

ATHLIMA-2026

(Men & Women& Mixed-Doubles)

Rules and Regulations

ATHLIMA-2026 governs this badminton tournaments in SMIT. There shall be separate championships for Men and Women sections. The competition is conducted under the rules adopted by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), unless specifically modified by ATHLIMA's own regulations.

1 Format of Play

The tournament for men and women sections is conducted according to different patterns.

1.1 Men's Section

- **Match Composition:** A team tie, i.e., the overall contest between two Institutions, consists of **3 singles matches and 2 doubles matches**.
- **Winning a Tie:** The result of a tie is decided by the combined results of these five matches. A team is declared the winner of the tie when it wins at least **3 matches out of the 5**.
- **Order of Events:** The matches are played in a fixed sequence:
 1. First Singles
 2. Second Singles
 3. First Doubles
 4. Third Singles
 5. Second Doubles

1.2 Women's Section

- **Match Composition:** A team tie consists of **2 singles matches and 1 doubles match**.
- **Winning a Tie:** The result of a tie is decided by the combined results of these three matches. A team is declared the winner of the tie when it wins at least **2 matches out of the 3**.
- **Order of Events:** The matches are played in a fixed sequence:
 1. First Singles
 2. Second Singles

3. Doubles

2 Team Composition

Each participating university must adhere to specific squad size limits.

Category	Men	Women
Minimum Players	4	4
Maximum Players	5	5
Merit Certificates	5	5

3 Scoring System

Individual matches within the tie follow the standard BAI/BWF scoring format for both sections.

- **Best of Three Games:** Every singles and doubles match is played as the best of three games.
- **Point System:** Each game is played to **21 points**. A side must win by a clear margin of two points. If the score reaches 20–20, the game continues until one side leads by two points, with a maximum cap of **30 points**, i.e., the first side to reach 30 points wins if the score is 29–29.

4 Tie-Breaking & Other Rules

- **Deciding a Tie:**
 - **Men:** If the overall tie is level, the outcome is determined by the combined results of the five matches. The first team to secure 3 match wins takes the tie.
 - **Women:** If the overall tie is level, the outcome is determined by the combined results of the three matches. The first team to secure 2 match wins takes the tie.
- **Shuttlecocks:** Each participating university bears its own share of the cost for shuttlecocks used in each match. The organising university decides the quality and make of the shuttles to be used.

MIXED-DOUBLES

The Mixed Doubles event is conducted as part of the AIU Inter-University Badminton Championship. The competition shall be conducted under the rules adopted by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), unless otherwise modified in these rules.[reference:0]

5 Team Composition & Pair Limits

Each participating university may enter a specific number of mixed doubles pairs.

- **Minimum Pairs:** Each institution must enter a minimum of **1 mixed doubles pair**.
- **Maximum Pairs:** Each institution may enter a maximum of **3 mixed doubles pairs**.
- **Pair Composition:** Each pair shall consist of one male and one female player from the same university.
- **Player Eligibility:** A player may only represent one university and must satisfy the AIU eligibility criteria for inter-university tournaments.
- **Substitutions:** No substitutions shall be permitted once the pair has been declared at the time of registration for the event.

6 Format of Play

The Mixed Doubles event shall be conducted on a knockout (elimination) basis, unless otherwise decided by the organising committee based on the number of entries.

- **Draw:** The draw shall be made by the organising university in the presence of the AIU observer.
- **Seeding:** Seeding, if any, shall be based on the performance of the players in previous AIU tournaments or BAI rankings.
- **Byes:** Byes shall be awarded as per standard tournament procedure when the number of entries is not a perfect power of two.

7 Scoring System

Individual mixed doubles matches shall follow the standard BAI/BWF scoring format.

- **Best of Three Games:** Every mixed doubles match shall be played as the best of three games.
- **Point System:** Each game shall be played to **21 points**. A side must win by a clear margin of two points. If the score reaches 20–20, the game continues until one side leads by two points, with a maximum cap of **30 points**, i.e., the first side to reach 30 points wins if the score is 29–29.
- **Interval:** A 60-second interval shall be allowed when the leading score reaches 11 points in each game. A 120-second interval shall be allowed between the first and second games, and between the second and third games.

8 Order of Play

The order of matches in the Mixed Doubles event shall be determined by the draw. All matches of a particular round shall be completed before the next round begins, unless otherwise directed by the referee.

9 Tie-Breaking & Other Rules

- **Walkover:** If a pair fails to report on court within 5 minutes of being called, a walkover shall be awarded to the opposing pair.
- **Retirement:** If a player retires during a match due to injury or any other reason, the opposing pair shall be declared the winner.
- **Shuttlecocks:** Each participating university shall bear its own share of the cost for shuttlecocks used in each match. The quality and make of the shuttles shall be decided by the organising university.[reference:1]
- **Code of Conduct:** All players shall abide by the AIU code of conduct. Any misconduct may result in disqualification from the event.
- **Referee's Decision:** The decision of the referee appointed by the AIU shall be final and binding in all matters.

10 Summary

Aspect	Mixed Doubles
Minimum Pairs per Institution	1
Maximum Pairs per Institution	3
Pair Composition	1 Male + 1 Female
Match Format	Best of 3 Games
Points per Game	21 (Cap at 30)
Tournament Format	Knockout

In summary, the ATHLIMA Mixed Doubles event allows each institution to enter any (1 or 3) pairs. Each pair consists of one male and one female player from the same university. Matches are played as the best of three games to 21 points, with a maximum cap of 30 points. The event is conducted on a knockout basis, and all standard BAI/BWF rules apply unless otherwise modified by the AIU.