

World Kabaddi Federation (WKF)

RULES OF KABADDI

These rules of Kabaddi is in accordance with the approval of the General Assembly of the World Kabaddi Federation held in India on 4th November 2004. They came into force immediately for the continental and other International Tournaments.

Modifications

Subject to the recommendation of the Rules Committee through Executive Board and approval of the General Assembly of WKF provided the principles of these Rules are maintained any or all of the following modifications are permissible:

- 1. Size of the field of play.
- 2. Number of players and substitutes.
- 3. Weight and age of players.
- 4. The duration of the periods of play.
- 5. Rules of play and Scoring.

Male and Female

References to the male gender in the Rules in respect of referees, umpires, scorers, assistant scorers, players and officials are for simplification and apply to both males and females.

RULE I

GROUND

A. Ground

The Ground and appurtenances shall be as shown in the following plan in Appendix.

Dimensions

- 1. The Ground must be rectangular.
- 2. The surface of the ground must be level and soft.
- 3. For international matches the ground will be laid with approved Foam Mats.
- 4. There should be a minimum of four meters of free space surrounding the ground in all directions.

Men's Open and Junior Boys Matches

Length:	12.5 meters
Width:	10.0 meters

Women's Open, Junior Girls and Sub-Junior Boys and Girls

Length:	11.0 meters
Width:	8.00 meters

NOTE:

- 1. No kind of commercial advertising, whether real or virtual, is permitted on the ground from the time the teams enter the ground until they have left it at half - time and from the time the teams re-enter the ground until the end of the match. In particular, no advertising material of any kind may be displayed on the ground.
- 2. There shall be no advertising of any kind within the technical area.

B. Play-field

- 1. The play-field is the portion of the ground which measures 12.5 meters by 8 meters for Men and Junior Boys before struggle and does not include the lobbies.
- 2. The play-field is the portion of the ground which measures 11 metres by 6 metres for the Women, Junior Girls and Sub-junior boys and girls before struggle and does not include the lobbies.

C. Court

- 1. Each half of the play-field divided by the mid-line is known as the Court.
- 2. The Court measures 6.25 m x 8 m for the Men's and Junior Boys.
- 3. The Court measures 5.5m x 6m for the women's, junior girls and sub-junior boys and girls.

D. Lobbies

- 1. The stripes on each side of the play-field, measuring one metre in width, is known as the lobby.
- 2. The lobby measures 12.5 m x 1 m for the men's and junior boys and 11 m x 1m for the women's, junior girls and sub-junior boys and girls.

E. Ground Markings

- 1. The Ground is marked with lines with width not exceeding 50 millimeters (5.0 centimeters) .All the lines are included in the play-field.
- 2. If the markings become displaced or unclear, play is stopped until it is repaired or replaced in position.
- 3. The Ground is divided into two equal halves measuring 6.25m x 10m by the midline (March-Line) for the men's and junior boys.
- 4. The Ground is divided into two equal halves measuring 5.5m x 8m by the midline (March-Line) for the women's, junior girls and subjunior boys and girls.

F. Boundary

The lines on the four sides of the play-field are known as the boundaries and form part of the play-field.

G. Mid Line (March Line)

- 1. The Mid Line which divides the Ground into two courts will measure 10 meters for the men's and junior boys.
- 2. The Mid Line which divides the Ground into two courts will measure 8 meters for the women's, junior girls and sub-junior boys and girls.

H. The Baulk Line

- 1. The Baulk Line is drawn 3.75 meters from the Midline for the men's and junior boys and will measure 8 meters in length. The Baulk line shall not cover the lobbies.
- 2. The Baulk Line is drawn 3.00 meters from the Midline for the women's, juniors girls and boys and girls sub-juniors and will measure 6 meters in length. The Baulk line shall not cover the lobbies.

I. Bonus Line

- 1. The bonus line shall be drawn through the entire width of the play-field parallel to the baulk line and towards the end line.
- 2. It shall be drawn at a distance of 1 metre (excluding the lobbies) from the baulkline on either courts.

J. Sitting Block

1. The sitting block shall be drawn at both ends of the play-field at a distance of 2m from the end lines.

2. It shall measure 1 m x 8 m for Men's an Junior Boys and 1m x 6m for women's, junior girls, and sub-junior boys and girls.

