

Union Bank Officers Association (Kerala State)

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6 BACKGROUND:

The Inter-Region Badminton Tournament is organized exclusively for staff members of Union Bank of India who are currently working in the state of Kerala, as well as those serving outside the state but domiciled in Kerala, provided they have a valid PF number in both cases. The tournament aims to foster team spirit, health, and camaraderie among Unionites through spirited yet disciplined sporting engagement.

The tournament is more than a competition—it's a celebration of physical fitness, employee engagement, and inter-regional collaboration. Participants are encouraged to uphold the values of integrity, fairness, and mutual respect, which form the foundation of both sports and our professional ethos. This event also provides a great opportunity for networking and bonding among colleagues from different regions, promoting unity and teamwork across the organization.

In alignment with these principles, the rules and format outlined below are designed to ensure a safe, structured, and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

ORGANIZED BY: UNION BANK OFFICERS ASSOCIATION - KERALA STATE

▼ VENUE: ETTUMANOOR SPORTS ACADEMY, KOTTAYAM

I DATE: 09TH AUGUST 2025 (SATURDAY)

(1) TIME: MATCHES WILL COMMENCE FROM 10:00 AM ONWARDS.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. iii Tournament Format:

The entire tournament will be held in knockout format. This means that teams or players who lose a match will be immediately eliminated from the tournament.

There will be no group or league stages. Each match outcome is critical to advancement.

This structure is adopted to ensure completion of the tournament within a single day and to maintain competitiveness.

2. Watch Categories:

The tournament will consist of the following categories:

- General Category (Age below 45):
 - ➤ Men's Singles
 - ➤ Women's Singles
 - Men's Doubles
 - Women's Doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
- Veterans Category (Age above 45):
 - Veterans Men's Singles,
 - > Veterans Men's Doubles,
 - Veterans Women's Singles
 - Veterans Women's Doubles.
- Each event is independent and will follow the same rules structure in terms of participation and scoring.

3. **Participation Guide lines:**

Eligibility:

 Participation is strictly limited to Union Bank of India staff currently working within the state of Kerala, as well as those who are domiciled in Kerala but working outside the state, provided they possess a valid PF number.

Team Structure:

- There will be a total of 7 teams, comprising all 6 regional teams within Kerala and one Out-of-State team for staff working outside Kerala.
- To ensure fair competition and manageable scheduling, the maximum participation is limited to two players or teams per event for each region, including the Out-of-State team.
- For veterans events, each region or the Out-of-State team may nominate a maximum of one player or team.
- Staff will be considered part of the region/team in which they were working as on 31st July 2025.
- Staff working in the Zonal Office Ernakulam and the Zonal Audit Office will be part of the Ernakulam Regional Team.

Individual Participation Limit:

 A single player can take part in a maximum of two events only (e.g., one singles and one doubles or two doubles). This restriction ensures player fitness and avoids scheduling delays.

Participation Rules for Veteran Players:

A veteran player may participate in general category in any format, but cannot
participate in the same format within the veteran's category. For example, if a
veteran participates in Men's Singles in the general category, they cannot
participate in Veterans Men's Singles, but may still participate in Veterans Doubles,
subject to the overall participation limit.

Player Selection Criteria:

Each region, including the Out-of-State team, is requested to ensure the
nomination of the most deserving and competent players for each event. In case of
multiple interested participants for the same format, internal trials or selection
matches are encouraged to ensure fair, transparent, and merit-based
representation in the tournament.

4. Scoring System (including veterans):

- Singles Matches: Played as a single set of 21 points, with a minimum lead of 2 points. If the score reaches 25, a 1-point lead is sufficient to determine the winner.
- **Doubles Matches:** Played as a single set of 31 points, with a minimum lead of 2 points. If the score reaches 35, a 1-point lead is sufficient.
- Finals (Doubles and Mixed Doubles only): Played as best of 3 sets, each to 21 points, 2-point lead mandatory. If tied at 25, then 1-point lead will determine the winner.
- Finals (Singles): Played as single set of 30 points, with 2-point lead required. If the score reaches 35, a 1-point lead will suffice.

5. / Shuttlecock & Equipment:

- The official shuttlecock for the tournament is Yonex Mavis 350.
- All participants must use non-marking badminton shoes to protect court surfaces.
- Players must bring their own rackets and personal gear (towels, wristbands, water bottles, etc.).

• Proper sports attire is mandatory. Jeans, sandals, or non-sport clothing will not be allowed during play.

6. Con Reporting & Match Timing:

- All participants must report by 9:30 AM on the tournament day for registration and warm-up.
- Matches will begin sharply at 10:00 AM. A finalized match schedule will be circulated in advance or at the venue.
- Players who fail to report within 5 minutes of match announcement will forfeit the match (walkover).

7. III Eligibility Verification:

- All participants must present their PF Number and office details during registration.
- Players competing in the Veterans Category must submit proof of age (government-issued ID showing DOB).
- The organizing committee reserves the right to disqualify any player found to have provided incorrect or misleading information.

8. 🙅 Conduct & Sportsmanship:

- Players are expected to maintain discipline and decorum throughout the event.
- Any form of verbal abuse, arguments, unsportsmanlike behaviour, or disobedience towards officials will lead to immediate disqualification.
- The Referee's decision is final in all on-court matters.
- Each match will be controlled by a designated **Umpire**, who will oversee scoring, rule enforcement, and match progression.
- All calls and decisions made by the Umpire are final and must be respected by players, teams, and spectators.
- The objective is to promote healthy competition and camaraderie among Unionites.

9. Facilities & On-site Support

- First aid support will be available at the venue for minor injuries.
- Refreshments and drinking water will be provided for all registered participants.
- A helpdesk or control point will be set up for queries, lost items, or emergency contact.

10. Z Awards & Recognition

- Trophies and certificates will be awarded to Winners and Runners-Up in each category.
- Participation Certificates will be given to all registered players.
- There will be no loser's final. All semi-finalists will receive certificates of participation.

GENERAL GAME GUIDELINES

Court Dimensions:

• Singles matches will be played using the inside lines; doubles matches will follow the outside boundary lines, except for serves, which use the shorter back lines.

Start of Play:

- A toss will be conducted before each match.
- The winner chooses to serve or receive or select the side of play.
- For subsequent matches, the winning side of the previous game will serve first.

Rally Scoring:

 The tournament will follow a modified rally scoring system as per the current match format. Every rally results in a point regardless of who served. A player or team must win by a minimum of 2 points. However, if the score reaches the maximum cap—25 for singles and 35 for doubles—then even a 1-point lead at that point will decide the winner.

Serving Rules:

- Service must be delivered below the waist, and the racquet head must not be above the hand.
- Server and receiver must have both feet within the court until the shuttle is struck.
- A missed serve (complete miss of shuttle) may be replayed.
- Receiver must be ready before the serve is made.

Faults:

 Hitting the shuttle outside the boundary, into the net, or touching the ceiling or walls.

- Touching the net, reaching across it, or hitting the shuttle more than once.
- Player being hit by the shuttle or obstructing an opponent.

Line Calls:

• A shuttle landing on the line is considered in.

Net Play:

• A shuttle touching the net but falling into the opponent's court is valid, including on serves.