

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



Tournament Regulations

for all age-groups

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0 Defining Key Terms of Crossminton

Player

A person playing crossminton.

Match Party

A match party (a party) consists of one player in singles.

A match party (a party, also called a pair) in doubles consists of 2 players on the same team.

Opponent

The opposing party.

Match

Competition between 2 parties.

Square

A square is a part of the court. It refers to one of two squares where the shuttle has to be played in.

Court with a shuttle-passing zone

A court consists of 2 opposing squares which are set up facing each other with a distance of 12,8 m between them. The shuttle-passing zone is the area between both opposing squares.

Shuttle

The flying device used for playing purpose is called the shuttle. The official ICO shuttle is speeder™.

Racket

The player plays with a racket.

Singles

A match with 1 player playing in each square.

Doubles

A match with 2 players (a pair) playing in each square.

Serve

Initial strike of the shuttle to start the rally.

Server

The party to serve.

Returner

The party opposite to the server/the party to return.

Rally

A sequence of one or several shots counting from the serve to the moment when the shuttle is out of bound.

Point

A point is awarded to the total score of the player who won the last rally with the shuttle either hitting the opposing square, including the lines, or the opponent making a mistake.

Set

A finished set is a part of a match and consists of the totals of points of both players, with winning player accumulating 16 points (or more in a case of a tie-break) first.

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Match

A match is competition between 2 parties, consisting of 2 or 3 sets.

Head Umpire

The Head Umpire is a person in charge of rules, regulations and refereeing at a crossminton tournament.

Match Umpire

The Match Umpire is responsible for the course of a match by making refereeing decisions and is also responsible for the court and its surroundings.

Line-/Service Umpire

The Line- and Service Umpire is subordinate to the Match and Head Umpire. His area of responsibility is limited to the function assigned by the Match Umpire.

Winner

A winner is the party that first wins 2 sets in a match.

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A Basic conditions

1 Court and court set-up

- 1.1 The court consists of two squares of 5.5 x 5.5 m (exterior measures including the lines) which are set up in a distance of 12.8 m (exterior measure). — see illustration 1.
- 1.2 For exact measures and definitions - see illustration 2.
- 1.3 The width of the line when using the court lines has to be at least 2 cm and may not exceed 6 cm. The width of the lines has to be consistent.
- 1.4 The court lines for a square have to be highly visible (high contrast).
- 1.5 The court lines are part of the square which they frame.
- 1.6 The serve line is a straight line connecting the two lateral lines. It runs in a distance of 3m parallel to the front line (see illustration 2).
- 1.7 The serve line between front zone and back court/serve zone is part of the back court/serve zone.
- 1.8 Serve line should be marked with a straight line and must be marked with a 50cm line in the middle of the court, if possible. If there is no serve line in the designated position possible (because of surface) markings of high contrast on the lateral lines have to be applied instead. The markings have to correspond to the width of the lateral lines and have to be between 6 and 10 cm long.
- 1.9 It is recommended to have a security zone of at least 1 m outside of the court, with the exception of a neighbouring court. The security zone should be kept free (for example no walls, banners, umpires, coaches).
- 1.10. The court for U12 category consists of two squares of 4 x 4 m (exterior measures) which are set up in a distance of 9 m (exterior measure). The serve line is 2m behind the front line.

Illustration 1 (The court is used for singles and doubles): **The court**

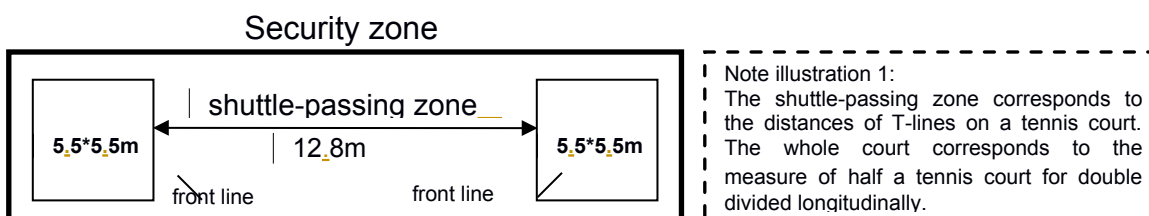
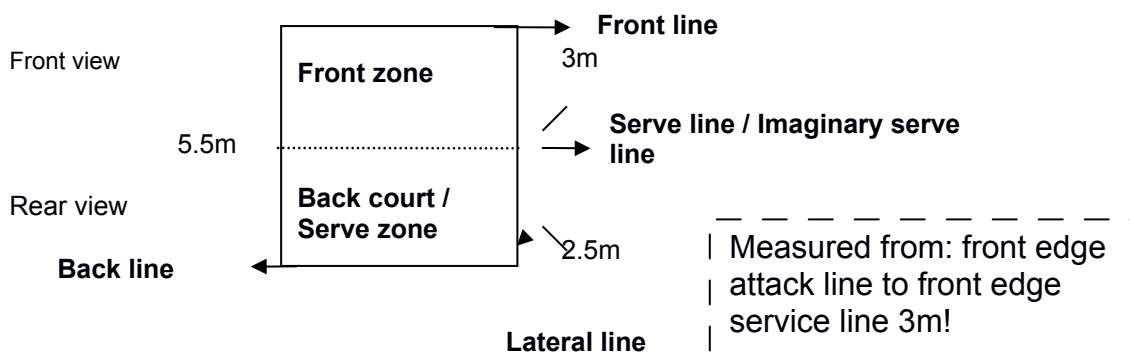


