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1. INTRODUCTION

The Rules of Player Conduct is a document which, in detail, explains the expected behavior of players in sports. The correct behavior of all players in sports, based on a set of rules, mutual respect and tolerance is also known as fair-play. Fair-play is also a commitment to take part in good spirit and with a good attitude, which includes modesty, friendship and equality.

The Rules of Player Conduct of crossminton describes the correct and wrong behavior in the game of crossminton. According to these Rules, the Tournament Officials and Match Umpires can and will sanction any offenses, in the manner as described in this document. The Rules are described in detail, so they can help officials during all tournaments in enforcing them.

2. DEFINITIONS

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™.

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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.

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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3. ON-COURT BEHAVIOR

Player's demeanor during the match, before the match and after the match is his on-court behavior. As soon as a player steps on the court before his match and before he leaves the courts after the match, he is considered to be playing a match. His behavior is supervised by the appointed Match Umpire. If there is no appointed Match Umpire the players are still obligated to conduct themselves in the best manner, and according to fair-play.

Before the match:

- players have to arrive to the designated court in time, with everything needed to play the whole match, no later than 5 minutes after the final call for them
- players have 5 minutes to warm-up before the match starts
- if there is an appointed Match Umpire he performs the toss and players decide on serving and starting positions on the court. In there isn't an appointed Match Umpire the players do the toss themselves.
- players need to communicate with each other in an orderly manner, greet each other before the start, when changing sides and after the end of the match.
- a player can request Line/Service Umpires before the start of the match, or between sets. However, the Head Umpire can appoint a Match Umpire and Line/Service Umpires at any time at any match, as he sees fit.
- if any of the players decide to have a Coach present on court during their match, they must communicate that to the tournament officials, Match Umpire and the opponent before the match
- player is not allowed to bring food or alcoholic beverages to the court

During the match:

- players must show the "in" and "out" sign after every point
- if players disagree, the appointed Match Umpire makes the final decision. If there isn't an appointed Match Umpire then the point must be replayed. Fair play is a major part of the game, especially in these situations, and players must behave appropriately.
- players are not allowed to use profanities, swear words, racist remarks or any kind of offensive language
- players are not allowed to communicate with anyone during a rally
- players can communicate during the match only in between points, and only with the Match Umpire, their coach, or the opposing party, in a professional manner
- players must not intentionally provoke the opposing party, and must refrain from doing so unintentionally when asked to do so by the Match Umpire (screaming, yelling, celebrating a point in an exaggerated way, making faces etc.)
- players are not allowed to scream or yell during a rally.
- under certain circumstances, beyond the players' responsibility, the Match Umpire can interrupt the match as long as it is deemed necessary. If there

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isn't an appointed Match Umpire, a player may stop the rally at some point by raising his hand if there is a valid reason, for example if a second shuttle appears, if a third party enters the court, if there is some sort of interruption on the side of the court

- players are not allowed to modify or damage the speeder™ in order to change speed or flight quality (it is not allowed to put the speeder™ into clothes pockets)
- eating is prohibited on the court
- drinking water or any other non-alcoholic beverage is possible only in between sets or during switching sides in the third set
- player may request a change of Lines/Service Umpires or Match Umpire in between sets from the Head Umpire if there are valid reasons
- players must refrain themselves from arguing with the Line/Service or Match Umpire, or the opposing party
- players are not allowed to verbally or physically attack the opposing party, Line, Service or Match Umpire, or any third party
- players are not allowed to throw a racket or any other object in rage
- each player may request a medical time-out for the duration of 3 minutes, in each set. The tournament doctor has to be consulted
- in doubles, each party may ask for a time-out for the duration of 1 minute in each set
- breaks of maximum 2 minutes are allowed between sets
- players may not delay the match under no circumstances in order to give themselves the chance to recover or ask for coaching advice
- coach may not communicate with the player or anyone else on or around the court during a rally
- coaching a player is only allowed if the speeder™ is not in play
- coach may communicate with his player or the Match Umpire when the Speeder™ is out of play

After the match:

- players must greet the opposing party and the appointed Match Umpire after the match has ended
- players must leave the court with their belongings in an orderly fashion
- the losing party must return before the start of the next match for scoreboard duty, if that is demanded by the organizer

