

PART III

SECTION 5B

**OLYMPIC GAMES
REGULATIONS FOR BADMINTON COMPETITION – RIO 2016**

BWF is empowered to produce specific regulations for the Olympic Games Badminton competition, including, if thought fit, variations to the Competition Regulations.

1. The Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton. The General Competition Regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these Regulations. Where there is any conflict or apparent conflict, the Regulations for the Olympic Games Regulations for Badminton shall take precedence.
2. Seeding
 - 2.1 There shall be up to sixteen seeds in singles and four seeds in doubles of the five events in the Olympic Games Badminton competition.
 - 2.2 The seeds for the 2016 Olympic Games Badminton competition shall be determined using the BWF ranking list of 21 July 2016.
3. **Method of Competition**
 - 3.1 The competition shall be played in two stages – Group Play stage and Knock-out stage
 - 3.2 The draw for the Competition, at which each competing National Olympic Committee may be represented, shall be made as per the date lines set in the General Competition Regulations.
 - 3.3 **Group play stage**
 - 3.3.1 Initially, the players / pairs will play in groups, as below, where all players / pairs in a given group play each other. A final overall ranking order for each group shall be achieved.

Events	No. of Groups	No. of Players / pairs in each Group
Singles	12-16	3-4
Doubles	4	4

- 3.3.2 The number of groups in the singles events will vary according to the number of entries but will not exceed a maximum of 16. Groups will be labelled accordingly Groups A to P but certain groups will be omitted depending on the number of entries (see tables below):

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Total no. of groups	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16	16

Groups shall be omitted as follows:

No. of Groups	Groups omitted
12	B, O, F, K
13	B, O, F
14	B, O
15	B

3.3.3 The participating players / pairs will be ranked in their group based on the ranking list of 21 July 2016.

3.3.4 Draw

Singles:

3.3.4.1 The number of seeds will correspond to the number of groups. Therefore there shall be up to 16 seeds in the main draws.

3.3.4.2 The seeded pairs shall be placed at the top of each group as follows:

- a) No 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No 2 placed at the top of Group P
- c) No 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups E and L
- d) No's 5- 8 drawn by lot into Groups C, G, J, and N
- e) The remaining seeds shall be drawn by lot into groups B, D, F, H, I, K, M and O (depending on the number of groups)

3.3.4.3 The remaining players shall be distributed into the groups by lot in a step by step manner until all players in the draw are placed.

3.3.4.4 Groups of four, where necessary, shall be allocated as follows:

No. of players	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
No. of groups of 3 players	10	13	12	11	14	13	12	15	14	13	16	15	14
No. of groups of 4 players	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Seeded positions in Group of 4	3 & 4	N/A	3	2 & 3	N/A	2	1 & 2	N/A	1	14 & 15	N/A	16	15 & 16

Doubles:

3.3.4.5 The seeded pairs shall be placed at top of each group as follows:

- a) No. 1 placed at the top of Group A
- b) No. 2 placed at the top of Group D
- c) No. 3 and 4 drawn by lot at the top of Groups B and C.

3.3.4.6 The remaining pairs shall be distributed in groups by lot.

In the group play stage, the ranking order shall be established in accordance with General Competition Regulation 16.

3.4 **Knock-out stage**

Singles:

3.4.1 Top ranked player from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.

3.4.2 The draw for the Knock-out stage will be as below. The winners in each group will be placed at the pre-designated places in the draw:

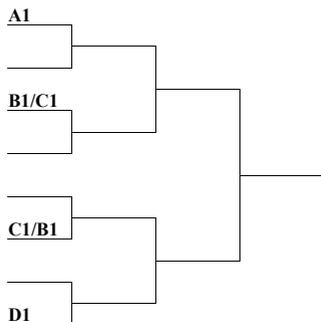


The following pre designated places will be awarded byes depending on the number of entries;

No. of groups	12	13	14	15
Positions	B, O, F, K	B, O, F	B, O	B

Doubles

- 3.4.3 Two top ranked pairs from each group of the Group Play Stage will qualify for this stage.
- 3.4.4 A random draw to determine places in the knock out stage (quarter finals) will be made. Pairs from the same group will be separated in the knock out stage. The group winners in each event will be separated as below:



- 3.4.5 The remaining pairs will be placed in the draw by lot.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Players/pairs from any one National Olympic Committee shall not be drawn in the same group.
- 4.2 A player / pair may participate in an event of the Olympic Games Badminton Competition only if the player's / pair's entry is made by the closing date for entries as established by the relevant Olympic Games Organising Committee or in line with the IOC's late replacement policies.

5. Substitutions

- 5.1 No changes or substitutions of any kind can be made to the entries after they have been made.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1 If, for any reason, a player is disqualified before the Badminton competition finishes, that player will receive no ranking points for any event entered. Where the disqualified player is part of a doubles pair, that pair will be disqualified and receive no ranking points for the event entered.
- 6.2 Any beaten player / pair will remain eliminated from the draw and will receive ranking points as loser(s).