

SPECIAL RULES OF THE

«Babolat FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BORDERS» TOURNAMENT

24/25/26 January 2025

1) Presentation:

«Babolat FRENCH INTERNATIONAL BORDERS» (Babolat FIB) is a young individual tournament of international dimension, for the categories U11 (Poussins), U13 (Benjamins), U15 (Minimes), which will take place in at least 5 halls divided into 3 places:

- 1) The Nelson Mandela Sports Complex (2 halls), 2 rue du Marais in Schiltigheim (67300);
- 2) Im Sand Sports Complex, 31 rue du Travail in Lingolsheim (67380);
- 3) The Robertsau Sports Centre (Karabatic Hall and Specific Hall), 212 route de la Wantzenau in Strasbourg-Robertsau (67000). The exact place where each category is played will be specified in the invitation leaflet.

If the number of registrations is too high, additional halls can be made available.

Access plans are available in the invitation brochure.

A minimum singles ranking may be required to participate:

- 1) R6 in the series U13 boy and D7 in the series U13 girl;
- 2) R5 in the U15 boys series and R6 in the U15 girls series.

In double the limits are those of the general rules of competitions published by the FFBaD).

2) Referees and Organizer GEO:

The Head Referee of the competition is Mr Jean-François FERTINEL His assistants are:

- Mr Jean-Louis KEHLHOFFNER;
- Mr Marc-André STEINMETZ ;
- Mrs Hélène JOUROT;
- Ms Sophie CUENOT;
- Mr Paul SCHWAB;
- Mr Pierre BOHRHAUER;
- Mrs Clotilde DE LOURTIUUX;
- Mr Grégoire MULLER;

They are appointed by the organizing committee, and their decisions are without appeal. **All Referees (by informing the Head Referee)** has the option to partially or totally disqualify any player who does not comply with these particular regulations as well as the (General Competition Rules published by FFBaD)

The GEO (Organizer) will be Mr Valéry JACOB

3) Regulations:

The tournament takes place according to the General Rules of Competitions of the Badminton French Federation, for all categories.

The U15 competition is part of the Badminton Europe calendar to define the seeded players of the U15 European Championships.

The authorization no. Is : "24.GEST/TI.M./001".

Players entered to take part to the tournament must be licensed from FFBaD or another BWF member federation, and they must not be subject to federal sanctions on the day of the draw.

In order to comply with what other international youth tournaments offer in European countries, two FFBaD exemptions have been obtained. One allows the U11 to play on regular courts (such as the U13/U15...).

And the other, allows singles draws in all categories to take place in groups followed by knock- out stage draw, even if there are more than 32 players in the draw.

Permanent coaching is allowed in all categories.

A badminton suit that complies with the FFBaD regulation is required on the courts for all categories. See the dress rules on this link:

https://gdb.ffbad.org/2024-2025/Src/GDB-03/GUI03.07_VS_PubliciteTenue.pdf

4) Authorized players:

Players are allowed to register in higher age categories according to the draws, but they will have to play all the draws in the same age category (except exemption exclusively granted by the organizing committee). The number of players is limited by the capacity.

In case of too many registrants, players will be selected according to the criteria listed in the registration leaflet, namely:

For foreign and French players in the following order of preference:

- 1) National team member players;
- 2) By national rank in their country, and the French ranking assigned for that competition.

Players on the waiting list will be notified on 19/12/2024.

5) Registration:

The deadline for registration is December 13, 2024 at midnight (Date of receipt).

For French players, registration must be done exclusively via BadNet.

For foreign players, registration will be made by choice, either via BadNet or by email by returning the registration form available at the following address: fib@lgebad.com

The entries fees are € 22 for the single and € 14 per double draw, the payment must be made by January 15, 2025 by transfer.

In the case of a withdrawal (justified or not) of one of the doubles partners, this one may be replaced by another player who will have to pay the entry fees, if the draw has not begun, and if his / her ranking allows it. No refunds will be made after the draw deadline unless the player provides a certificate.

6) Draws:

The tournament will be managed by the BADNET software. The matches are played in 2 winning sets of 21 points.

Over-ranking is allowed.

The ranking on December 12, 2024, will be taken into account for the draw on January 12, 2025.