Illustration 2: Set up of squares



2 Court surface and venue conditions

- 2.1 All court surfaces that exclude an elevated danger of injury are conform to the rules.
- 2.2 The court lines must not pose any danger of injury.
- 2.3 At all national and international ranking tournaments the venue has to be at least 7m high (at all points above the courts). Exceptions may be granted by the International Crossminton Organisation.

B Tournament Specifics

3 Tournament System – Types of Tournaments

- 3.1 Official ICO Tournament System consists of the following types of tournaments:

NATIONAL SERIES	100 points tournaments (2 per country per month)
INTERNATIONAL SERIES	250 points tournaments (4 tournaments per country/year)
	250 doubles only tournaments (1 tournament per country/year)
WORLD SERIES	500 points tournaments (1 tournament per country/year)
	500 points FUN tournaments (1 tournament per country/year – if ICO selected by ICO)
	500 points doubles only tournaments (1 tournament per country/y)
	500 points junior tournaments (1 tournament per country/year)
	1.000 points tournaments (5 tournaments per year in the world)
CHAMPIONSHIPS	2.000 points tournaments (every 2 years)
MASTERS	2.000 points tournaments
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The Tournament System is presented in Annex 1, while the specific types of tournaments are described in Tournament Standards for each type of tournament.

4 Official ICO Categories

- 4.1 All official ICO categories are listed in Annex 2 of this document.
- 4.2 At all international tournaments (250 points and up), Women and Open categories must be played in order for the tournament to maintain the announced level (points status).
- 4.3 The minimum number of categories and players differs for different levels (points status) of tournaments and is precisely defined in the Tournament Standards documents for all levels of tournaments.
- 4.4 In case of not having enough players for a particular category, categories can be merged together into new categories or players can be moved into an existing category:
 - 4.4.1 Only categories that can be merged together are U12 boys with U12 girls into new category “U12 boys and girls”, U14 boys with U14 girls into new category “U14 boys and girls”, and U18 boys doubles with U18 girls doubles into “U18 doubles”. If there are not enough players even to merge them into a new category, players must be moved up to the next age category.
 - 4.4.2 In doubles, Mixed doubles and Women’s doubles can only be moved to Open doubles, if there is not enough pairs in their respective category. In senior doubles, all pairs can only be moved down to the next applicable category (f.e., O60 mixed doubles can only be moved into O50 mixed doubles and then in O40 mixed doubles, if there still aren't enough pairs in O50 mixed doubles – but they are not allowed to be moved directly into O40 mixed doubles, if O50 mixed doubles could be played with them), or in the Open doubles.
 - 4.4.3 A category with a minimum number of players that are required to play the category cannot be merged (f.e., in case of 1 player in U14 girls category and 4 players in U14 boys category, the categories cannot be merged into new U14 boys and girls category, but the girl must be moved into U16 girls category) or moved up or down into another category.

- 4.4.4 If players have to play a higher or lower category, they will be seeded by their ranking points in the category they were moved into. If they do not have ranking points, they will be drawn by lot. In Open category, all players are allowed to participate in.
- 4.4.5 After the tournament, ranking points will be awarded to the moved players in the category they registered for and in the category they actually played in. In case of merged categories, players will receive ranking points in only categories they registered in.
- 4.4.6 According to the last decision of the ICO Board, at least 4 players have to participate in a category for this category to be played.

