

## **CANADIAN MASTERS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION:**

### **DRAW/SEEDING DOCUMENT**

#### **DRAW FORMAT**

The draws should be formatted as follows:

- a) The draw for 2 entries is a single match.
- b) The draw for 3 or 4 entries is a round-robin.
- c) The draw for 5 or more entries is an elimination draw with a consolation.

Entry to the consolation draw is automatic and is for any entry that has lost their first match. Teams/Players that withdraw, default or retire in their first match cannot play consolations in that event.

The draw should also, where possible, take account of “provincial separation” i.e. entries from the same province (for doubles, both players must be from the same province) are to be kept apart in the draw. Tournament Planner can be set up to do this automatically using the State Field. Set the State Field for each player to a provincial mnemonic (e.g. BC, AB, ON etc. and also for foreign entries use USA, JPN, PER etc.) Use Optimal Separation when making the draw.

#### **SEEDING**

##### **Seeding Committee**

Seeding is the responsibility of the Canadian Masters Badminton Association.

The CMBA will appoint a chairperson to organise the process. They will liaise with Badminton Canada and the host committee in all aspects of the seeding process.

The chairperson will form 4 sub-committees, each to seed a subset of the age groups (i.e. 30+ & 35+; 40+ & 45+; 50+ & 55+; and 60+ to 85+.)

One person on each sub-committee will be appointed as the sub-committee chair and will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the sub-committee and will have a casting vote where a seeding position is in dispute.

Each sub-committee shall be made up of 4 persons - 2 male and 2 female if possible. Where possible, one of the representatives of each sub-committee should come from the hosting province, the remainder coming from different provinces (no 2 members of a sub-committee should come from the same province.)

All representatives of the seeding committee should have a number of year's experience of playing in the Canadian Masters.

## **Seeding Process**

Some seeds are allocated automatically from the previous year's tournament. They must be playing in the same event and, for doubles; they must be playing with the same partner.

- a) Last year's winners are seeded 1.
- b) Last year's runners-up are seeded 2.
- c) Entries who were winners of the next younger age category in the previous year and are playing with the same partner are seeded 3.
- d) For b) and c) above the seeding shall be up-rated if a) or b) is not met.

All other seeds will be allocated by the seeding committee. The seeding committee will take into account previous Canadian Masters, Provincial Masters and any other tournaments that can be found that feature players that are being considered. Consideration should also be given to players who have not previously entered a master's tournament but are known to be of a sufficient high standard.

## **Number of Seeds**

### **Elimination Draws**

The number of seeds to be shown in the draws on Tournament Software shall be:

- a) For 5-8 entries, 2 seeds.
- b) For 9-23 entries, 4 seeds.
- c) For 24-47 entries, 8 seeds.
- d) For 48 or more entries, 16 seeds.

The seeds shall be numbered:

- a) 1 – Placed at top of the draw.
- b) 2 – Placed at the bottom of the draw.
- c) 3/4 – 2 seeds randomly drawn in the 3 to 4 positions.
- d) 5/8 – 4 seeds randomly drawn in the 5 to 8 positions.
- e) 9/16 – 8 seeds randomly drawn in the 9 to 16 positions.

Tournament Planner will place the seeds as above if the seeds are numbered as above.

Elimination draws have a consolation event which is really aimed at the weaker players. The seeding committee will seed as many entries as it sees fit to try and keep the better entries from falling into the consolation. The number of seeds to be shown in the draw is in the table above. However, the seeding committee may also specify discretionary (shadow) seeds that will be numbered as above (i.e. 3/4, 5/8 etc.) for use when the draw is made, the seed to be removed after the draw. E.g. a draw with 14 entries may well have 8 seeds, 4 that are shown in the draw and 4 that are not.

### **Round-Robin Draws**

Two players/teams will be seeded. The seeding will not be shown in the draw but the draw master will plan for the match between the seeds to be the final match.

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