3.1 Minor offenses against the rules

3.1.1. Player makes an offense if he/she...

- 3.1.1.1. ... is late for his match
- 3.1.1.2. ... refuses to start match when time for warm up expires
- 3.1.1.3. ... brings food or an alcoholic beverage to the court
- 3.1.1.4. ... doesn't show if the shuttle is "in" or "out"
- 3.1.1.5. ... refuses to accept the decision the Line/Service Umpire made, demands a repeat of the point
- 3.1.1.6. argues with the Line/Service or Match Umpire, his coach or the

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- opposing party
 - 3.1.1.7. ... swears or uses foul language after a point
 - 3.1.1.8. ... celebrates after a point in an exaggerated way (screaming, yelling etc.)
 - 3.1.1.9. ... speaks or makes any loud noises during a rally
 - 3.1.1.10. ... talks or argues with a third party (supporters, team-mates etc.)
 - 3.1.1.11. ... refuses to comply when asked to stop any kind of undesired behavior by the Match Umpire
 - 3.1.1.12. ... stops a rally for no valid reason
 - 3.1.1.13. ... keeps a shuttle in his pocket or in his hand during a rally
 - 3.1.1.14. ... modifies a shuttle or intentionally uses a visibly damaged shuttle
 - 3.1.1.15. ... uses a towel or drinks during a set, in order to delay the match or get more rest between points
 - 3.1.1.16. ... does not return to the court after the break has ended
 - 3.1.1.17. ... delays the serve or getting into position in order to delay the match
 - 3.1.1.18. ... does not greet the opposing party before or after the match
 - 3.1.1.19. ... refuses to leave the court in an orderly fashion
 - 3.1.1.20. ... does not return to the court to scoreboard duty before the start of the next match
- 3.1.2. Coach makes an offense if he/she...
- 3.1.2.1. ... talks with the player during the rally, or in any way interferes in the rally
 - 3.1.2.2. ... argues with the Line/Service or Match Umpire, or with the opposing party
 - 3.1.2.3. ... communicates with the opposing party in any way
- 3.1.3. Third Party makes an offense if he/she...
- 3.1.3.1 ... communicate in any way with the players, coaches or Line/Service or Match Umpire
 - 3.1.3.2. ... cheers during a rally
 - 3.1.3.3. ... cheers or make any loud noises as a player prepares to serve
 - 3.1.3.4. ... comes too close to the court
 - 3.1.3.5. ... enters the safety zone around the court or the court
 - 3.1.3.6. ... shouts "in" or "out" during a rally
 - 3.1.3.7. ... interrupts the rally in any kind
 - 3.1.3.8. ... visually distracts players with banners, flags or other things
 - 3.1.3.9. ... delays the match in any way

3.2. Major offenses against the rules

3.2.1. Player makes a major offense if...

- 3.2.1.1. ... is late for his match without a valid reason or doesn't show up at all
- 3.2.1.2. ... arrives to the court visibly intoxicated
- 3.2.1.3. ... consumes alcoholic beverages on court
- 3.2.1.4. ... taunts or provokes the opposing party
- 3.2.1.5. ... smashes a racket in rage or damages any object on the court

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(chair, score board etc.)

- 3.2.1.6. ... is aggressive towards the opposing party, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, or a third party
- 3.2.1.7. ... verbally or psysically attacks the opposing party, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, or a third party
- 3.2.1.8. ... defies the Match Umpire, Head Umpire or any of the organising staff
- 3.2.1.9. ... repeats any previously made minor offense, after he/she was reprimanded or sanctioned by the Match Umpire
- 3.2.1.10. ... leaves the court without any explanation
- 3.2.1.11. ... intentionally cheats or lies

3.2.2. Coach makes a major offense if...

- 3.2.2.1. ... shouts or signals the player whether the shuttle is going to be "in" or "out"
- 3.2.2.2. ... is aggressive towards the opposing party, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, or a third party
- 3.2.2.3. ... verbally or psysically attacks the opposing party, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, or a third party
- 3.2.2.4. ... repeats any previously made minor offense, after he/she was reprimanded or sanctioned by the Match Umpire

3.2.3. Third party makes a major offense if...

- 3.2.3.1. ... is aggressive towards any player, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, any of the staff
- 3.2.3.2. ... verbally or psysically attacks any player, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, or the staff, at any time during tournament
- 3.2.3.3. ... repeats any previously made minor offense, after he/she was reprimanded or sanctioned by the Match Umpire, Head Umpire or the staff
- 3.2.3.4. ... shouts or signals the player whether the shuttle is going to be "in" or "out"

4. OFF-COURT BEHAVIOR

The way that players, coaches, umpires, members of staff and third parties (supporters and others) conduct themselves on the venue of the tournament and beside the courts is off-court behavior:

- following all the organiser rules
- entering and leaving the venue in an orderly fashion
- not littering
- being in good spirit and with a good attitude, communicate respectfully with anyone on the venue
- eating in designated areas (cafes, restaurants etc.)
- drinking alcoholic beverages in designated areas (cafes, restaurants etc.)