K. Technical Area

- 1. The technical area is the designated seated area for a technical staff and substitutes.
- 2. Technical areas may vary between stadia.
- 3. The number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules.
- 4. The occupants of the technical area are identified before the beginning of the match in accordance with the competition rules.
- 5. The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- 6. The coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner.

RULE II

Players

A. Composition

- 1. Each team shall consist of 10 to12 players.
- 2. A match is played by two sides, each consisting of not more than seven (7) players.
- 3. Each side must name (3 to 5) reserve players.
- 4. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.
- 5. A match should not continue if there are fewer than five players in either team, owing to injuries or players being debarred. This rule is not applicable for players being given temporary suspension.

B. Players

- 1. A player who enters the opponent's court with the approved chant is known as the raider.
 - a) The Raider must begin his chant before he touches the opponents court
 - b) The raid begins when the raider enters the opponent's court with the approved chant.
 - c) Teams will raid alternatively until the end of the half or match.
- 2. All the players in the court where a raid is taking place is known as anti/s or anti-raider/s.
- 3. The weight categories for the various age-groups are as follows:

Men

- a) 88kg and below for all international multi sports events
- b) 88kg and below for all continental Championships
- c) Choice of 88kg and below or Open weight for all other international competitions

Women

Open weight for all a international competitions.

Youth Under-23 (Men)

- a) 75kg and below for all Continental Championships
- b) Choice of 75kg and below or Open weight for all other international competitions

Youth Under-23 (Women)

Open weight for all other international competitions including continent Championship.

Junior Under-19 (Boys)

65kg and below for all international tournaments

Junior Under-19 and Under-17 (Girls)

Open weight for all international tournaments

Sub-juniors Under-15 (Boys and Girls)

55kg and below for boys and open weight for girls for all international tournaments

Note:

- 1. The weight check for players shall be conducted one hour before the commencement of the competition.
- 2. The weighing machine, preferably digital, must be calibrated and approved by the Technical Delegate.

C. Substitution

- 1. Substitutions can be made during time-out periods and half- time only.
- 2. Either team can make substitution, even if the opposing team calls the timeout.
- 3. During official time-outs only the injured players can be substituted at the discretion of the referee.
- 4. Substituted players can be re-substituted.
- 5. Up to a maximum of five players can be substituted at a time.
- 6. Substitution of out players is not permitted.

- 7. Substitution of suspended players during a match is also not permitted.
- 8. Substitution of players is not permitted during the tie-breaker and sudden death plays.

D. Substitution Procedure

To replace a player by a substitute, the following conditions must be observed:

- 1. The referee is informed before any proposed substitution is made by either the team captain or coach.
- 2. A substitute only enters the ground after the player being replaced has left and after receiving a signal from the referee.
- 3. A substitution is completed when a substitute enters his court.
- 4. All reserve players are subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee, whether called upon to play or not.

E. Infringements/Sanctions

If a substitute enters the court without the referee's permission:

- 1. Play is stopped
- 2. The opposing team is given a technical point.
- 3. The chance of raid remains with the same team and play is restarted

RULE III

The Players' Equipment

A. Safety

- 1. A player must not use equipment or wear anything, which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).
- 2. Nails of the players must be closely clipped.
- 3. Application of oil based substance to the body or limbs is prohibited.
- 4. Players with long hair (below shoulder length) are required to neatly tie and clip the hair into a bun shape.
- 5. Doping is not allowed by either player or official. The WKF will follow the doping code adopted by the INOC and IOC.

B. Basic Equipment

The basic compulsory equipment of a player is :

Jersey or T-shirt.

- 1. The numberings on the back is must with a minimum of 15 centimeters and maximum of 17 centimeters.
- 2. The numberings on the front must be on the right side chest area and must be a minimum of 10 centimeters and a maximum of 12 centimeters.
- 3. No sponsors logo or name is permitted on the back portion of the jersey or T-shirt. Only the teams or players name is permitted.
- 4. Sponsors logo is permitted on the front portion of the jersey or t-shirt. A maximum of two logos measuring not larger than 10 cm x 10 cm is allowed.

Shorts

- 5. If thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main colour as the shorts.
- 6. All shorts must be numbered on both sides measuring a minimum of 10 cm.
- 7. Footwear and stockings are not compulsory.
- 8. Only canvas shoes with plain rubber soles without studs are permitted.

