

## **2. ENTRIES**

Should be taken in advance. Clubs should make up their own teams usually of 6 members consisting of 2 men, 2 women and 2 juniors.

## **3. DRAWS**

Should be done prior to event commencing.

## **4. SEEDING**

No seedings are required.

## **5. COMPETITION**

These games should be designed for the least athletic including children and are generally fun games.

Generally these games are for those who do not wish to enter outdoor sports.

They are generally played over the lunch break, i.e. Midday to 1pm. Depending on the time taken to complete a game depends on how many games that should be played per day.

The games last a duration of 3 to 4 days. This is up to the Sports Organiser.

Over 50 Men  
Over 50 Women  
Boys 8-10 years  
Boys 11-13 years  
Boys 14-15 years  
Girls 8-10 years  
Girls 11-13 years  
Girls 14-15 years  
Open Teams Relay (medley)  
Junior Teams Relay (medley)

**Supporters' Challenge Shield:**

(Sport to be determined at Supporters meeting during Convention)

**YNOA Challenge Shield:**

(Sport to be determined at YNOA meeting during Convention)

**14. DRAW**

Competition will be conducted using the 'Double Knockout' system. Using the seeding method as in 9, players are placed on the Main Draw. First round losers go to the first round of the Bronze Medal draw. Second round losers go to second round of 'Bronze Medal' draw, and so on. Note, that losers are placed in opposite half of the Bronze Medal draw from their placement in the Main Draw to eliminate the possibility of meeting a previous opponent. The further into the Main Draw a player progresses, and is then defeated, then the further he/she places in the Bronze Medal draw for that event. The finalists in the Main Draw play for the gold and silver medal, while the two finalists in the Bronze Medal draw play for the bronze medal of that event.

The Double Knockout competition gives every player at least two games in any event.

Should it be necessary to run a 16 person draw, and dependent on facilities and time available, it may be necessary to conduct competition using two 8-person draws with the two winners in each draw meeting for the gold and silver from the Main Draws and for the bronze medal from the two Bronze Draws. This decision will be made by the Sports Organiser in consultation with the ANF Sports Coordinator (if available) and Sports Delegates. For competitions where there are more than 8 but less than 16 players entered, then seeded players (beginning from top seed down) will receive a bye in first round of 16 person draw.

The Sports Organiser will also decide that should there be less than 6 entries in any event competition can be conducted on a round-robin basis with the two finalists determined by the two highest point scorers, with points awarded at 0- loss, 2- win, in each match.

The Sports Organiser should obtain sufficient supplies of 8 person (and 16 person) tournament draw sheets from their local sports store or sporting supplier. If this is not possible the ANF Sports Coordinator may assist in this regard.

**FUN GAMES**

**1. EVENTS**

No trophy as such but a fun trophy can be awarded.

## **11. ELIGIBILITY**

A current financial member of a club in Australia or overseas may enter the events. Any trophy won by an overseas competitor will remain with the Convention host club.

## **12. ENTRIES**

The Sports Organiser shall prepare the sport entry sheets for each sport. (These need not be elaborate but must contain a column for name, club and club seeding if known). Have a separate sheet for each sport event and have the entry sheets pinned on a notice board for the competitors to record their entries on arrival to the Convention. It is also helpful to have the previous trophy winners' names on the top of the sheet.

Set a date and time, for closing off sports entries, usually 28<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm. It is also usual to hold a sports delegates meeting at this time. Swimming, volleyball and fun sports entries can be left and closed off on the evening before they begin.

As the Convention progresses all results should be collated and recorded. Each evening further draws should be made in readiness for the next day. A results board of the volleyball round robin play should be on display and kept up to date.

## **13. EVENTS**

Women's Singles

Women's Doubles

Mixed Doubles

Men's Singles

Men's Doubles

Junior Singles for boys or girls.

Junior Doubles for boys, girls, or mixed combinations.

### **For Petanque:**

Open Doubles

Open Singles

Junior Singles for boys or girls.

Junior Doubles for boys or girls, or mixed combinations

### **For Volleyball:**

Open Teams (of 6)

State Teams (of 6)

Open Men's Doubles

Open Women's Doubles

### **Swimming:**

*Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke;*

Open Men

Open Women

SMALL clubs combine to form a team. Players in these composite teams may not play in any other team entered in the same competition.

