



# Mercantile Badminton Association

## 37<sup>th</sup> MBA Novices Badminton Championships 2020

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<b>DATES</b>	: 7 <sup>th</sup> To 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.
<b>VENUE</b>	: No 28 , MBA Head Quarters & G.T Jayasuriya Stadium , : Malalasekara Mawatha , Colombo 07.
<b>TOURNAMENT REFEREE</b>	: H.B.C.Nilantha
<b>Entry Closing Date</b>	: 27 - 02 - 2020

1. The official entry form for the above championship is enclosed herewith.
2. Entry Fee is Rs.1000- for Singles Events and Rs.1500- for Doubles & Mixed Doubles Events. Payments could be made in cash or by cheques drawn in favor of the "Mercantile Badminton Association". **No entry will be considered without entry fee.**
3. Participation is open only for the Firms Affiliated to the Mercantile Badminton Association. Non Nationals & Under 18 (years )players will not be eligible to participate in this tournament. (Age calculation will be as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020). All participating establishments should have paid their annual subscription for the year 2020 (Rs.10,000) and any outstanding payment for the 1-4previous years prior to the commencement of the tournament.
4. The Championship will consist of following 5 (Five) Events.
5. **Events**  
Open Category (1.) Men's and Women's Singles , Men's and Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles  
Age Category (2.) Men's Veterans Singles & Doubles(Over 40) 1979 - 12 - 31 or Before Born  
(3.) Women's Veterans Singles & Doubles (Over 35) 1984 - 12 - 31 or Before Born  
(4.) Veterans Mixed Doubles(Over 40 for Men & Over 35 for Women)  
(5.) Master's Singles & Doubles (Over50) 1969 - 12 - 31 or Before Born
6. Participants in Veterans Men's Events should be over 40 years of age and Veterans Women's Events should be over 35/40 years of age. While participants in the Masters Events should be over 50years of age as at 01st January 2020. **Any player will be allowed to take part only one Age category event and any number of open category event.**
7. Those who play more than one event are subject to a maximum of 15 minutes grace period between any two matches.
8. The Championship will run on a knock-out basis & all matches will be played according to the Rules and Regulations of Badminton approved by the BWF as adopted by the SLB & MBA.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel an event due to not receiving sufficient entries.
10. **Li-Ning Feather shuttlecocks** will be used for all matches.
11. All players are required to be punctual. Any player failing to turn up for his/her match at the allotted time will be liable to concede a walkover. Only 10 minutes grace period will be permitted. No postponements will be permitted under any circumstances.
12. If a player concedes a walkover in an any event due to injury/illness or any other reason he/she will **not be permitted** to compete in any other event of the tournament . Any exceptional circumstance will be referred to the referee or an official for a decision. Any player / authorized or official submitting or certifying a false declaration regarding eligibility of a player/ players in the entry form will be disqualified and will be subject to disciplinary action which could include a suspension on participation in MBA approved events up to a period of 2(two) years by the MBA.
13. **No entry will be considered without partner's name.** Competitors in Doubles Events shall play with such partners who have disclosed the names of their partners on the entry form & No y event due to injury, illness or absence, he/she will not be permitted to compete in any other event of the tournament on the same day. Any exception a circumstances will be referred to the referee or appointed official. one else except as provided under rule 14.
14. A competitor will be allowed to substitute a partner in a Doubles Event subject to the Approval of the Tournament Committee, if his/her original partner is prevented from playing through illness, injury or other unavoidable circumstances. Such proposed substitute shall be notified to the Tournament Committee Chairman/Tournament Referee or his representative in writing before the commencement of the said event. Such substitution should not be of a Higher Rank than the Original Player and the new combination should be of a lower standard than the Original Combination.