5 Tournament Software

- 5.1 To organise or participate at any type of official ICO Tournament, the use of Tournament Software is obligatory.
- 5.2 Tournament applications need to be made for all types of ICO tournaments in Tournament Software according to Tournament Standards and its deadlines.
- 5.3 The main instrument of any tournament organiser is the Tournament Planner, which is an integral part of Tournament Software and must be used to prepare and run the tournament by doing the draws, entering and finally also publishing results.
- 5.4 All players need to have a player's profile in Tournament Software, which needs to be created by their National Administrator and activated by the player. To play tournaments, an active ICO Player's License is also needed, as defined in Point 6 of these Regulations..

6 ICO Players' Licenses

- 6.1 In order to play an official ICO tournament, all players need to have a player's profile in Tournament Software and a valid ICO Player's License. Exception: players at 100 points tournaments (National Series) do not need a valid ICO player's license.
- 6.2 All players are obliged to buy licenses that fit their player's profile (age, nationality, experience). as set in the document ICO Player's Licenses (Annex 2). Players are not allowed to play tournaments with licenses that contradict their player's profile.
- 6.3 Types of licenses, their fees (prices) and conditions of purchase are set by the ICO Board or the ICO General Assembly. Current types of licenses with their prices are published in Annex 2 of these regulations.
 - 6.3.1 ICO Players' License fees for athletes from developing countries are reduced by 50 % (test licenses excluded). A developing country is a country with GDP pc below world average, as established on the 1st January of each year according to the last available World Bank data. Purchase of the reduced-fee ICO Players' Licenses for athletes from developing countries is then available until the 31st December of the respectable year and cannot be done by Tournament Software, but must be executed by email to the ICO President.
- 6.4 A player without a valid ICO player's license is not allowed to play an official ICO tournament (exception: 100 points tournaments) and is given no ranking points in the event of playing a tournament nonetheless. Ranking points of a player without a valid ICO Player's License can also be deleted in case of establishing this fact after the points have already been awarded.

7 Tournament Mode – groups, draws, elimination, ranking points

- 7.1 All official ICO tournaments must follow all official rules and regulations for ICO tournaments, the respective standards as set in Tournament Standards documents for all types of tournaments and the tournament modes regarding the groups, draws and elimination matches as set in the Tournament Mode document. Only the latest versions of these documents, published on the ICO's website, are valid.
 - 7.1.1 In singles categories, group stage must always be played before the knock-out (elimination) stage. In doubles categories, the tournament organiser is allowed to decide (not later than immediately after the registration deadline) whether group stage will be played or not, since playing only knock-out stage is also allowed.

- 7.1.2 The lowest allowed number of players in a group is 3, while the highest allowed number of players in a group is 5. Players must be drawn into groups according to their rankings (seeded positions), using the relevant system from the Tournament Mode document.
- 7.1.3 Order of matches in each group must follow the rule of the highest seeded player playing his/her matches in the direction from the lowest to the highest seeded opponent. For example, in a 4-players group order of matches must follow this sequence: 1:4 and 2:3, 1:3 and 2:4, 1:2 and 3:4.
- 7.1.4 The best 2 players from each group advance into the final rounds (knockout stage). A loss in the knockout stage means direct elimination from the tournament.
- 7.1.5 For each official ICO tournament, ranking points are awarded to all players according to the type of the tournament, achieved position and the number of participating players at the tournament, as defined in the Ranking Points Distribution System document.
- 7.1.6 During the knock-out stage, there is no match to decide the 3rd placed player as both players that lost in the semifinals finish in 3rd place. If only a group stage is played, players are ranked according to the places they achieved and medals/certificates are only given to first three ranked players. Exception are all junior categories, where players are ranked according to the places they achieved, but third and fourth ranked players are both invited to the medals ceremony as third place players. However, ranking points are given according to the place achieved, not the medals ceremony.

