



# BW JUNIOR SHUTTLE CIRCUIT CONDITIONS 2012/13

## 1. Competitions

- North/Mid Wales - There will be 4 events (Deganwy; Deeside; Rhyl; Wrexham)  
South Wales - There will be **7 events** (Gwent; RCT; Carmarthen; Swansea; Pembroke; Bridgend; Cardiff).

## 2. Age Groups

U11, U13, U15, U17

For the tournaments played on one day, players can play in two age groups but not in the same discipline (e.g. cannot play singles in two age groups).

This will include the National Finals.

## 3. Events

The tournaments must include singles and doubles events.

## 4. Eligibility

Competitors must be affiliated to Badminton Wales (BW), either through their Club, individually or to an associated body (e.g. Badminton England). Their **affiliation number** must be given on their **entry form**. Unaffiliated players may enter if they enclose an additional amount of **£6.00**, which will cover affiliated membership and insurance for the season.

The following Badminton England graded players are not permitted to enter:-

- Under 13 – not eligible - grade A to H
- Under 15 – not eligible - grade A to G
- Under 17 – not eligible - grade A to F

In the event of over-subscription, preference will be given to players resident in Wales and registered to BW.

Members of the following groups are prohibited from entering:

- High Performance Centres
- High Performance Development Groups - Under 15 and Under 17
- County Badminton Association Centres of Regional Excellence

**Note: Under 11 and Under 13 High Performance Development Group (HPDG) players are able to compete in the Junior Shuttle tournaments. However, they must compete at the next higher age group. If any HPDG players win any singles event they will not be entitled to compete in any further Junior Shuttle tournament events.**

## 5. Entries

Tournament Secretaries are responsible for the draw and event seedings. Previous rankings can be obtained from the BW web site. Assistance with the draw and/or seedings is available from the BW Events Officer, on request.

- The closing date for entries is 14 days before the event.
- Entries must be submitted on the appropriate form together with the correct fee and a separate entry form must be submitted for each age group.
- Entry for doubles events will only be accepted on receipt of separate entries from both players.
- Once an entry has been submitted and accepted by the Tournament Secretary, the entrant is liable for the entry fee.



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## Late entries

Late entries will only be accepted at the organiser's discretion and if numbers permit.

## Letters of acceptance

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

## 6. Entry Fees

For season 2011/12 the entry fees will be £8.00 for one event and £13.00 for two events.

## Refund of entry fees

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

## 7. Entry Form

A single entry form will be produced by the BW Events Officer and will be available at every event and on the BW web site.

## 8. Playing Format

- The first round of each event will be played on a group basis, with a minimum of 4 in group where possible.
- Subsequent rounds will be on a knockout basis.
- If the entry level for an event is sufficient for only one group, rankings will be decided by the results of group games as detailed below. There will be no final play off.

Ranking in groups will be established by:

- The number of matches won.
- If two pairs/players have won the same number of matches the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more pairs/players have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between the total points won and total points lost, with the greater positive difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- 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. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all pool matches.
- A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

## 9. Scoring

- All group and knockout matches will be one game to 21 rally points with extended play to 30 points.
- Winners and runners up of groups will go through to knock out stage.
- All finals will be best of 3 to 15 rally points with extended play to 21 points.
- Tournament organisers have the discretion to amend this if there are timing problems.

## 10. Coaching

Coaching during matches will **not** be permitted at any BW Junior Shuttle event. This includes between rallies and between games.

## 11. Shuttles

Feather shuttles will be used.



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## 12. Trophies

Medals or trophies will be awarded to winners and runners up.

## 13. Presentation, Clothing and Advertising

BW urge that all tournaments encourage the use of suitable badminton clothing. BW supports the education of players on clothing regulations, and encourages the organiser at each event to take on this role if necessary.

## 14. Publicity and Rankings

The latest Junior Shuttle rankings will appear at each event and also be available on the BW website.

## 15. Ranking Points

The following points system will be used for all age groups:

Winner(s)	260
Runner Up	232
Semi Finalist	204
Quarter Finalist	176
9-16 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in group)	148
17-32 (4 <sup>th</sup> in group)	120
33-64 (5 <sup>th</sup> in group)	92

In the case of an injury ranking points already won will be awarded.

## 16. Finals

- National Finals will be held at a venue and on a date to be decided by the Events Officer
- In order to qualify for the National Finals players must enter:
  - North Wales - at least 2 singles events / 2 doubles events with the same partner.
  - South Wales - at least 4 singles events / 3 doubles events with the same partner.
- The top 4 qualifying players per event in their region (north and south), as shown in the Ranking Tables, will be invited to the National Finals.
- BW will cover entry fees relating to the National finals.
- The Events Officer has the authority to decide if finals should take place where less than 4 qualify.

If a player is unable to attend the National Finals for whatever reason a decision will be made by the Events and Technical Advisory Group as to whether or not that player is upgraded.

## 17. Up-grading

Players will be upgraded in accordance with the following criteria –

- Winner and Finalist of the National Singles Finals of the Junior Shuttle Circuit
  - Will be upgraded to Junior Open or
  - Will be upgraded to Junior Shuttle next higher age group \*(\* Note: if a player is moving to the next higher age group in the following season he/she will be upgraded to next higher age group in that season)

Players will be informed by the Events Officer in writing prior to the start of the season.

BW Events Technical Advisory Group will adjudicate on recommendations / requests / appeals for upgrading made by Tournament Secretaries, Coaches / Parents or Players.