Supporters

9. Approved light. head-gears are permitted at the discretion of the referee.

C. Infringements/Sanctions

For any infringement of this Law:

- 1. Play is stopped
- 2. The player at fault is instructed by the referee to correct his equipment
- 3. The referee checks that the player's equipment is correct before allowing the start or restart

RULE IV

The Duration of the Match

A. Periods of Play

For Men and Junior Boys

- 1. A match lasts two equal periods of 20 minutes.
- 2. Players are entitled to an interval at half-time. The half-time interval must not exceed five (5) minutes.

For Women, Junior Girls and Sub-junior Boys and Girls

- 1. A match lasts two equal periods of 15 minutes.
- 2. Players are entitled to an interval at half-time. The half- time interval must not exceed five (5) minutes.

Note: The last Raid of each half of the match is shall be allowed to be completed even after completion of the scheduled time as mentioned above.

B. Time-out

- 1. Each team is allowed to take a maximum of two time-outs in each half where either team is permitted to make substitution.
- 2. The duration of a time out will be thirty (30) seconds only.

Official time-out

- 1. Only the referee can give official time-outs.
- 2. Such time-outs are permitted only in the event of any injuries to the players.
- 3. The duration of official time-outs shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
- 4. Injured players can be substituted during official time-outs at the discretion of the referee.

NOTE:

- 1. Players are not allowed to leave their respective courts during time-outs or official time-outs.
- 2. Reserve players/out players and team officials are not allowed to enter their teams court during time-out or official time- outs without the permission of the referee.
- 3. Any violation of the above rules, will result in a Technical Point being awarded to the opponents.

C. Temporary Suspension

- 1. The referee can declare temporary suspension of a match *based* on the following conditions:
 - a) Failure of light
 - b) Bad weather
 - c) Crowd disturbance
 - d) Equipment failure
 - e) Any other circumstances at the discretion of the referee
- 2. The duration of a temporary suspension shall not exceed more than twenty (20) minutes.
- 3. If the match is suspended for 20 minutes or less, the match is continued.
- 4. If the match is suspended for more than 20 minutes, it shall be declared abandoned.
- 5. During temporary suspension, players shall not leave their respective courts without the permission of the referee.
- 6. Reserve players, out players and officials are not permitted to enter the playfield without the permission of the referee.
- 7. A Technical point will be given against the side that violates these rules.
- 8. No substitution is allowed during temporary suspensions.

D. Abandoned Match

- 1. An abandoned match is replayed unless the competition rules provide otherwise.
- 2. Teams are allowed to change their line-up if the match is replayed.

E. Allowance for Time Lost

Allowance is made in either period for all time lost through:

- 1. Time-out (s)
- 2. Official time out(s)
 - a. Assessment of injury to players
 - b. Removal of injured players from the court for treatment
- 3. Temporary suspension

The allowance for time lost is at the discretion of the referee.

Rule V

A. The Start and Restart of Play

- 1. A coin is tossed and the team which, wins the toss, decides choice of raid or court.
- 2. If the side that wins the toss chooses to raid first, the opponents would be given the choice of court and vice-versa.
- 3. In the second half, teams will change courts.
- 4. The side that did not opt for the first raid of the match, shall send their raider first in the second half.
- 5. The number of players for each team at the start of the second half shall remain the same as it was at the end of the first half.
- 6. Teams are allowed to make substitution of players who are in court at the end of the first half only. Out players cannot be substituted.

Rule VI

Rules of Play

A. The player is in breach of the rules of play when:

- 1. Loses his chant in the opponents court during a raid.
 - a) The repeated word of the 'kabaddi' without break, clear sounding and in one respiration is defined as a chant.
 - b) If any other chant other than the word 'kabaddi' is used, the Raider shall lose his turn of raid and given a warning. The chance of raid will switch to the opponents.