If the player does not have the required ranking to participate, his registration will be rejected and if necessary refunded.

In all series, each player will be able to register in 3 draws. The singles will be in groups in all series, followed by a draw in knock-out stage. Doubles and mixed will be in knock-out stage.

The organizing committee may either cancel a draw, or mix the draws of 2 categories if one of them did not reach the minimum (either 12 boys or 12 girls per draw).

7) Schedules

All the players will have to report to the reception (check-point at the entrance of the complexes) on arrival, on each day of the competition.

The order of matches will follow the numbering of the program as closely as possible. The schedule is given as an indication.

Any player wishing to leave the venue during the course of the tournament, whatever the reason and/ or duration, must inform the match control and the referee in advance to obtain the agreement. In addition, he will have to come back an hour before the estimated time of his match.

Approximate match times are as follows:

- Friday, January 24, 2025: 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Full Mixed:

For all categories, only at the Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim);

- Saturday, January 25, 2025: 8:30 am to 9:00 pm – Start of singles and doubles:

U15: Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim ;

U13: Salle Karabatic et Spécifique de Strasbourg-Robertsau ;

U11: Im Sand Complex in Lingolsheim.

- Sunday, January 26, 2025: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Singles and doubles final stages :

For all categories, only at the Nelson Mandela Complex in Schiltigheim)

8) Refereeing

The matches are in self-refereeing, except for the final phases (the matches will be refereed from the semi-finals). Any player may at any time, appeal to the referee who may appoint an umpire authorized by the CLOT (Local Technical Official Organization), if s/he considers it necessary.

Note that the loser of a match will automatically stay on court to score the next match (or organize his replacement).

For shuttles touching an obstacle above the ground, the following rule will be applied, for all rooms: there will be a single let to serve and immediate fault in the game.

9) Withdrawal:

Each registered participant must know the penalties incurred by a player who has forfeited after the date of the draw (see rules: art. 2.17 of the RGC). He will have to inform the organizer club of his non-participation and will send at the latest, by any means, within 5 days of the competition, the supporting documents to the Ligue Grand Est de Badminton (4 rue Jean Mentelin 67200 STRASBOURG).

Proof can also be emailed to tournoi@badmintongrandest.com or fib@lgebad.com

10) Court access:

On the call of his / her name, any player who does not appear on the court after a period of 5 minutes may be disqualified by the referee, regardless of the level of the competition.

All players must arrive on the court with all the necessary accessories for their match (minimum 2 rackets). The contact time on the court is set to 3 minutes from the match call. This time is counted as the rest time. The rest period between 2 consecutive matches is 20 minutes. However, it may be reduced with the express agreement of the interested parties. Permanent coaching is allowed.

11) Shuttles:

The official shuttle is "BABOLAT 2". No other shuttle is allowed. The shuttle will be provided by the organizer for each match with 2 shuttles in U11/U13 – and 4 in U15.

Additional shuttles will be charged to the players.

The official shuttle will be on sale in each hall. Shuttles will be fully supplied for the Finals.

12) Image rights:

The participation of the player in the Babolat FIB, implies the acceptance of any photos or videos or interviews in the halls, with the possibility that these are published and broadcast on written communication media or videos.

13) Accompanying minors:

In accordance with article 2.14 of the RGC, each player participating in the Babolat FIB will be under the responsibility of an accompanying adult. The latter, who will have an authorization issued by the parental authority (in compliance with the regulations in force concerning the accompaniment of minors), will make known himself on arrival in the hall to the organizer (at reception), who will centralize this information for the Head Referee.

14) Miscellaneous:

The organizer cannot be held accountable for theft or accidents. Smoking is prohibited in all halls. For your waste, bins will be available.

The organizing committee counts on the fair play and good humor of all, so that the tournament takes place in a good atmosphere and in a clean environment.

The participants, players, coaches, attendants will have to respect the rules in force in the halls.

Babolat FIB information may also be requested from:

- Mr Grégoire MULLER – 06 88 91 01 73 from France or 00 33 6 88 91 01 73 from abroad – or by mail: fib@lgebad.com

Any participation in the Babolat FIB implies the acceptance of all the articles of this regulation that will be displayed in the room, but also of the RGC and the various federal texts.

The Organizing Committee