15. The decision of the Umpire shall be final on all matters connected with the actual play in the match that he/she is officiating.
16. All disputes with regard to the Championship should be referred to the Tournament Committee. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and conclusive on all participants regarding all matters connected with the Tournament and on any matters not provided for.
17. Participation is open to permanent employees of all mercantile sector establishments that are affiliated to the Mercantile Badminton Association. The employees should be on the pay roll of their respective establishments for a **minimum period of four (04) Month as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and be registered and paid Contributed to EPF & EVEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT DATE SHOULD BE FOUR MONTHS (4) PRIOR TO THE 1<sup>st</sup>March 2020(B card Date )** under that establishment and should not be employed at any other establishment either on a part time or full time basis.
18. The employees should be on the payroll of their respective establishment and not be as a form consultant of (Director)/ Brand Ambassadors or in any other form of employment while he /she is employed in at another establishment. If he /she is the Owner / Director in establishing and registered in MBA he/ she should not be playing for any other establishment. No form of cancellation of registration is permitted at MBA , unless their business registration is canceled. **(Please refer rule No 17.)**
19. It is compulsory that full name, EPF number NIC number and the past performance is indicated against each player in the entry form. Participant should be prepared to produce the originals of their birth certificate / appointment letter / official ID or EPF "B" card copy upon the request of the referee or tournament committee. Failing to do so will disqualify the participation.
20. Any player must be able to produce his/her appointment letter (original) Official ID/NIC or passport to the tournament committee during any time of the tournament.
21. Any establishment certifying a false declaration regarding eligibility of a player in the entry form will be disqualified and will be subject to disciplinary action which could include a suspension of membership up to a period of two (02) years by the MBA.
22. All participants are expected to assist the MBA by officiating as umpires and keep lines at this tournament.
- 23. ELIGIBILITY**
  - A. Player who have not won any event at the MBA Novices or SLBA Novices in the past.
  - B. Player who have not reached the quarter finals stage of any National Ranking event during the last five years.
  - C. Player who have not reached the semifinal stage of the MBA Open "A" Division tournament during the last five years.
  - D. Player who have not reached the final stages of the MBA Open "B" Division tournament.
  - E. Those who have not entered any under 19 Final event at the junior national.
  - F. Masters and Veterans players who have not won any Novices event or Finalist of any Open event.
24. Certificates and Cups will be awarded to the winners, runners-up, Certificates awarded to 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> Places of the Events.
25. The losing Semi Finalists will play for 3rd /4th place.
26. The **referee** shall be overall in charge of the tournament.
27. **Entries will be closed on 27/02/ 2020 at 5.00pm on the following address,**

**The Tournament Secretary / The Manager Stadium  
MBA Badminton Headquarters & G.T.Jayasuriya Stadium  
No. 28 , Malalasekara Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.  
slmba.tournaments@gmail.com**

**All players, getting on to the podium for awards should be wearing acceptable badminton sports clothing only.**

**All team players should be available physically to receive awards at the podium**

**Entry list will be published in Web - [www.mba.lk](http://www.mba.lk) from 01/03/2020. Please check the list and make sure of your entry is on the list**

The draw could be viewed/ Down Loaded on 03/03/2020 from our Web Site [www.mba.lk](http://www.mba.lk)  
(Will be available at home page at the face of the body on download section)

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NOTE :- A)

**PLEASE USE SEPARATE PAGES FOR EACH EVENT**

B)

PLEASE FILL IN THE NAMES IN THE ORDER OF THE **STANDARD OF THE PLAYERS** SO THAT THE DRAW COULD BE BALANCED

Company Name :- .....

EVENT:- \* ( MEN'S / WOMEN'S / MIXED / VETERANS / MASTERS / SINGLES / DOUBLES/OVER 35 / OVER 40 ) [\*Clearly mark the relevant event]

EPF NO: COMPULSORY	FULL NAME (WITH FAMILIAR NAME)	NIC NO: COMPULSORY	PARTNER'S NAME FOR DOUBLES	INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FEE	SIGNATURE

**DETAILS OF THE CONTACT PERSON**

As participants of these Championships I / we declare that I / we in good health and absolutely and legally relieve the organizers and such person involved in the organizing of the 37<sup>th</sup> MBA Novices Badminton Championships – 2020 of any responsibility for any injury, loss or damages to property in connection to the above Championships. We hereby confirm you that we have read the total rules/ regulations of the tournament and abide by the rules/ regulations described on the entry form.

- Name .....
- Company .....
- Office Address .....
- Telephone No's.....
- E-mail .....

Name & Signature of the  
President/ Secretary – Sports Club

Name & Signature of the  
Head of Human Resources