

WELSH SATELLITE SERIES CONDITIONS – 2011 / 2012

1. Tournaments must offer MS; WS; MD; WD; MxD.
2. Trophies or Medals must be awarded to all events winners and runners up. Prize money may be offered.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Competitors are required to be affiliated to BW (either individually or through their Club) or to an Associated Body (e.g. Badminton England). Their affiliation number must be provided on the entry form. Unaffiliated players may enter if they enclose £10.00, which will cover affiliated membership and insurance for the season.

Players who have represented their country at Senior International level during the last 12 months are not permitted to enter these tournaments.

Junior players will be permitted to enter but if an event is oversubscribed priority will be given to senior players.

4. ENTRIES

- The closing date for entries will be **14 days before** the tournament.
- Entries must be submitted on the appropriate entry form together with the correct fee.
- Entry for doubles events will only be accepted on receipt of entries from both players.
- Tournament entrants/entries may be restricted if high numbers of entries are received.

Late Entries

Late entries will **not** be accepted.

Letters of Acceptance

Players requiring letters of acceptance should send a stamped addressed envelope to the Tournament Secretary with their entry form.

5. ENTRY FEES & REFUNDS

Entry fees will be payable as per the entry form.

Refunds will **not** be provided (unless partner required or no partner found, change of tournament date).

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6. OFFENCES/PENALTY

The following penalty system will apply to WSS tournaments.

From the time of the draw all communications between the player and tournament organiser / referee regarding withdrawal, late arrival, etc. must be with the player listed, and not via third parties.

- (1) Failure to arrive without notification: £50.00
- (2) Failure to arrive with notification within a reasonable period but without proper reason: £35.00
- (3) Card for Misconduct. The following are the penalties for receiving a card for misconduct:
 - Yellow Card: £20
 - Red Card: £40

If a player receives a black card the case will be referred to a disciplinary hearing.

(i) Except for cards of misconduct, any penalty must be given in writing and either given at the tournament or posted/emailed within 7 days of the close of the tournament.

(ii) A player who is penalised under the penalty system has the right of appeal against the penalty imposed. Such appeal must be in writing, and sent with the penalty fee imposed, to BW (made payable to Welsh Badminton Union and sent for the attention of the Events Officer) within 28 days of the close of the tournament.

Failure to Pay Penalty Fees – if BW is satisfied that any competitor has failed to pay his or her Penalty fees, the competitor shall be debarred from playing in all BW tournaments until further notice.

7. PLAYING FORMAT

The first round of each event will be played on a group basis. Groups of 3 players/pairs are preferable, if tournament resources permit. Otherwise, groups should be of a maximum of 4 players/pairs, where possible.

- a) The draw will be seeded at group level.
- b) The draw for the others in the groups will be on a county/club basis.
- c) Subsequent rounds will be on a knockout basis.
- d) Winners and runners up of groups will go through to knockout stage.

Tournament Secretaries have the discretion to amend this if there are timing problems.

If the entry level for an event is sufficient for only one group, rankings will be decided by the results of the group games. There will be no final play off.

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8. SCORING

- a) Group matches will be the best of three games first to 15 rally points.
- b) Quarter-finals and semi-finals will be the best of three games to 15 rally points with extended play to 21 rally points.
- c) Finals will be the best of three games to 21 rally points with extended play.
- d) Tournament Referees have the discretion to amend this scoring system if there are timing problems.

9. GROUP RANKINGS

RANKING IN EVENTS PLAYED UNDER THE POOL SYSTEM OR IN GROUPS

- 17.1 Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
- 17.2 If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 17.3 If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater positive difference ranked higher.
 - 17.3.1 If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- 17.4 If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater positive difference ranked higher.
 - 17.4.1 If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
 - 17.4.2 If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 17.5 If illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted.
- 17.6 A player/pair is entitled to prizes/points according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury. If a player/pair withdraws for any reason prior to competing in an event the player/pair will not receive any ranking points and will not count towards qualification purposes

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10. SHUTTLES

Feathered shuttles must be used in all tournaments, preferably circuit approved Yonex AS30 / 40 / 50.

11. CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING

All clothing must be suitable badminton clothing (no 'fun' T-shirts, cycling shorts, etc.) and may be of any colour or combination of colours.

- a) Abstract designs are permitted when devoid of advertising commercial or promotional content.
- b) No commercial advertising on clothing shall be allowed other than as permitted by the BW regulations for Advertising on clothing.

12. RANKING TABLES

The latest ranking tables will appear at every tournament and on the BW web site.

Where two or more players/pairs have the same number of points in the ranking tables the actual positions will be determined by using the average number of points awarded i.e. the number of points awarded divided by the number of events played.

13. RANKING POINTS

The following points system will be used for every tournament

Winner	60
Runner-up	45
Semi-Finalist	30
Quarter Finalist	20
Last 16	14
Last 32	10
3 rd in group	6
4/5 th in group	3

If an event does not take place due to insufficient entries, which shall be defined as less than 4, each entrant will be awarded 10 points.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE RANKING POINTS ONLY APPLY TO THE WELSH SATELLITE SERIES.

14. NATIONAL FINALS AND QUALIFICATION

Criteria for qualification to the finals will be as follows.

- Initially, the top 8 ranked players/pairs with a minimum of 3 events for singles and a minimum of 3 events with the same partner for the doubles will qualify.

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- BW will cover the costs of staging the National Finals. The top 8 qualifying players/pairs in each event will be invited. Should a player/pair decline, the Events Officer will invite the next highest ranked qualifying player/pair using the above rules.

