

Under 17 Six Nations Tournament Regulations

Date of Competition:	2008	24 - 27 April 2008	Germany
	2009	23 - 26 April 2009	Denmark
	2010		England

Participating Nations: Denmark, England, France, Sweden, The Netherlands, Germany

Order of Hosting: 2008 - Germany, 2009 - Denmark, 2010 - England, 2011 - France

Player Eligibility: 2008 - players born on or after 1st January 1991

Responsibilities of host nation

1. To provide nations with preliminary information regarding the likely venue, including a contact number, food, eating arrangements, accommodation and costs at the Managers Meeting the previous year.
2. The first information can be published to known addresses but must be send to the national associations (official address). Later on information can be send to the national officials in charge of this event.
3. To arrange accommodation for all teams and officials.
4. To provide and pay for the playing hall (minimum of six courts, warming-up courts are recommended) and associated facilities.
5. To provide and pay for transport between accommodation and sports hall, if required.
6. To provide and pay for a reception buffet or equivalent.
7. To provide and pay for feather shuttlecocks of the appropriate speed.
8. To provide suitable trophies for team and individual competitions:
 - trophies for all teams in the team tournament
 - medals or equivalent for the minimum of 12 players per team for all teams
 - trophies for all finalists and the runner-up in the individual tournament.

The presentation for the team trophies takes place between the end of the team tournament and the start of the individual tournament.
The presentation for the medals of the team tournament to me made at the reception.
9. To arrange a suitable opening ceremony (optional).
10. To appoint a Referee and Deputy Referee for the competition. The Referee should be able to speak English. If for any reason the Referee is not in the playing area, then the Deputy Referee must be present to take on the Referee's responsibilities.

11. To provide umpires for all matches during the tournament (recommended).
To provide 1 umpire and a minimum of 3 line judges per court for the semi-finals and finals. At least one official umpire must be present throughout the competition (mandatory). *If umpires are on duty, they have to take the lines. If matches are running without umpires players have to take their lines.*
12. To provide scorers for team tournament and individual tournament (recommended).
13. To produce a programme for the competition.
14. To pay the cost for all organisation, administration and staffing.
15. To collect from the other nations an entry fee for the team and individual tournament. The size of the entry fee must be agreed annually at the Managers Meeting. The fee for 2008 is 1.040 EUR). This fee includes the team fee for all entries for the individual tournament.
16. To supply the other nations with the standard ranking forms for the team tournament and individual tournament – see attachments.
17. The host nation has to publish at least one week before the competition:
 - *for the team tournament: all rankings singles and level doubles (see team tournament, regulation 6);*
 - the sum of all expected entries in each individual event (to decide the acceptance of additional entries from the nations or the invitation of players from other nations, see Individual tournaments, regulation 2).

Responsibilities of other nations

1. To pay the cost of travel to the competition.
2. To pay the cost of accommodation arranged by the host nation.
3. To pay the agreed entry fees to the competition.
4. To inform the host nation by 1st February of the total numbers of persons to be accommodated.
5. To provide the host nation with:
 - ➔ the names of all boys for the team tournament listed in ranking order
 - ➔ the names of all girls for the team tournament listed in ranking order
 - ➔ all dates of birth of boys and girls
 - ➔ *seperate ranking of boys and girls for level doubles for the team tournament (see team tournament, regulation 6)*
 - ➔ the names of all officials**by 10th April at the latest.**
For all entries the entry forms must be used.
6. If there will be any substitution in advance of the tournament, the organiser and all participating nations must be informed as soon as possible, at the latest at the managers meeting. The nation has to present a paper with the new ranking for each affected category (singles and level doubles).

General regulations

A player shall be entitled to a break of 30 minutes after any match, but this may be reduced should the Team Managers agree.

Team tournament

1. Each nation shall play all the other nations. Before starting each tie, the players have to change pins. The order of play to reflect the positions achieved in the previous team tournament. Order of play is fixed to:

round 1	1 v 6	2 v 4	3 v 5
round 2	1 v 5	2 v 3	4 v 6
round 3	1 v 4	2 v 5	3 v 6
round 4	1 v 3	2 v 6	4 v 5
round 5	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6

2. Each team shall have a maximum of six boys and six girls.
3. Each tie shall consists of nine matches:
2 boy's singles, 2 girl's singles, 2 boy's doubles, 2 girl's doubles and 1 mixed double.
4. No player shall play in more than 2 matches in any one tie and these must be in separate disciplines.
5. Players for both singles and doubles shall play in rank order declared prior to the competition.
6. *The ranking for 1st and 2nd boys doubles and girls doubles will be done as follows:*
 - *All nations have to enter a separate ranking for doubles, which should include all players to be used in boys doubles and girls doubles. These ranking lists can be different to the ranking lists in boys singles and girls singles.*
 - *The 2 nominated boys doubles have to play in that order, the pair with the lower total of ranking points has to play 1st double, the pair with the higher total has to play 2nd double (the same for girls doubles). If the total is equal, the double with the highest ranked player (ranking for doubles) has to play 1st double.*
7. Team managers shall submit the composition of their team to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of their match.
8. The order of play of each tie shall be agreed by the team managers save that the 1st single/1st double shall always be played before the 2nd single/2nd double. If managers cannot agree, the Referee shall decide the order of play.
9. In the case of an injury during play where the tie is conceded countries shall be allowed to play a substitute if the injured player is due to play in a later match. If the player is injured or becomes sick after a match, substitution shall require agreement of both team managers.
Substitutions must be made from the players nominated under regulation 2 above, must not have effect of strengthening the doubles or mixed pairing originally proposes and must otherwise conform to published regulations.
10. The final ranking shall determined by:
 - a) the total number of ties won;
 - b) the difference between total matches won and total matches lost;
 - c) the difference between total games won and total games lost;
 - d) the difference between total points won and total points lost;
 - e) the result of the tie between the tied teams.