- c) A chant must be started and continued in one respiration. Failure to do so would result in the Raider being declared out.
- d) The chant must be started from the Raiders court before making contact with the opponent's court.
- e) All raids must commence within five (5) seconds from the completion of the previous raid.
- f) If the Raider starts his chant after making contact with the opponents court (late chant), he shall lose his turn of raid and the team would be given a warning. The chance of raid will switch to the opponents.
- g) The Raider must maintain the chant until he reaches his court without any breach of the Rules of the Game.
- h) If he loses his chant in the opponent's court, he shall be declared out.
- 2. Any part of his body crosses and touches the ground outside the boundary.
 - a) The player shall be out and the umpire of referee shall take immediate steps to take the player out.
 - b) The Raid is over if the Raider goes out of bounds.
 - c) The Raid is continued if the violation is made by anti/s.
 - 1. If Raider fails to reach his court, after being held by the anti/s who had gone out of bounds, the raider shall be declared not out while the anti/s who had gone out of bounds will be declared out.
 - 2. If Raider reaches his court, after being held by the anti/s who had gone out of bounds, the raider shall be declared not out while the anti/s who had gone out of bounds together with the anti/s who had come in contact with the Raider will be declared out
 - d) The lines of the boundary are within the play-field.
 - e) This rule does not apply during struggle.
 - 1. When the anti/s comes into contact with the Raider, it is called struggle. As soon as touch/struggle is made, the play-field would include the anti's lobbies.
 - 2. After struggle is over, the Raider involved in the struggle is allowed to use the lobbies to enter his court.

- 3. Fails to make a successful raid
 - a) When the Raider Raides crosses the Baulk line of the defending team at least once during course of a raid and reaches his court with chant, it is known as a successful raid.
 - b) If the Anti/s are put out, the Raider need not cross the Baulk line but must reach his court with chant.
 - c) The Baulk line is said to be completely crossed by if any part of the body of the Raider has got contact with the ground between the Baulk line and the end line of the opponent's court. And no part of the body of the Raider has got contact with the ground between the midline (March line) and the Baulk line.
 - d) If the Raider reaches his court with any part of his body or even clothing, shoes or any other outfits without the breach of the Rules of the Game, he is deemed to have reached his court safely and the turn of raid is over.
 - e) The portion of contact made to his own court must be through the midline (march-line)
- 4. Going into an opponents court out of turn
 - a) When a Raid is on, the anti/s shall not touch the Raiders court (including the lobbies) The anti/s who violates this Rule shall be declared out while the raid is allowed to continue.
 - b) If these anti/s holds a raider or helps to hold the raider, the anti/s is declared out. The Raid is allowed to continue. At the end of the Raid, if the Raider fails to reach his court, the Raider is still declared safe while the anti/s who violates the above rule is declared out.
 - c) However, if the Raider manages to reach his court, all the anti/s he had touched will be declared out together with the anti/s who had violated the above rule.
 - d) When a side sends more than one player at a time into an opponent's court for a raid, the team is given a warning.
 - e) If the rule is violated again, the first Raider shall be send back and lose his chance of raiding. All the other players who had entered the opponents court shall be declared out.
 - f) If a Raider goes out of turn, the Umpire or Referee shall order the Raider back. The team is given a warning.
 - g) For every subsequent breach of the above rule, a Technical point is awarded to the opponents.

5. If a Raider is warned or in any way instructed by one of his team members/officials.

- a) The Raid is allowed to continue
- b) The opponent team is given one (1) technical point.

Only the captain or the leader may speak to his players during a match. This applies only to his team members in his own court only.

6. If the Raider or Anti/s makes physical contact with any other players outside the court of play

- a) The player in the court making the breach shall be declared out
- 7. When the Raider is held by unfair means by the anti/s
 - a) If the anti/s hold the raider without breach of the Rules of the Game, and keep the raider in their court without allowing him to reach his court until he looses his chant, the Raider is declared out. However:
 - b) The anti/s shall not deliberately stifle the chant of the Raider by shutting his mouth or use violent tackles, any type of scissoring or any unfair means. If such methods are used by the anti/s, the Raider shall not be declared out.
 - c) No anti shall deliberately catch the Raider by his clothes or hair. If the anti/s violates this rule, the anti/s would be declared out and the Raider shall be declared safe.
 - d) No anti shall deliberately push or pull the Raider out of the boundary by any parts of his body. If the anti/s violates this rule, the Raider shall be declared safe and the offending anti/s will be declared out.
 - e) The Raider should not be deliberately held by any part of his body other than his limb or trunk. The anti/s who violate this rule on the first instance shall be declared out and the Raider shall be declared safe.
- 8. The Raider uses unfair means to escape from antis
 - a) No Raider shall deliberately push or pull the Anti/s out of the boundary by any parts of his/their body. If the Raider violates this rule, the Raider shall be declared out and the anti/s will be declared safe.
 - b) The Anti/s should not be deliberately held by any part of his/their body other than his/their limb or trunk. The Raider who violates this rule on the first instance shall be declared out and the Anti/s declared safe.

