

BWF AirBadminton World Cup Qualification System and Rules 2025



BWF AIRBADMINTON WORLD CUP

At the end of each of the AirBadminton Continental Championships, the winners shall be declared.

1. Qualification and Invitation

- 1.1. A Continental Championships shall be held in Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America.
 - 1.1.1. The Continental Championships in Asia will be an Asia Pacific Championships for Members of Asia and Oceania regions.
- 1.2. A bronze medal match shall be held in all events at the AirBadminton Continental Championships.
- 1.3. At the conclusion of each of the AirBadminton Continental Championships, the following Members will be invited to compete in the BWF AirBadminton World Cup based on the Team Relay results:

Africa Continental Qualifiers	Top 2
Asia Continental Qualifiers	Top 3*
Europe Continental Qualifiers	Top 3
Pan Am Continental Qualifiers	Top 2
Oceania Continental Qualifiers	Top 1*
AirBadminton World Cup Host Place	1 position

**If Oceania declines their quota allocation, the additional slot will go to the next highest Asia Continental qualifier.*

- 1.4. The maximum number of Members invited for the BWF AirBadminton World Cup final shall be 12.
- 1.5. Where a Member declines their qualification position, the next highest finishing positioned Member from the respective Continental Championships shall be invited to participate in the BWF AirBadminton World Cup until all quota positions are filled.
- 1.6. The Continental Championships will need to ensure that those participating in the Team Relay are ranked from 5 – 8 at the conclusion of the Championships.
- 1.7. Where a Continental slot is not able to be filled from the respective Continental Championships, the BWF shall determine how that qualification slot should be used.
- 1.8. The following events shall be played at the BWF AirBadminton World Cup:

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)	Mixed Event (1)
Triples	Triples	Team Relay

- 1.9. The Members qualified and entered for the Team Relay must also enter for the Triples Events as shown below:

Event	Entries
Men's Triples	1
Women's Triples	1

2. Method of Competition

- 2.1. The competition shall be played in two stages:
- Group Play Stage
 - Knock Out Stage
- 2.2. Group Play Stage
- 2.2.1. Initially, teams will play in groups, as below, where all teams in each group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be established.

Events	Number of Groups	No. of Teams in Each Group
Team Relay	4	3
Triples	4	3

- 2.3. Knock Out Stage
- 2.3.1. For the Team Relay and the Triples events, the top two ranked Teams from each group shall qualify for the Knock Out Stage.

3. Order of play – Group Matches

- 3.1. Group ranking for Team Relay and Triples will be established in accordance with GCR Regulation 16.2.
- 3.2. Should there be any injury/illness or other unavoidable hindrance preventing Player(s) from competing, participating Players must be prepared to play in an exhibition match, if requested, to assist with filling in the programme of play for the sponsors, television and/or paying audience.

4. Team Relay - Team Composition

- 4.1. A team shall comprise a minimum of three and a maximum of four male and four female Team Members.
- 4.1.1. Each Team shall appoint a Team Captain.
- 4.2. A Team Member can play one or two matches in a tie.
- 4.3. In case the same Team Member is playing two consecutive matches, they shall not be allowed to have any additional rest except the intervals as defined in the Rules of AirBadminton.

5. Team Relay - Matches in a Tie

- 5.1. A tie shall consist of 4 matches:
- One Women's Doubles (WD);
 - One Men's Doubles (MD);
 - One Women's Triples (WT); and
 - One Men's Triples (MT).
- 5.2. Toss & Order of Matches
- 5.2.1. The team managers shall submit their respective team composition before the start of each tie at a time decided by the Referee.
- 5.2.2. At least one hour before the tie starts, a meeting will be made between the team managers to determine the order of play and to choose either to serve or receive first; or to start play at one end of the court or the other.