Individual tournament

1. The Boy's Singles, the Girl's Singles and the Mixed Doubles events shall have a maximum of 32 entries, the Boy's Doubles and the Girl's Doubles events shall have a maximum of 18 entries.
2. Each nation shall inform the host nation of the number of players it proposes to enter in each event at the time the team entry is submitted (by 10th April).
Each nation is allowed to enter as follows:

Boys Singles	5	Boy's Doubles	3	Mixed Doubles	5
Girl's Singles	5	Girl's Doubles	3		

The host nation is allowed to fill up places which are not taken with own players without restrictions.

The host nation may invite other players (from any nation) to fill vacant spaces. Before inviting these players the host nation should notify the other five nations of possible invitees, and may only proceed with invitations if no objections are received (see Responsibilities for host nations, regulation 17).

3. Nations may make arrangements to use spare players from other nations in the doubles events.
4. Nominations in ranking order shall be submitted to the Referee as follows:
Thursday: 17.30 hours Mixed Doubles
Friday: 12.00 hours Singles and Level Doubles
5. Excluding the Mixed Doubles the seeding and draw for the tournament shall be made immediately after the completion of the team tournament.
6. The draw shall be made according to the accepted rules for the international tournaments except the following rules:

Number of seeds

There will be a minimum of 8 seeds in the singles and mixed events and a minimum 4 seeds in each of the level doubles events. Team Managers can at the draw meeting agree to increase the number of seeds in one or more events.

Placement of seeds

If the managers agree, the seeds can be placed as follows:

- seed no. 3: placed at the bottom of the 3rd quarter
- seed no. 4: placed at the top of the 2nd quarter
- seed no. 5: placed at the top of the 4th eight
- seed no. 6: placed at the bottom of the 5th eight
- seed no. 7: placed at the bottom of the 7th eight
- seed no. 8: placed at the top of the 2nd eight
- seed no. 9: placed in the 2nd eight to meet seed no. 8
- seed no. 10: placed in the 7th eight to meet seed no. 7
- seed no. 11: placed in the 5th eight to meet seed no. 6
- seed no. 12: placed in the 4th eight to meet seed no. 5.

There can also be made seeds 3/4, 5 – 8, 9 – 12 or part of it by toss.

Separation of entries

In the case of two players/pairs from one nation they shall be drawn in separate halves of the draw. In the case of three or four players/pairs from one nation they shall be drawn in separate quarters.

Changing the regulations

The above regulations shall only be changed at meetings between the officials from participating nations. These meetings shall be held every year of the competition.

Suggested Time Schedule for the competition:

Wednesday	21:00	Managers Meeting. Countries not being able to take part in the meeting should be aware that it is a decision forum. Questions and comments can be sending to the organiser beforehand.
Thursday	09:00 13:30 17:30 18:00	Team matches, 1 st round Team matches, 2 nd round Entries Individual Tournament (only Mixed Doubles) Team matches, 3 rd round
Friday	08:30 09:00 12:00 13:30 tbc 17:00 18:00	Seeding and draw for the mixed doubles Team matches, 4 th round Entries Individual Tournament (Singles, Level Doubles) Team matches, 5 th round Price Ceremony Team Event (only team trophies) seeding and draw for other individual events Mixed Doubles including quarter-finals
Saturday	09:00 14:30 19:30 21:30	Boy's and Girl's Singles including quarter-finals Boy's and Girl's Doubles including semi-finals reception for players and officials including Prize Ceremony Team Event (all medals for players) Managers Meeting
Sunday	09:00 11:30 14:30	Semi-finals Boy's Singles, Girl's Singles and Mixed Doubles Finals End of event

The exact timing will depend on the number of courts available and may cause restrictions due to meal arrangements.

Summary of actions in advance of the event (selection)		
Timing	Who has to act	What to do
at Managers Meeting the year before	host nation	provide nations with first information for the next event (venue, accommodation etc.)
1 st February	all nations	inform host nation of the total of persons to be accommodated
10 th April	all nations	provide host nation with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the names of all players in ranking order including all dates of birth ➤ <i>all rankings of boys and girls can be used for level doubles for team tournament (this ranking can be different to ranking for singles)</i> ➤ the names of all officials
10 th April	all nations	provide host nation with proposed entries in individual categories
in time	host nation	if necessary ask all nations to vote for or against invitation for any entry from a foreign nation for individual tournament
one week before the event	host nation	publish all rankings of boys and girls for level doubles for team event
as soon as possible, at the latest at the managers meeting	all nations	to inform about any substitution as well as sending a revised ranking in all affected categories

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(changes are written in blue colour)

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