B. Revival

- a) Players are revived when any player from the opposing team is out
- b) One player is revived for each opponent out.
- c) Players are revived in the same order they were out.
- d) Players out in a raid cannot be revived in the same raid.
- e) Revival is not applicable for bonus line crossing, technical and lona points.

f) Revival is not applicable in the tie-breaker and sudden death situations.

C. Pursuit

- a) When a Raider rushes into the opponent's court with chant and without breach of Rules, with the intention to put out the returning Raider, it is known as pursuit.
- b) Pursuit is applicable when raider returns to his court with touch.
- c) Pursuit is applicable when raider returns to his court after a successful raid.
- d) Pursuit is not applicable after struggle or when there is Late Cant, Late Raid, Double Raid or any other means the Raid is cancelled.

Rule VII

A. The Method of Scoring

- 1. One point is scored:
 - a) For each Raider caught without the breach of Rules of Play by the anti/s.
 - b) For each anti put out by the Raider without the breach of the Rules of Play.
 - c) For each Technical breach.
 - d) For each bonus line crossing.
- 2. Two points is scored in addition to the normal points:
 - a) For each lona

B. Bonus Line Crossing

- a) When a Raider comes in contact with the ground between the line and the Bonus Line and leave the contact with the group between the midline and the Bonus Line, it is known as crossing the Bonus Line.
- b) Point would only be awarded if the Bonus Line is crossed before the touch or struggle.
- c) Only one bonus point is awarded even if the Raider manages to cross the Bonus Line more than once in a raid.
- d) Additional points are awarded for every anti/s touched by the Raider if he manages to reach his court safely.
- e) Bonus point is awarded even if the raider is subsequently caught by the anti/s.
- f) There shall be no revival for bonus points
- g) The bonus point is only awarded if there are a minimum of six antis in the court. Anti/s serving suspension, debarred or are out of the match through injuries are considered as part of the antis on court.

C. Lona Points

- a) When a team manages to put out the entire players from their opposing team and no one from the opposing team is entitled to revival, a Lona is scored.
- b) The two Lona points are awarded in addition to the player/s put out.

- c) The match continues with all the out players from the side suffering the Lona entering their court.
- d) If the players fails to enter their court within ten seconds, the Referee shall award a Technical point to the opposing team.
- e) The team will be warned if they still fail to reenter the court.
- f) If the team fails to enter the court within one minute after the warning, the team shall be scratched from the match. The match shall be awarded to the opponents.
- g) When there are only one or two players remaining in court during a match, the team Captain or Coach can declare them out in order to bring in the full set of seven players. The opposing team will score one point for each player declared out by the captain or coach in addition to the Lona scored.
- h) If a teams gives a walkover or concedes the match or is debarred from a match, the team shall be scratched from the tournament. All the results of matches involving the said team shall be considered null and void.
- i) The side that scores the highest points at the end of the game shall be declared the winner.
- j) If the points scored by both sides are equal in a League match, the tie is considered drawn.

D. Tie Breaker Ru1e

If the points scored by both sides are equal in a knock out match, the tie shall be decided based on the following tie- breaker rule:

- a) Both teams shall field seven players in the court. The players must be the same as those who were on court at the end of the match.
- b) In the event of injury, temporary suspension or debarring, the team shall play with the reduced number of players. Such listed players shall also loose their chance of raid and the opponent team shall be awarded one point for that particular raid.
- c) Each team shall be given five raids by different raiders to raid alternately. The names of the five raiders in order of merit must be given to the Referee before the commencement of the tie-breaker.
- d) The existing bonus line will no longer be effective. Instead the baulk line would be treated as the Baulk cum Bonus Line. All the bonus line rules shall be applicable on the baulk line.
- e) The out and revival rule shall not be applicable. Only points scored would be counted.
- f) The team that raided first in the match, shall start the raid in the tie-breaker.
- g) If after the completion of the tie-breaker, the points scored is still equal, the game shall be decided as per the sudden death rule.