- 5.2.3. The order of play process shall be as follows:
 - 5.2.3.1. The winner of the toss will choose the first match.
 - 5.2.3.2. The opposing team will choose the second match, and either of the following:
 - 5.2.3.2.1. serve or receive first, or
 - 5.2.3.2.2. start play at one end of the court or the other.
 - 5.2.3.3. The winner of the toss shall choose the third match and the remaining option between 5.2.3.2.1 and 5.2.3.2.2.
 - 5.2.3.4. The match not chosen shall be the last match.
- 5.2.4. Fifteen minutes before the start of the tie, players of both teams shall assemble at the Assembly Point. The designated officials of the match, the Umpire and Assistant Umpire, shall request the team captains to provide the sequence of serve for each pairs and triples playing in the tie.
- 5.2.5. The serving order shall not be amended during the tie.

6. Scoring System

- 6.1. The scoring system for the Team Relay shall be as per the Rules of AirBadminton.
- 6.2. The scoring system for the Triples shall be as per the Rules of AirBadminton.

7. Seeding

- 7.1. The seeding for the AirBadminton World Cup shall be decided based on results of Continental Championships, previous international AirBadminton tournaments held, profile of players playing and profile of the Member entered.
 - 7.1.1. The seeding shall be decided by the BWF in consultation with the Referee.
 - 7.1.2. This seeding list will stand for the duration of the tournament.

8. The Draw

- 8.1. The draw format for the Team Relay, the Men's Triples and the Women's Triples shall be Group Play followed by Knock Out.
 - 8.1.1. In exceptional circumstances, the Referee in consultation with the BWF, can amend the draw format and events played.

The draw sizes shall be as follows:

Event	Draw Size
Team Relay	12
Men's Triples	12
Women's Triples	12

- 8.2. The BWF shall choose the appropriate location for the draw and, at its discretion, can opt for a public draw ceremony.
- 8.3. After a draw has been made, no alterations or substitutions are permitted to the draw except in rare circumstances where in the opinion of the Referee, any

amendment should be made. Before taking any decision, the Referee shall seek BWF approval.

- 8.4. A random draw to determine places in the Group Stage will be made.
 - 8.4.1. The number 1 seed shall be placed at the top of Group A.
 - 8.4.2. The number 2 seed shall be placed at the top of Group D.
 - 8.4.3. Seeds 3 and 4 shall be drawn by lot to the top of either Group B or Group C.
 - 8.4.4. All remaining teams shall be drawn by lot to the remaining positions until all draw positions are filled.
- 8.5. A random draw to determine places in the Knock Out Stage will be made.
 - 8.5.1. The top ranked team in each event will be reseeded as per the Seeding List and placed in positions 1 and 8 (Seed 1 and 2 respectively) and positions 3 and 6 (Seeds 3 or 4, after drawing of lots).
 - 8.5.2. The remaining teams (second ranked teams in their groups) will be placed in the draw by lot.

9. Tournament schedule

- 9.1. The schedule for the AirBadminton World Cup, including number of courts, must be signed off by the BWF.
- 9.2. The schedule of the AirBadminton World Cup shall be based on the following considerations:
 - Number of courts – not less than 2 courts.
 - Duration of the tournament – 4 days.
 - Length of ties and matches – recommended 60 minutes for Team Relay and 40 minutes for Triples events, depending on round of competition and level of players.
 - Medal matches, where possible, should be played on 1 court during the evening session.
 - Weather forecast
 - To include gaps in the schedule as contingency in case of bad weather and other delays.
 - Human Resource capacity.

10. Venue and facilities

- 10.1. The BWF will decide the venue for this Tournament and notify all Members and Players.
- 10.2. All matches in the AirBadminton World Cup must be played at the same outdoor venue.

11. Team Kit

- 11.1. It is permissible to wear tank tops, beach wear and other similar clothing for the BWF AirBadminton World Cup. Each team should wear the same team colours throughout a tie.

- 11.2. GCR 24: Advertising on Players 'and Coaches' Clothing will apply for the BWF AirBadminton World Cup.
- 11.3. The name of the Player's or Coaches' country must appear on the back of the shirt and must be in accordance with the Summary Sheet for GCR 21 & 23 (BWF Statutes, Section 5.3.7) and shall meet all requirements of Regulation 23. The country name, if used, shall be either full country name in English or Olympic approved abbreviation.