C Tournament Officials

8 *Tournament officials and objections*

- 8.1 For each tournament – except National Series – a licensed Head Umpire has to be appointed.
- 8.2 The hosting club and the tournament organizer are responsible for providing medical care for the players, if necessary (i.e. a doctor on sight).
- 8.3 The Head Umpire is in charge of rules, regulations and refereeing at the tournament.
- 8.4 The appointed Match Umpire is responsible for the course of a match by making refereeing decisions and is also responsible for the court and its surroundings.
- 8.5 The Serve Umpire has to call serve faults made by the server.
- 8.6 The Line Umpire makes the call if a shuttle is “in” or “out” on the assigned line.
- 8.7 A decision made by an umpire is definite in regards to his responsibility - with exception to the case that the Match Umpire has recognized a wrong call by the Line Umpire. In this case the Match Umpire may overrule the decision of the Line Umpire.
- 8.8 The Match Umpire has to ...
 - 8.8.1 ... control the Rules of Crossminton, enforce them and above all call “faults” and “repeated plays” when occurred.
 - 8.8.2 ... make his decision regarding an objection about a point before starting the next serve.
 - 8.8.3 ... inform players and spectators of the match progress.
 - 8.8.4 ... appoint or dismiss Line Umpire or Serve Umpires after consulting the Head Umpire.
 - 8.8.5 ... take care of court related tasks for which no official was appointed for.
 - 8.8.6 ... to make a call in a tournament official’s name whose view was blocked or decide on “Repeated play”.
 - 8.8.7 ... write down all incidents in connection with Rule 1 of the ICO Umpire Regulations of Crossminton and inform the Head Umpire.

D Doping Regulations

At the ICO tournaments, the current international doping regulations of WADA are valid.

E Player Garments

For the ICO World Series Tournaments (500, 1.000 and 2.000 points) the following rule is valid: Players have to wear an upper garment (T-shirt) with name and country (country code also possible) on the back during all the matches.

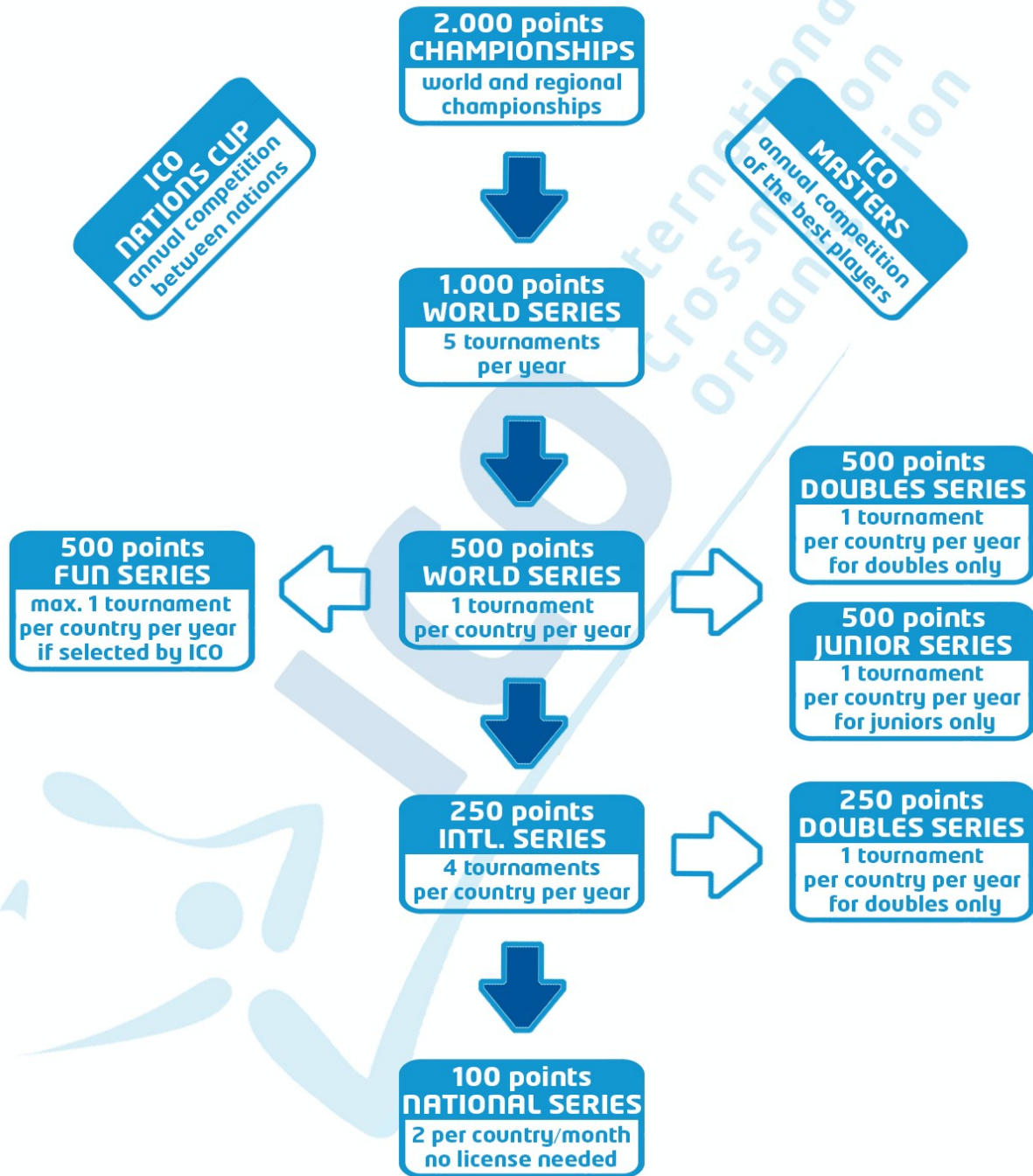
For ICO International Series Tournaments and all official tournaments except World Series Tournaments and 100 points tournaments the following rule is valid: Players have to wear an upper garment with name and country (country code also possible) on the back from semi finals on.

