

Dear ISBO members, dear athletes,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the most important changes for 2015 according to the delegates meeting in Warsaw and latest adaptations for tournaments.

License System 2015:

Players need to have an ISBO license to participate in ISBO tournaments.

Players from countries with an ISBO member organization will need to get validated (marked as licensed) by their national organizations admin in the Ophardt system!

If a player has an exclamation mark near to his name he isn't allowed to play and must be confirmed by the country admins to get a valid license.

Players from non ISBO member countries can buy an individual license for an annual fee of 50€.

The national ISBO members organizations need to register all of their players at least once a year and add new players regularly.

Electronic payment via Ophardt:

The 2015 ISBO General Assembly made the decision to implement an online payment system within the Ophardt software.

>From 2015 on, participation fees can be payed when registering online via Credit Card, Debit Card or Paypal without any further fees for the athletes.

Tournament mode:

The adapted tournament mode 2015 is available on the ISBO website.

Tournament officials are enabled from this year to manage their events. If you are planning to host an ISBO event please have your national organization send your contact to Sonja Lange and Daniel Gossen. They will give you the necessary administration rights. A manual how to edit your event can be found on the website, also.

FAQ`s:

Also we introduce FAQ document to give you answers to the most popular questions to the ISBO (feel free to inform us if any important information is missing). Please read the FAQs carefully before you get in touch with the ISBO executives for requests.

<http://www.isbo-speedbadminton.com/rules-and-standards/faq/>

New Communication:

We will post all news, changes, adaptations on the official ISBO Facebook channel and the ISBO webpage!

Furthermore we will send out a monthly Newsletter as summary via mail.

Live stream:

All ISBO 1000 points tournament will be streamed from this year at www.ISBO-speedbadminton.com.

Further Standards and rules adaptations for 2015:

- U12 Kids play on 4*4m squares and 9m distance between the squares. The service line stays 3m behind the attack line. U14 divisions will play according to the current rules.
- New scoring system for the ranking on the website.
- Ranking points for European- and World championships stay 2 years in the ISBO ranking.
- Results will only be valid for the ISBO ranking if: at least 4 registered players participate in the Junior divisions and at least 8 players in all other divisions (4 pairs for doubles). If a division is cut due to a lack of participants, the registered participants of that division will be placed in the next higher division. For Junior categories there is an exception: U12 and U14 male and female participants must be mixed into one category as well as U18 doubles. If participants have to play a higher division, they will be seeded after their ranking in the higher division. If

they do not have a ranking they will be draw by lot. Players receive the points for the division they have signed up for and the division he actually played.

- If participants are limited: For ISBO Master Series tournaments the participation will be decided by ISBO ranking position and official deadlines. For international series tournaments the organizer can choose between ranking position or registration time.
- Players who register for an ISBO tournament but do not show up without any written and approved reason will be sanctioned minus 100 points for the ranking in each division they have registered.
- Minimum competitors for ISBO tournaments: 1000 points tournaments – 120 players / 500 points tournaments – 60 players / International and junior tournaments – 40 players. Otherwise tournament will be downgrade to the next tournament level (500, 250, 125).
- Minimum capacity of players for ISBO tournaments: 1000 points tournaments – 160 players / 500 points tournaments – 120 players / International and junior tournaments – 80 players.
- Remember and inform your members again: Players have to wear shirts with name & country during all matches (Masters TM) or from semi finals (Int. TM)!
- Tournament results have to be uploaded to Ophardt and send to the ISBO till 12 p.m the next day.

All ISBO Standards can be found here:

<http://www.isbo-speedbadminton.com/rules-and-standards/standards-organizer-documents/>

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