E. Sudden death rule

- a) All the rules in the tie-breaker rule is applicable in the sudden death rule with the exception of five raids rule.
- b) Teams need not name their Raiders beforehand.
- c) Raiding is not limited to any specified Raiders. Any raider can raid any number of times.
- d) Each side shall raid alternately for a period of five minutes.
- e) The team that did not raid first in the tie-breaker shall raid first in the sudden death
- f) The side that scores the leading point after the raids shall be declared the winner.
- g) If neither team manages to get a leading point on equal raids after five minutes, the team that managed to score the first leading point of the match is declared the winner.

F. League System

1. In the league system points are awarded as follows:

- a) Two points for a win
- b) One point for a draw
- c) Zero point for a loss

2. If teams are level on league points in a competition, the higher ranked team will be decided on the basis of the following order of classifications

For two teams level on points

- a) The league results between the teams are taken into consideration.
- b) If there is still a tie, than the highest score difference between the points scored and against in all their league matches would be considered.
- c) If there is still a tie, than the highest points scored in all their league matches is considered.
- d) If there is still a tie, than the above two methods would be repeated without the results of the last placed teams being taken into consideration.
- e) The elimination of lower placed teams would be continued if there is still a tie.
- f) If there is still a tie after the process is exhausted, than a toss of coin would decide the group winner.

For more than two teams level on points

- g) The highest score difference between the points scored and against in league matches between the teams would be considered.
- h) If there is still a tie, than the highest points scored in matches between the teams will be taken into consideration
- i) If there is still a tie, than the highest score difference between the points scored and against in all the league matches of their pool is considered.

- j) If there is still a tie, than the highest points scored in all the league matches of their pool is considered.
- k) If there is still a tie, than the above two methods would be repeated without the results of the last placed teams being taken into consideration.
- 1) The elimination of lower placed teams would be continued if there is still a tie.
- m) If there is still a tie after the process is exhausted, than a toss of coin would decide the group winner.

Rule VIII

Fouls and Misconduct

A. Fouls and misconduct

- 1. The Referee or Umpires shall have the power to warn, suspend, disqualify or declare points in case of breach of the rules of the game by player/s, team or officials for Cautionable Offences.
 - a) Is guilty of unsporting behaviour.
 - b) Shows dissent by word or action.
 - c) Persistently infringes the Rules of the Game.
 - d) Delays the restart of play.
 - e) Enters or re-enters the play-field without the referee's permission.
 - f) Deliberately leaves the play-field without the referee's permission.
 - g) Is guilty of serious foul play.
 - h) Is guilty of violent conduct.
 - i) Spits at an opponent or any other person.
 - j) Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.
 - k) Persistently questions the official's decisions.
 - 1) Deliberately gives away points to the opponents.

2. The Referee or Umpires can use the following cards to caution or take action against players or team officials

Green Card

- a) The Green Card is used when players, team or team officials are given a warning.
- b) The second green card given to the same player or team official, would make the use of the yellow card mandatory immediately-

Yellow Card

c) The Yellow Card is used when players or team officials are given a twominute temporary suspension. d) The second yellow card given to the same player or team official, would make the use of the Red card mandatory immediately

Note:

- i. The two-minute suspension of players would commence from the time the player is on court only.
- ii. If the player was declared out, than the suspension would begin only after revival.
- iii. Teams would not be allowed to revive the next out player in place of the suspended player revived.

Red Card

- e) The Red Card is used when players, team or team officials are suspended from the match or tournament.
- f) The second Red Card given to a player, team or team official, would result in the offender being debarred from the tournament immediately.

3. A player, team, or team official who has been given a red card must leave the vicinity. of the play-field and the technical area immediately.

Rule IX

The Technical Officials

1. The Authority of the Referee

- a) Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed. He shall be assisted by two umpires, one scorer and two assistant scorers in carrying out his duties.
- b) In general the decision of the umpires shall be final. However, the referee may give his decision if there is a disagreement between the two umpires provided that play has not restarted.

2. Powers and Duties

The Referee

- a) Ensure with the assistance of the umpires that all the players on court are in line with the Rules the Game.
- b) Start, stop and restart the match
- c) Keep the official time of the match. Synchronize the official time with scorer.

- d) Supervise the general conduct of the match.
- e) Announce the substitution of players.
- f) Announcing the score at the end of each half, before the last five minutes of the game and at the end of the match.
- g) Declare the last five minutes of the match and every minute thereafter until the game concludes.

