

## Competition Regulations and Important Notes

Sunday, 8 March 2026

### ■ Laws of the Game

All matches will be played as the best of three games in accordance with the current competition regulations of the **Badminton Association of Japan (BAJ)**, using the rally-point scoring system (15 points).

- At 14-all, play shall continue until a two-point lead is established, with a maximum of 21 points.
- An interval not exceeding one (1) minute shall be permitted when the leading score reaches 8 points in each game.
- An interval not exceeding one (1) minute shall be permitted at the end of the first game.
- An interval not exceeding two (2) minutes shall be permitted before the start of the final game.

### ■ Officials

- Umpires shall be officially certified umpires appointed by the Organizer.
- Line judges for the first match shall be appointed from players scheduled in Round 4 (10:45).
- For subsequent matches on the same court, the losing players shall act as line judges. Line judges must maintain eye contact with the umpire when making calls. In the case of an "out" decision, the call "OUT" shall be clearly announced simultaneously with the signal.
- During the interval between games, the entire court surface shall be mopped. After the completion of the match, line judges shall mop the court once again before leaving the court.

### ■ Competition Format

- All events shall commence with a group stage.
- Players ranked 1st and 2nd in each group, as well as 3rd and 4th in each group, shall advance to the knockout stage.
- No third-place playoff shall be conducted.
- Ranking shall be determined in the following order:
  1. Number of matches won
  2. If two players/pairs are tied: head-to-head result
  3. If three or more players/pairs are tied: game difference
  4. If still tied: point difference
- If a player withdraws during the group stage, the player shall be ranked last in the group regardless of previous results.

### ■ Match Procedures

- A two (2) minute warm-up shall be permitted only for a player's first match. No practice shall be permitted before the Opening Ceremony.
- From the second round of the schedule onward, matches shall be called based on court availability. Players shall report to the court immediately when called.

- If a player fails to report to the court within three (3) minutes after the match is called, the Referee may declare a walkover.
- Players shall not leave the court during a match without the permission of the umpire.
- Players must bring drinks and spare rackets onto court prior to the commencement of the match.
- No practice strokes shall be permitted during racket or shuttle changes.
- Personal belongings shall be placed in the designated area on the umpire's side and must be carried during change of ends.

#### ■ **Spectators and Coaching**

- Spectators shall remain in the designated second-floor seating area.
- Coaching by team officials shall be permitted from the designated coach's chair.