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ANNEX 1 – ICO TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

ICO Tournament System



ANNEX 2 – OFFICIAL ICO PLAYERS' CATEGORIES



OFFICIAL ICO PLAYERS' CATEGORIES 2022

Official ICO Players' Categories are generally based on gender and age of the players. This means all players can only play in categories, in which they are eligible to play according to their gender and age.

The key factor regarding the age is the year of birth. For example, a player born on any day in 2008, can play in U14 category the whole 2022 season (age 14), but will need to play the U16 category in 2023 (age 15). Another example, a player born on any day in 1973, must play in O40 category the whole 2022 season (age 49), but will be able to play the O50 category in 2023 (age 50).

A player is allowed to play two categories at each tournament, with following restrictions:

- the player must be eligible to play both categories;
- the player is allowed to play: 1 singles and 1 doubles category or 2 doubles categories, if one of them is Mixed doubles

In order for a category to be played, min. 4 players must be registered. If not, players in senior and junior categories can be transferred to another category they are eligible to play, or a mix category can be made in certain junior categories (priority before transfer).

ADULT CATEGORIES

Full name of a category	Short name	Comment
Open singles category	Open	„Men“ category that all players are allowed to play, including female.
Women's singles category	Women	All female players are allowed to play the category.
Open doubles category	Open doubles	„Men“ category that all players are allowed to play, including women pairs and mixed pairs.
Women's doubles category	Women's doubles	All ages, women pairs only.
Mixed doubles category	Mixed doubles	All ages, mixed pairs only.

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JUNIOR CATEGORIES

Full name of a category	Short name	
Under-18 boys' singles category	U18 boys	
Under-18 girls' singles category	U18 girls	
Under-18 boys' doubles category	U18 boys' doubles	Can be merged with U18 girls' doubles.
Under-18 girls' doubles category	U18 girls' doubles	Can be merged with U18 boys' doubles.
Under-16 boys' singles category	U16 boys	
Under-16 girls' singles category	U16 girls	
Under-14 boys' singles category	U14 boys	
Under-14 girls' singles category	U14 girls	
Under-12 boys' singles category	U12 boys	Played on smaller courts.
Under-12 girls' singles category	U12 girls	Played on smaller courts.

SENIOR CATEGORIES

Full name of a category	Short name	Comment
Over-40 men's singles category	O40 men	
Over-40 women's singles category	O40 women	
Over-40 men's doubles category	O40 men's doubles	
Over-40 women's doubles category	O40 women's doubles	
Over-40 mixed doubles category	O40 mixed doubles	
Over-50 men's singles category	O50 men	
Over-50 women's singles category	O50 women	
Over-50 men's doubles category	O50 men's doubles	
Over-50 women's doubles category	O50 women's doubles	
Over-50 mixed doubles category	O50 mixed doubles	
Over-60 men's singles category	O60 men	
Over-60 women's singles category	O60 women	
Over-60 men's doubles category	O60 men's doubles	
Over-60 women's doubles category	O60 women's doubles	
Over-60 mixed doubles category	O60 mixed doubles	
Over-70 men's singles category	O70 men	
Over-70 women's singles category	O70 women	
Over-70 men's doubles category	O70 men's doubles	
Over-70 women's doubles category	O70 women's doubles	
Over-70 mixed doubles category	O70 mixed doubles	

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DISABLED PLAYERS' CATEGORIES - PARACROSSMINTON

Full name of a category	Short name	Comment
SSC550 - achondroplasia	SSC50	Players with achondroplasia - not exceeding the height of 1.45 m (men) or 1.37 m (women).

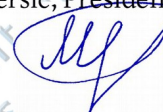
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