



BALAY SPORTSFEST 2025

General Guidelines & Mechanics

As of June 17, 2025

I. **THE BALAY SPORTS EVENTS**

For Sports Events, we shall conform to the National Sports Associations (NSA), International Federation Rules and Regulations as stipulated for each sporting event.

I.1 The following sports are included in the **Balay Program Sports Events 2025**:

- Men’s Basketball
- Men’s Volleyball
- Women’s Volleyball
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Men’s Swimming
- Women’s Swimming
- Men’s Chess
- Women’s Chess
- Bowling
- Tug-o-War

II. **GENERAL GROUND RULES**

2.1 *Points for General Championship*

2.2 The following point system shall be observed in determining the General Championship:

RANK	POINTS
Champion	50 Points
1 st Runner Up	35 Points
2 nd Runner Up	25 Points
3 rd Runner Up	15 Points
4 th Runner Up	10 Points
5 th Runner Up	5 Points
No Entry	0

2.3. Specific Ground Rules for each sporting event will be applied. In the absence of ground rules, updated and existing International Federation Rules will be followed.

2.4 Each player can play a maximum of **Three (3)** events.

2.5 In case of a tie for any rank, it should be resolved by the following in order of priority:

2.2.3.1 Number of Championships

2.2.3.2 Number of 1st Runner-up Finishes

2.2.3.3 Number of 2nd Runner-up Finishes

2.6 **DEFAULT** – A Balay that fails to appear during their scheduled time of the game and after a grace period of **Fifteen (15) minutes** will be declared a default in favor of the opponent.

2.7 **FORFEITURE** – When a Balay becomes incomplete, it must employ substitution through legal means, otherwise their game shall be considered forfeited.

III. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

III.1 **For Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and Table Tennis**

- The Balays will be divided into two (2) brackets, with a single round-robin format.
- The top two (2) Balay from each bracket will qualify for the crossover (semi-finals).
- The winners will play for the FINALS, and non-winners will play for 3rd and 4th.

IV. **RESOLUTION OF TIES**

- A tie shall be resolved by the following procedure below:
 - Rank the tied teams by the results of games among themselves; a winner has placed ahead of a loser (win-over-the-other/head-to-head)
 - In case of multiple ties (three or more teams):
 - *Match Point* (Wins = 2 Points and Loss = 1 Point, Default = 0)
 - *Set quotient*: Set won over sets lost; point quotient of games of involved teams.
 - *Point quotient*: Points scored over points against

V. **DECORUM OF BALAY MEMBERS**

- Each **Balay Ate/Kuya** is responsible for the behavior and actions of all the Balay members.

- Players/Coaches/Team Officials uttering derogatory words or profane language, pointing an accusing finger/dirty finger, or cursing the referees and other officials during and immediately after the game shall be sanctioned or subjected to disciplinary actions.
- Players who have been thrown out or ejected from the game by the referee/umpire or due to unsportsmanlike behavior will merit a one (1) game suspension. He or she will not be allowed to play in the succeeding game based on the game schedule.

VI. GROUND RULES PER SPORTING EVENT

VI.1 Basketball (Men)

- Team composition: there will be a maximum number of fifteen (15) players. The official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- There will be 4 quarters in one game. Each quarter will be played for 10 minutes running time except for the last **FIVE Minutes of the 4th quarter** (Stop Time).
- The Coach / Team Leader can field any player in each quarter.

VI.2 Volleyball (Men and Women)

- Team composition: there will be a maximum number of fifteen (15) players. The official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- During the Elimination Round, games will be 3 sets race to 25 points (running score).
- During the Semi-Finals & Final Round, games will be 5 sets race to 25 points (running score). Deciding set (5th set) is up to 15 points only.
- The Coach / Team Leader can field any player in each set.

VI.3 Table Tennis

- Team composition: Two (2) Men and Two (2) Women. Each Balay can put two (2) reserves (1 Male and 1 Female).
- The official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- There will be 3 sets in one (1) game, race to 11. During the finals, it will be 5 sets.
- There should be no repetition of players, **one event per person.**
- All players (minimum of 4) must play.
- Changes in the submitted lineup will not be accepted.
- **The events will be:**
 - Singles A (Female)
 - Single B (Male)
 - Mixed Doubles (Male and Female)

VI.4 **Badminton**

- Team Composition: Two (2) Men and Two (2) Women. Each Balay can put two (2) reserves (1 Male and 1 Female).
- The official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- All players must play. Changing the line-up is not allowed.
- Each player can play only one (1) event.
- Race to 30 points (change court on the 15th point).
- There will be a ten (10) minute break after each game.
 - **The events will be:**
 - Singles A (Female)
 - Singles B (Male)
 - Mixed Doubles (Male & Female)

VI.5 **Swimming (Men and Women)**

- Team composition: Two (2) Men and Two (2) Women
- Official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- Any stroke can be used in any of the events.
- There will only be one (1) heat per event. The best time of swimmers per event will be recorded and computed.
- Each player can participate in Two (2) events.
- The events will be:
 - 25 Meters individual (Male and Female)
 - 50 Meters individual (Male and Female)
 - 100M relay (2 Males & 2 Females)

VI.6 **Chess (Men and Women)**

- Team Composition: Four (4) Men and Four (4) Women
- Teams have the option to designate a Team Captain, who may or may not actively participate as a player. Alternate players are considered substitute players and must be declared on or before the deadline stated above.
- The order of the 4 players submitted at the beginning of the tournament will remain constant throughout the entire duration of the event.
- **Tournament System/Format & Time Control:**
 - The tournament shall be played in a single-round robin team play (from boards 1-4). No substitutions will be allowed at any point of the tournament. Players on higher board numbers cannot play on lower boards. In the absence of higher board players, players on lower boards may play up to 2 boards higher.
 - The team which accumulated the highest Match Points at the end of the tournament (Round 5) will be declared champions.