The Umpires

h) After the game has been started by the referee, the umpires shall conduct the match and give their decisions according to the Rules of the Game until the referees signals the end of the match.

The Scorer

- i) Record the Score sheet and announce the score with the permission of the Referee at the end of each half and the result at the end of the match.
- j) Get the score sheet duly signed by the Referee and Umpires.
- k) The Score Sheet is as per Appendix

Note:

Keys to scoring

Running Score:	/	(Diagonal slash from right to left)
Lona:		(Horizontal Scratch)
First Leading Point:		(Square)
Bonus:	\triangle	(Triangle)
Technical Point:	\bigcirc	(Circle)

Assistant Scorers

- 1) Keep record of those who are out in their order of being out.
- m) Ensure that the out players are seated in the sitting block
- n) Keep record of players who are revived.
- o) They will help the Umpires in their duties.
- p) They will point out to the Referee or the Umpires if any player has gone out of bounds.
- q) The Assistant Score Sheet is as per Appendix

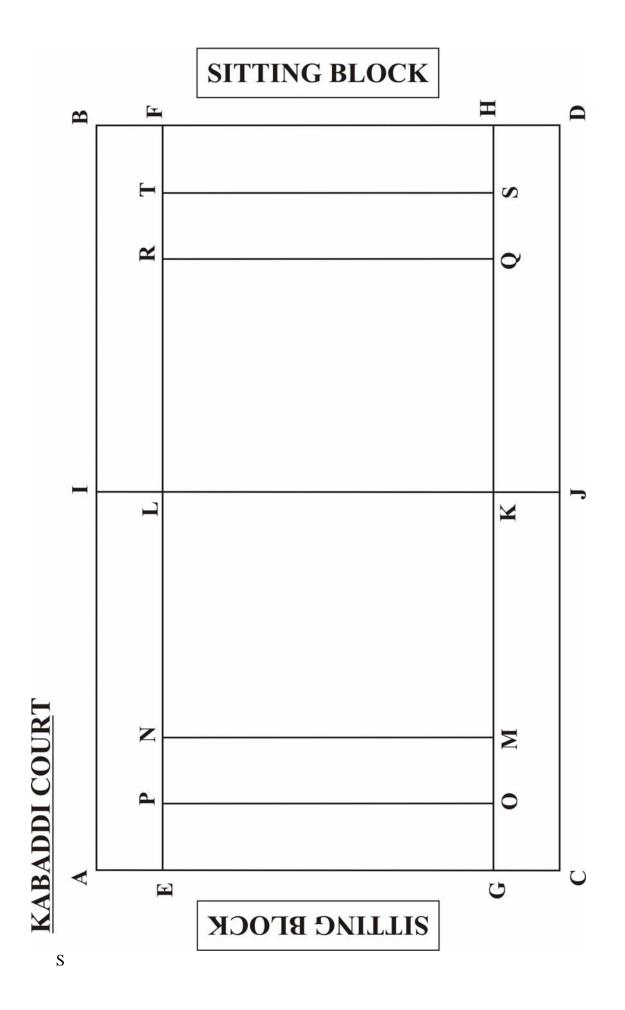
The Seventh Official

r) The Seventh official may be appointed under the competition rules and shall officiate if any of the other match officials are unable to continue.

APPENDIX A

MEASUREMENT CHART

	Play field Markings	Men and Junior Boys	Women, Girls and Sub-Junior Boys and Girls
1	Side lines (AB, CD, EF, GH)	12.5 meters	11 meters
2	End Lines (AC, BD)	10 meters	8 meters
3	Lobby (AE, GC, BF, DH, IL JK)	1 meter	1 meter
4	Baulk Line (from mid line) LN, KM, LR, KQ	3.75 meters	3 meters
5	Baulk Line (RQ, MN)	8 meters	6 meters
6	Mid Line (IJ)	10 meters	8 meters
7	Bonus Line (from baulk line) RT, QS, MO, NP	1 meter	1 meter
8	Bonus Line (MN, ST)	8 meters	6 meters
9	Sitting Block (2 meters away from endlines)	8 meters x 1 meter	6 meters x 1 meter
10	Space surrounding the playfield	4 meters from the side lines and endlines	4 meters from the side lines and endlines



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