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- not damaging public property or objects at the venue
- respect privacy in the locker rooms

4.1. Minor offenses against the rules (a person commits a minor offense if he/she ...)

- 4.1.1. ... does not follow the organiser staff's instructions regarding seating areas, locker rooms, warm up area, safety zones etc.
- 4.1.2. ... is littering
- 4.1.3. ... disrespects the staff, or any other person in the venue
- 4.1.4. ... drinks alcoholic beverages in the venue, outside the designated areas

4.2. Major offenses against the rules (a person commits a major offense if he/she ...)

- 4.2.1. ... repeatedly makes a minor offense against the Rules
- 4.2.2. ... is aggressive towards any player, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, any of the staff, or anyone else on the venue
- 4.2.3. ... verbally or physically attacks any player, a coach, Line/Service Umpire or the Match Umpire, the staff, or any other person on the venue

5. TREATMENT OF OFFENSES

The Match Umpire or the Head Umpire shall punish any individual for an offense against the rules in the following manner:

5.1. On-court:

5.1.1. For minor offenses against the rules:

- first, a verbal warning to the player that made the offense
- then, by showing a yellow card as a serious warning if a party has previously already been verbally warned, resulting in the loss of one point for the offending party (which means the other party receives an additional point to their score)
- followed by a red card as a consequence of continuous offenses, resulting in the loss of the set
- after another offense the Match Umpire is to call the Head Umpire who is to show a black card and disqualify the guilty party from the match played

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- after another offense the Match Umpire is to call the Head Umpire who is to show a black card and disqualify the guilty party from the match played
- finally, one more offense will then mean a disqualification from the tournament
- disqualification from a tournament may have more serious consequences for the disqualified player, such as serving a suspension from all international tournaments from one to twelve months and a probation period of at least 12 months
- Repeating of a major offense against the rules during the probation period will call for a longer ban or a life time ban from international tournaments

5.1.3. All warnings/cards that were received in a previous match, will count for all the following matches during a tournament – they are carried on from one match to the other.

5.1.4. For any major offense against the rules, in an extreme violation of the Rules, the Head Umpire may show a black card to a player with no previous warnings/cards. In that case all outstanding matches are lost. Moreover, the International Crossminton Organisation may decide to impose further sanctions beyond the tournament, following a tournament report from the Head Umpire.

5.2. Off-court

5.2.1. For minor offenses against the rules:

- first, a verbal warning is given to the person (coach, player, supporter, spectator etc.) that made the offense
- if needed, the offending party is given a second warning
- for the third offense against the rules the Head Umpire, with the help of security or staff, will remove the person from the venue. If the offending person is a player at this same tournament, the person is also banned from this tournament. All his/hers pending matches, doubles included, are marked as 16:0, 16:0 for the opponent(s).

5.2.2. For major offenses against the rules:

- in case of a major offense against the rules, the Head Umpire, with the help of security or staff, will remove the offending person from the venue. If the offending person is a player at this same tournament, the person is also banned from this tournament. All his/hers pending matches, doubles included, are marked as 16:0, 16:0 for the opponent(s).

In case that there is no appointed Match Umpire (or a staff member off-court), any person (Line/Service Umpire, player, coach or a third party) may approach the Head Umpire to inform him/her of any offenses against the rules. Head Umpire then reacts by appointing a Match Umpire, or getting involved if there was a serious incident. Match Umpire can not retroactively punish a player for actions he did not witness. For any relevant incident he witnesses, the Match Umpire will make a formal report to the Head Umpire, who will include it into the Tournament report.

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6. OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

All objections and complaints during the tournament are to be made to the Head Umpire. All decisions made by the Head Umpire are final. Further actions are decided by the ICO Board and the Arbitration Committee.

All objections and complaints after the tournament are sent to the ICO (jerkovic@crossminton.org or sustersic@crossminton.org)