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From: *Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council*

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Departments/Ministries*

DOMINO TOURNAMENT 2024



The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a Domino Tournament for Public Officers during the month of March/ April for the year 2024.

2. The Tournament will be played in duo (3 Public Officers per team which is inclusive of one spare player).
3. In this context, Staff Welfare Associations of Ministries/Departments are requested to submit a **maximum of two teams** to the POWC for the Tournament. Should there be more than two teams within Ministries/Departments, an internal Tournament should be organised at their level to select the two best teams.
4. The set of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Tournament is at **Annex A**.
5. Participants will have to attend a meeting and a drawing of lots in the Conference Room of the POWC, Level 12, SICOM Building 2, Cnr Chevreau and Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port Louis. The date and time will be communicated in due course.
6. Cash prizes and souvenir trophies will be awarded as follows:

Rank	Rewards
1 st Team	Rs 5,000 cash prize + souvenir trophy
2 nd Team	Rs 4,000 cash prize + souvenir trophy
3 rd Team	Rs 3,000 cash prize + souvenir trophy
4 th Team	Rs 2,000 cash prize + souvenir trophy

7. Interested teams should fill in the participation form (**Annex B**) and submit same to the **Welfare Events Organiser, POWC, Level 12, SICOM Building 2, Cnr Chevreau and Reverend Jean LeBrun Streets, Port Louis at latest by Friday, 23rd February 2024 at 15:00 hours.**
8. Participants will have to submit with the participation form, a photocopy of a recent payslip or of the top part of the payslip, indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written document/evidence attesting that the participant is a serving Public Officer.
9. The participation form should be endorsed by the Supervising Officer and should bear the seal of the participating Ministry/Department. In case of non-compliance, the participation form will not be considered by the POWC.
10. Participants will be informed about the venue for preliminaries and finals accordingly. **Mobile number and e-mail address** of all participants are important so that they may easily be contacted in case need arises.
11. **All matches will start at 12:00 hours. Participating team who is not present by 12:15 hours; their opponent will automatically win the match by walkover and will be eliminated from the Tournament.**
12. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the Tournament in case of low participation or any unforeseen circumstances.
13. It would be appreciated if you could kindly arrange for the contents of this Circular letter to be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in your Ministry/Department.
14. This Circular letter has been posted on the website of the POWC: <https://powc.govmu.org/SitePages/Index.aspx>.



Mrs. M.D. Boyjoonauth
Welfare Events Organiser



Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

Public Officers' Welfare Council
Domino Tournament 2024
Rules and Regulations

Annex A

Eligibility

This Tournament is open for all serving public officers and would be played in teams made up of 3 public officers, where one player would be a spare player in case one of the other two players is taken up with any commitment, of the same Ministry/ department.

Staff Welfare Associations of Ministries/Departments are requested to submit a maximum of two teams to the POWC for the Inter-Ministerial/Departmental Tournament. Should there be more candidates than required to constitute the teams, an internal tournament should be organised at the level of the Ministry/ Department concerned to select the best teams.

The participation form should be endorsed by the Supervising Officer and should bear the seal of the participating Ministry/Department. In case of non-compliance, the participation form would not be considered by the Council.

Introduction

The main objective of this activity, is to provide leisure to public officers in a cool and relaxed atmosphere. Consequently, participants are kindly requested to collaborate and help in this Domino Tournament in respect of shuffling of dominoes, score marking and abidance to rules and regulations. For practical purposes, there will not be an arbitrator posted to each game table but a judge floor will intervene whenever a problem arises.

Any team that does not present itself on the scheduled time shall be deemed to have lost the match by walk-over.

Progress of the game

- At the beginning of the game, each player will draw a domino randomly and the one with the highest value will start the game. In case two or more players draw the same highest value, the draw will continue among them until a player wins the draw.
- The game will proceed in an anticlockwise direction.
- The dominoes are shuffled face down in circles, by any participant, with the flat of the hand. Each player draws 6 dominoes and places them so that the other players cannot see their value. **Remaining dominoes are kept aside and should at no point be consulted. Kindly note that the "Double Blank" domino is not included in this game.**
- For the next rounds, the alternate players would take turns to start.
- Each player must in turn then play a domino onto the table positioning it so that it touches either end of the domino chain which thus gradually increases in length.
- A player may only play a domino which has upon it a number showing at one end of the domino chain. Once a domino is put on the table, he/she has to play it. In case the said domino does not fit any end of the domino chain, it has to be put aside and will be

- Considered as “blamed” and he/she will lose his turn. The value of the “blamed” domino will be counted if the opposing team wins the game. In case his/her partner wins the game, the game will be considered as void as a result of the “blamed” domino.
- Whenever a player does not have a matching domino, he/she has to say “Pass”, loudly enough so that every player can hear and loses his/her turn. If by mistake a player say “Pass”, he/she will only lose his turn, no matching domino will be considered as “blamed”.
- Normally play stops when one player plays his last domino. If it reaches a point at which no player can proceed, the winners are the partners whose combined sum of all spots on their remaining dominoes is the least.

Note:

At start of any round in the match, if any player draws **4 or more "double" dominoes** (i.e. blank-blank, 1-1, 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, 5-5, or 6-6) into their hand, **they should reveal them to the table so as for a re-shake/ re-draw.**

1. Scoring

- At the end of each round the remaining tiles of the players of the teams are placed face up to count the number of dots.
- If a player in a team has played all his/her tiles, only the opposition team tiles would be counted.
- If the game has reached a point where it cannot progress (blocked game), the team with the lowest number of dots would win the round. In case of a tie in the number of dots of both teams, no points would be allocated to any team.
- The losing team would sum their points at the end of each round. The first team to reach 151 points loses the game.
- Preliminaries will be played up to 151 points, whereas semi-finals and the final will be a best of 3 games of 101 points each game.

2. Changing partners is not permitted.

3. No redraw or reshuffle as a result of too many doubles.

4. Dominoes exposed during the shuffle will be reshuffled.

5. **NO CHEATING** by word, deed, or action trying to transfer information to your partner. Any suspected cheating should be called to the attention of the floor judge immediately. They might be disqualified from the tournament.

6. Spectators

- Spectators may watch any game.
- Spectators must not disturb players during game play.
- Spectators must not comment on player actions or rule infringements during game play.

7. The Public Officers’ Welfare Council reserves the right to amend the rules for the smooth running of the tournament.

**PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
DOMINO TOURNAMENT 2024
Participation Form**

Ministry/Department:

Staff Welfare Association (SWA):.....

President of SWA:.....

Office No.: Mobile No.: Fax No:

Email Address:.....

Team 1

<u>First Player</u>	<u>Second Player</u>	<u>Spare Player</u>
Name:.....	Name:.....	Name:.....
Designation:.....	Designation:.....	Designation:.....
Mobile No.:.....	Mobile No.:.....	Mobile No.:.....
Email:.....	Email:.....	Email:.....
Signature:.....	Signature:.....	Signature:.....

Team 2

<u>First Player</u>	<u>Second Player</u>	<u>Spare Player</u>
Name:.....	Name:.....	Name:.....
Designation:.....	Designation:.....	Designation:.....
Mobile No.:.....	Mobile No.:.....	Mobile No.:.....
Email:.....	Email:.....	Email:.....
Signature:.....	Signature:.....	Signature:.....

Signature (President of SWA): Date:/...../.....

To be certified and sealed by Supervising Officer of Ministry/Department

Name:.....

Post Held:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....

Seal of Ministry/Department