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SPORTS-NATIONAL SEPAKTAKRAW GP CIRCUIT FORMAT STAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- The national sepaktakraw Grand Prix circuit format will not be changed as it has proven to be successful in unearthing new talent.

Malaysian Sepaktakraw Association (PSM) competitions committee member Mahathir Mohamad said PSM will however continue to seek the views of its state affiliates on the matter.

"For now, the format stays," he said here today after the draw for the Kelantan Open of the Perilly's national sepaktakraw GP circuit from June 13 to 17.

"We understand the format imposes extra cost on the participating states and teams as they have to come up with two squads, A and B. But, the format has met its objective to unearth new talent."

The national GP circuit for the A squads are the Selangor Open, Pahang Open and Perak Open and the circuit for the B squads are the Penang Open, Kelantan Open and Sabah Open.

The draw for the Kelantan Open has Johor, Perak and Melaka in group A and group B made up of Pahang, Terengganu, Perlis and Sabah.

Group C consists of Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Kedah while Kelantan, Penang, Police (PDRM) and Armed Forces (ATM) are in group D.

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