## **6. RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES**

The intention should be to encourage rather than to discourage people to participate in sport at a Convention. However, it must be realised that in some instances, particularly in petanque, an extremely large number of home club entries will simply not allow the programme to be completed on time. The numbers of home entrants must be kept down to a realistic and manageable level. Therefore the host club may have to consider some form of elimination competition prior to the Convention to determine who may enter the competition. It must be emphasised that this is a problem to be solved by each of the host clubs at their own discretion and having regard to facilities (eg, two courts or three).

## **7. JUNIOR COMPETITIONS**

Junior events are restricted to those aged 15 years or under on the opening day of competition.

In miniten, table tennis, badminton and swimming where there are usually several events in the competition, a junior on entering any one event as a junior is automatically ineligible to compete as a senior in that sport. Conversely, a junior who chooses to enter any event as a senior may not compete in any of the junior events of that particular sports competition. However, a junior must at all times have the choice either of competing as a junior or as a senior in each sport. Thus, a junior may compete as a junior at badminton and as a senior at miniten for example.

This rule must be enforced because any junior good enough to compete against seniors is usually too good to participate with other juniors.

## **8. SIMULTANEOUS PARTICIPATION**

Where a competitor is required urgently to compete at more than one sport simultaneously, outdoor sports take precedence over indoor sports. Generally an arrangement can be agreed upon but sometimes it is absolutely necessary for a match to be played. In this instance this rule shall apply.

## **9. SEEDING**

In the individual sports such as table tennis, badminton and miniten, the best players must be seeded in the correct way, details of which are usually given on the tournament draw sheets. The object of seeding is to avoid the best players meeting too soon. Club delegates should nominate their best players on the entry form in order to assist the draw. The Sports Co-ordinator can also provide a list of the previous winners. The present holder of the trophy should be number one seed if contesting for the trophy. If possible, players from the same club should not be drawn to play each other in the first round.

## **10. WET WEATHER**

If the sports program is disrupted by rain or other causes it may be necessary for the competition to be curtailed. The Sports Organiser will make the decision and together with the sports delegates an acceptable solution will be found to enable the competition to be concluded.

# **ANF ANNUAL CONVENTION SPORTS RULES**

## **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

### **1. CONVENTION SPORTS ORGANISER**

The host club shall appoint a Sports Organiser who is responsible for organising the whole sports programme. His/her decisions must be upheld regarding any part of the running of the sports programme and it is his/her job to facilitate its completion in the fairest and best way possible, always having regard to the rules laid down and conditions prevailing at the time. It is recommended that the position of an ANF Sports Co-ordinator, be created at the ANF AGM, and elected on a two-term as other executive positions, to give continuity and experience to ongoing Conventions. This person should be available prior to each Convention to give advice and/or assistance to the host club's Convention Sports Organiser and be consulted, if in attendance at the Convention, if required for contentious issues.

### **2. SPORTS DELEGATES**

All clubs at the Convention shall nominate a sports delegate who shall be responsible for all his club's entries. The sports delegate shall deal directly with the Sports Organiser on behalf of his members on any points of information, protests, etc.

### **3. REFEREE**

The Sports Organiser shall appoint a Referee to whom all disputes are referred. The Referee may be a member of any club, player or non-player, and may be the Sports Organiser if he/she so desires. The Sports Co-ordinator could also be approached to full this role. However, whoever is appointed must preferably have a wide knowledge of all the sports and should have copies of all the sports rules available. The decision given by the Referee on any matter referred to him/her shall be final

### **4. PROGRAMME**

The Convention sports programme must be timed to be completed before the official end date of the Convention. Complete all sports as soon as possible to allow for weather interruptions and also may give time for other 'fun' competitions or sport outside the normal programme. For example, additional pick-up volleyball games, tug-of-war, etc.

### **5. CLUB REPRESENTATION**

All sports participants shall compete for the club they represent and NOT as individuals. If a person belongs to more than one club he/she must play all sports as a representative of one club only. He/she must decide which club they wish to represent. Excepting that, at the Sports Organiser's discretion, if there is no-one from their own club that can/wants to compete in a particular sport, that person can arrange his/her OWN partner for a doubles event from another club, if they are in a similar position to yourself, with points apportioned to their respective clubs should they win or place in any event. A composite volleyball team may also be acceptable provided that it is made up of players left over from their own club teams or instances where two