- The tournament will be governed by the 2024 FIDE Laws of Chess for Rapid event.
- Time Control: 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment play to finish.
- Recording is optional.
- Before each round, players must turn off or silence their mobile phones and electronic devices. Bringing such items into the playing venue is strictly prohibited. Phones or gadgets can be left at the Secretariat table or with the non-playing captain and retrieved after the game. Violation of this rule may lead to game forfeiture.
- Nonplaying members /Spectators must abstain from intervention during play. Any communication between them and their players must be done under the control of the tournament arbiter(s).
- **Scoring System:**
 - For a won game, a winner gets 1 (one) game point and the loser 0 (zero). For a draw, each player shall be given 1/2 (one-half) game point. The total number of game points earned over 4 (four) boards shall constitute a team's score for a particular round or match.
 - A team who wins in each match will be given 2 points, a tied score constitutes 1 point and a team that lost will be given 0 points.
 - Final placing/ranking shall be determined by match points.
 - Cumulative game points will be used for tie breaking purposes only.
 - Individual awards will be computed based on their cumulative points in their respective board assignments.
- **Forms of Illegal moves are as follows:**
 - Wrong Movement of piece.
 - Exposing King to an attack.
 - King remaining under check.
 - Capturing the Opponent's King.
 - Using two hands in making a move (Capturing, Castling and promotion).
 - Non-replacement of piece after pawn promotion.
 - Pressing the clock without making a move.
 - **Penalties:** 1st offense: Plus 1 minute to the opponent's time. 2nd offense: Loss of the game.
- **Forms of Infringements:**
 - Displacement of pieces on the board.
 - Use of force in pressing the clock.
 - Constant distractions of the opponent.
 - Using a piece in pressing the clock.
 - Moving pieces with one hand and pressing the clock with the other hand.
 - **Penalties:** 1st offense: Oral Warning. 2nd offense: Plus 1 minutes to the opponent's time. 3rd offense: Loss of the game.
- **Pairings:**
 - Pairings are done via fully licensed Swiss Manager Program. Results will be uploaded to chess-results.com. 5 (FA Neri 2024) FIDE Berger Table or Pairing Table for 5-6 Teams* where corresponding number depends on the random draw lots of teams via Swiss Manager Program:

- **Rd 1: 1 vs 6, 2 vs 5, 3 vs 4.**
- **Rd 2: 6 vs 4, 5 vs 3, 1 vs 2.**
- **Rd 3: 2 vs 6, 3 vs 1, 4 vs 5.**
- **Rd 4: 6 vs 5, 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3.**
- **Rd 5: 3 vs 6, 4 vs 2, 5 vs 1.**
- **Please note that this pairing table may still vary depending on the number of registered Balays.*
- **Appeals**
 - Appeals Before the beginning of the tournament, an Appeals Committee shall be selected. Protests, including contested decisions of the Chief Arbiter or her assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after completion of the game.
- **Tie Break Individual ties** shall be resolved in the following order:
 - Direct Encounter
 - Buchholz Cut 1
 - Buchholz
 - Sonnenborn-Berger
 - number of wins
 - Armageddon
- **Team Tie Break**
 - Cumulative Score of teams
 - Direct Encounter
 - Sonnenborn-Berger (MP)
 - Board 1 result
 - Armageddon
- The organizer(s) reserves the right to amend or alter any of the aforementioned rules regulations for the interest and success of the tournament.

VI.7 Bowling (Men and Women)

- Team composition: There will be a maximum of ten (10) players for each Balay (5 Males and 5 Females).
- The Official roster of players should be declared prior to the start of the game.
- All players to play.
- This will be a team competition. Total scores will be computed as reference for the final rankings.

VI.8 Tug-O-War

- Team Composition: Each Balay has eight (8) players (4 Males and 4 Females).
- Teams will be divided into Three (3) Groups. Knock out game; for semi-finals, winner Bracket A versus the Loser's Bracket best time (Bracket B vs Bracket C). Winner vs Winner for Finals, Loser vs Loser for 3rd Place.
- Each Balay has to work together to pull the rope.

- The team that is dragged towards the center by the opposing team and whose mark crosses the center line will be proclaimed the loser.
- The rope must be pulled underarm, and nobody's elbow must go below the knee, otherwise a foul will be called.

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LIST OF EVENTS – GUIDE

EVENT	TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS	CATEGORY
Men’s Basketball	15	
Women’s Volleyball	15	
Men’s Volleyball	15	
Badminton	2 Men /2 Women <i>*Can put 2 reserves (1 male and 1 Female), no repetition, one event per person.</i>	
Table Tennis	2 Men /2 Women <i>*Can put 2 reserves (1 male and 1 Female), no repetition, one event per person.</i>	
Swimming	2 Men /2 Women	
Tug of War	4 Men / 4 Women	
Bowling	5 Men/ 5 Women	
Chess	4 Men/4 Women	