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Philippine Badminton Grassroots Program and National Junior Pool Selection Program

(Effective January 2025 onwards)

To establish a robust, inclusive, and sustainable Grassroots Development Program that cultivates young badminton talents across the Philippines, fostering excellence, integrity, and competitive spirit. The program aims to ensure a systematic approach to athlete development, transparent processes, equitable resource allocation, and meaningful collaboration with stakeholders such as local clubs, LGUs, and event organizers.

I. Key Objectives:

- a. **Sustainability and Accessibility.** Develop a nationwide system to identify and nurture young badminton players, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for all regions.
- b. **Budget Allocation.** Ensure annual allocation resources for the grassroots program.
- c. **Competitiveness and Motivation.** Create structured age-group competitions that provide a clear pathway for juniors to transition into open-level events, fostering a competitive and motivational environment.
- d. **Athlete Performance Database.** Establish and maintain a centralized database to record athlete profiles and performance history, enabling data-driven decisions and tracking progress over time.
- e. **Ranking System for Development:**
 1. Reinforce the value of the Junior Age Group Ranking System (JRS) as a performance benchmark for current and aspiring athletes.
 2. Utilize rankings to inform tournament seeding, ensuring competitive balance and fairness in matchups.
- f. **Local Tournament Promotion.** Identify local clubs, LGUs, and event organizers that can host PBAD standard tournaments to eventually be part of the JRS in the future. This will create a vibrant and active grassroots competition network.

II. Junior Age Group Ranking System (JRS):

- a. This ranking system is a vital tool for evaluating player performance, determining tournament seeding, and establishing an official basis for sending players to international competitions.
- b. It serves as guide to players, coaches, and stakeholders of the performance of each player in local tournaments.
- c. It also serves as guideline for seeding in junior age group tournaments.



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- d. Ranked players will have the eligibility for selection to the Junior National Pool and consideration for selection to represent Philippines in international tournaments abroad.
 - e. The following age group and events will have ranking:
 - 1. U18 (all 5 events)
 - 2. U16 (all 5 events) *
 - 3. U14 (all 5 events)
 - 4. U12 (all 5 events) *
- *Application for 2026 will be subject for review and evaluation.*
- f. Contrary to the guidelines released last August 2024, PBAD will no longer reset of points at the end of each year. However, as aligned to BWF ranking guidelines for age group, players moving to higher age category will result in a reset of ranking points, as points earned in the previous age category are not carried over.
 - g. The ranking system will be based on points sourced from PBAD organized or sanctioned tournaments. The number of points will be based on the grade of tournaments.
 - h. Junior Age Group Ranking Points will continue to be based on the following tournament grades:
 - 1. **Philippines Super 1000** – Highest source of points and is applicable for national competitions. Organized only by PBAD.
 - 2. **Philippines Super 750** – Second highest source of points. PBAD organized or co-organized tournaments predominantly designed to provide opportunities for players in the specific region to get higher ranking points.
 - 3. **Philippines Super 500** – Local tournament that is a source of ranking points organized by clubs or LGUs that is approved and sanctioned by PBAD. *

**Tournaments must follow PBAD's updated rules and standards of tournament management to qualify for co-organization or sanctioning. New sanctioning guidelines of PBAD will now have a bond, and penalties or fines for violations.*

- i. To ensure players across the country are given equal opportunity to get points, PBAD shall conduct one Super 750 grade tournament in each region per year, specifically in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Start of registration will be three (3) months prior to the tournament.
- j. All PBAD organized tournaments, and sanctioned tournaments will be posted in the official PBAD website.
- k. For Super 750 regional tournaments, 40% of the slots will be given to local players residing in the region, ensuring they are provided with opportunities to compete and represent their area.
- l. **Players are NOT required to join ALL Super 750 tournaments.**



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- m. As much as PBAD aims to accommodate everyone, limited slots will still be implemented to ensure the quality of the tournaments and to guarantee the safety of the players.
- n. Still part of the grassroots program is the annual National Junior Championship. This will be a Super 1000 – scheduled every 1st week of November. This aims to bring all the best players in the country together to compete amongst themselves.

III. Participation to Junior International Tournaments

- a. Since 2023, the Philippine Badminton Association has allowed junior players to join in international tournaments. For 2025, this guideline ***will still continue*** to provide more exposure to players and improve their skills. Guidelines are as follows:
 - 1. PBAD will submit all player entries that have formally requested to join the tournament. They will be submitted in order of their rank, and cutoff will be at discretion of the host country's federation / tournament organizer.
 - i. Priority #1: Their current BWF Ranking (if available)
 - ii. Priority #2: Their current PNRS Junior Ranking.
 - iii. This would entail that all entries will be submitted but the host country's tournament organizer has the right to refuse/cut-off entries should this exceed allowed participants
 - iv. Entries without an existing BWF ranking or PNRS Junior ranking will not be accepted
 - 2. PBAD will be responsible to registration and creation of entry to the tournament.
 - 3. All expenses related to the registration and tournament shall be shouldered by the player.
 - 4. A letter of interest must be submitted to PBAD prior to endorsement include sources of fund, estimated date of departure and arrival back to the Philippines, and place of stay during the international trip.
 - 5. Fees & penalties will be applied to clubs who request for entries but do not follow through with sending players. This is to ensure PBAD's good standing with Badminton Asia (BA) and the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- b. On an annual basis, the Philippine Badminton Association will send an official delegate* to the following international tournaments:
 - 1. U19 Badminton Asia Junior Championship (PBAD Funded)
 - 2. U19 World Junior Badminton Championship (PBAD Funded)
 - 3. Japan Asian Junior Sports Exchange 15 & under (PSC Funded)

**The number of delegates will be based on the number of players needed for the team tie. All expenses such as the actual training, transportation and accommodation at the country of the tournament, will be shouldered by PBAD or PSC except for transportation and*



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related expenses from the home base or residence of the player up to the official training venue of the team.

IV. Junior National Pool

- a. For 2025, as a best practice from 2024, PBAD will continue to execute the Junior Selection Camp which will be on the last week of January 2025.
- b. Invitation for the Junior Selection Camp will be based on the following:
 1. We will invite top performing athletes in key Juniors Tournaments in the past calendar year in 2024:
 - i. Top JRS players.
 - ii. Champions and Runners Up of JRS Tournaments
 - iii. Top performer, champions, and or podium finishers for Palarong Pambansa & Batang Pinoy in relevant age groups.
 - iv. National Team Coaches' Prerogative – any special talents identified by our national team coaches that may not satisfy above conditions for any reason
 2. 1st Stage: Ranking Matches for all categories. To shortlist the final candidates for the Junior National Pool.
 3. 2nd Stage: Junior National Pool Training Camp – to identify the official delegates for the major international tournaments in said year.
 4. Final count for each stage is to be determined based on the number of delegates needed and current Junior National Team.
- b. For 2026 onwards, the selection process of the official delegate for Asian Junior Championship and World Junior Championship will be from the winners of the most recent Philippine Junior National Championship.
- c. All expenses related to the training prior to competing to Asian and World Junior Championship shall be funded by PBAD except for transportation and related expenses from the home base or residence of the player up to the training venue.