13	WESTERN PROVINCE	Premier + 4	2 A and 2 B	2 C and 2 D
	COUNTRY DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LEAGUES IN ASSOCIATION	WOODROFFE CUP	STAVRIDIS CUP
1	BOLAND	As per the Constitution of the South African Country District Badminton Association all Country Districts will need to submit by 31 May each year an order of strength of their players. Top 3 men and women will be eligible for SACD, players 4 to 6 will be eligible for Woodroffe Cup and players 7 and below are eligible for Stavridis Cup – see full rules as per South African Woodroffe Cup Constitution. Players who play for their Country District at SACD in the A side are excluded from SA Woodroffe and Stavridis Cup.		
2	FREE STATE			
3	GRIQUA'S			
4	LIMPOPO			
5	MPUMALANGA			
6	NCD			
7	NORTH WEST			
8	NORTHERN NATAL			
9	SOUTHERN CAPE			
10	STELLALAND			

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

1. USSA
2. NAMIBIA
3. SAPS
4. Department of Correctional Services
5. SANDF

Clause 6 of the South African Woodroffe Cup Constitution excludes the top three (3) men and women from Corporate Association teams from participating in the Woodroffe Cup. Corporate Association team and individual players would need to participate in a league in their 'host' Province or Country District that allows them to participate at South African Woodroffe Cup.

If there is any uncertainty around these rules the Province or Country District can communicate directly with the Chairman.

## Annexure B – South African Woodroffe Cup badge

### Badge from 1997 to 2007



**SOUTH AFRICAN  
LOWER LEAGUE  
BADMINTON  
ASSOCIATION**

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### Badge from 2008



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